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## The Financial Situation

AWEEK ago in this column we pointed out that Federal Reserve policy of large-scale purchases of United States Government securities, with the view to releasing Federal Reserve credit to a corresponding degree, had apparently reached the climax of absurdity in the sale of $\$ 75,000,000$ of 91 -day Treasury bills on a bank discount basis of only $0.43 \%$ per annum. The reason for coupling the two things was that these Treasury bills as issued from week to week have been rapidly finding their way into the vaults of the Federal Reserve banks, with the result that in the end the Federal Reserve banks have been found making investments at the abnormally low figure of 0.43 of $1 \%$ per annum-in fact, even lower than this, since the Federal Reserve banks must be supposed to be making their purchases from the dealers in bills, who naturally would expect to make some profit from their re-sale of the bills, and this profit hence would have to be deducted from the low figure mentioned.

It happens, however, that we were too confident in assuming that the height of absurdity had been reached in last week's sale of Treasury bills at 0.43 of $1 \%$ per annum on a bank discount basis. On Monday of the present week the Treasury disposed of another block of these 91 -day Treasury bills, the offering this time consisting of $\$ 60,000,000$ of such bills, and the United States Treasury did even better for itself on that occasion, realizing a price which left a return to the purchaser of the bills of only 0.29 of $1 \%$ per year on a bank discount basis. Presumably these Treasury bills in great part were repurchased by the Reserve banks, as the latter show expansion during the week in their holdings of "certificates and bills" (the two classes of Treasury obligations being lumped together in the weekly returns of the Federal Reserve banks) in the sum of $\$ 41$,717,000 , and it is quite possible that the whole of the new issue of bills, of which the Treasury disposed of $\$ 60,050,000$, were taken over by the Reserve banks, since a considerable amount of the old holdings of certificates and bills must have reached maturity during the week and been paid off. Allowing for the profit of the dealers in reselling to the Reserve banks, it can easily be imagined at what a rediculously low yield the Reserve banks took over the bills. Yesterday there was another sale of 91 -day bills, this time of $\$ 100,022,000$, and these were disposed of on a discount basis of 0.32 of $1 \%$.

What is happening is perfectly plain. The Reserve banks are engaged in putting out huge masses of Reserve credit, and with that end in view are indulg. ing in large-scale purchases of United States Govern-
ment securities. The present week the further acquisition of United States securities has been much smaller than in the weeks preceding, and reached $\$ 58,793,000$. This, added to the previous acquisitions, which have averaged in recent weeks $\$ 100,000,000$, makes the total purchases in the period from April 6 to May $25 \$ 640,182,000$, the total of the holdings of United States securities in this period of seven weeks having risen from $\$ 835,014,000$ April 6 to $\$ 1,525,196,000$ May 25 . The holdings of United States bonds in this period of seven weeks increased from $\$ 318,690,000$ to $\$ 374,784,000$, the holdings of Treasury notes from $\$ 84,395,000$ to $\$ 166$,372,000 , and the holdings of "certificates and bills" from $\$ 481,929,000$ to $\$ 984,040,000$. The addition, in this last instance, it will be observed, has been well in excess of half a billion dollars-in exact figures, $\$ 502,111,000$. This indicates how striking has been the part played by the Reserve banks in augmenting the demand for bills, until a point has been reached where the Federal Reserve authorities are netting a return of only 0.29 of $1 \%$ per annum on a bank discount basis, less whatever profit the dealers in bills make on their re-sales to the Treasury. The whole operation is plainly farcical, and except for its manifest absurdity one might imagine the time (if large-scale purchases are to be continued) when the Reserve banks will be paying a bonus or premium for the privilege of taking over new volumes of bills as they are issued from week to week.

The purpose of these large purchases of Government securities is to put additional Reserve credit at the command of the member banks with a view to easing the general credit situation, and thereby aiding business recovery. But there is no dearth of banking credit, and therefore these extra supplies of Reserve credit (the stagnation in business being due to other causes) congest in the financial centers, where, in the absence of other means for employing banking credit, bankers and dealers compete with one another for the new supplies of bills coming on the market. As a measure of relief no good is apparently resulting, and in the meantime foreign banks and bankers are withdrawing balances here and closing out their investments out of a fear that the condition of our Reserve institutions may eventually become seriously impaired. Gold exports are the inevitable result.

These exports of the metal are now proceeding on an unexampled scale. For the week ending Wednesday, May 25, the further engagements of gold for export from New York have aggregated no less than $\$ 73,348,000$, of which only $\$ 2,419,000$ represented gold
previously earmarked for foreign account, the gold going to virtually every leading European country $\$ 23,561,000$ to France, $\$ 23,225,000$ to Holland, $\$ 12$, 069,000 to Switzerland, $\$ 7,585,000$ to Belgium, $\$ 5,108,000$ to England, and $\$ 1,800,000$ even to Germany. This week's huge shipments of the metal come on top of exports of $\$ 43,059,000$ the preceding week, $\$ 41,099,000$ the week before, $\$ 15,872,000$ the week ending May $4 ; \$ 18,817,000$ the week ending April 27; $\$ 9,203,000$ the week ending April 20, and $\$ 20,156,000$ in the week ending April 13. Nor does the movement appear to have entirely exhausted itself even yet. On Thursday $\$ 1,087,800$ further was withdrawn for export, $\$ 1,050,500$ being destined for Holland and $\$ 37,300$ for Peru, besides which $\$ 4,999,800$ was further earmarked for foreign account, making $\$ 6,087,600$ together. It is hard to believe, but yesterday an additional $\$ 31,323,800$ was withdrawn for export ( $\$ 20,193,200$ going to France, $\$ 5,550,000$ to Holland, $\$ 4,175,200$ to Belgium, $\$ 1,002,600$ to Switzerland, and $\$ 402,800$ to England), in addition to which $\$ 5,929,100$ more was earmarked for foreign account, making the loss for this single day $\$ 37,252,900$.

As the purchases of United States Government securities are so disturbing in their effects, as reflected in these gold exports, and are obviously not needed as measures of banking relief, and no good is discernible from them in any way, it would seem that the time has arrived for discontinuing them. Thie view is well expressed in the daily article written by H. Parker Willis, former Secretary of the Federal Reserve Board, which appeared in the "World-Telegram" for Thursday, and in which Mr. Willis is moved to say: "It is time for a fresh start in our efforts to check the depression and improve business. We have given inflation a fair trial, and it has failed. Indeed, it has done much worse than fail. It has created a situation that is daily becoming more hazardous. Much further continuance of the export of gold and of concomitant expansion of the liabilities of the Reserve System could easily bring very serious trouble. Meantime confidence has not been restored, but, on the contrary, has been further impaired. The trouble throughout has been that we have been clinging to the "new era" philosophy that all ills of the business world could be cured, or at least much mollified, by tinkering in some way with money and credit."

Yet strange doctrines are being proclaimed and many economic idols heretofore supposed to be free from hallucinations of any kind are yielding to the thoughtless clamor for inflation. Carter Glass, always looked up to as our High Priest of Sound Finance, now finds his feet slipping from under him. According to a Washington dispatch appearing in the New York "Times" on May 25, "temporary currency inflation based on United States Government bonds" has been "tentatively" suggested by Senator Glass as a substitute for the Goldsborough bill to stabilize the dollar on a 1926 purchasing level. Vigorously opposing the Goldsborough program as "futile and ineffective," Mr. Glass, we are told, urged the Senate Banking and Currency Committee to consider some "feasible" substitute, and therefore suggested "the bond platform to which, he explained, he was by no means absolutely committed." Briefly, this corespondent says, Mr . Glass has in mind a scheme of "diffusive" inflation whereby some series of outstanding Government bonds could be desig-
nated for the same circulation privilege now enjoyed by the $2 \%$ consols of 1930 , or "Panama 2 s," as they are known. It is added: "Under this plan a National bank possessing $\$ 100,000$ worth of bonds might, 'for a restricted period of time' be able to obtain $\$ 95,000$ in bank notes, as may be done with the Panama 2s." Mr. Glass further said:
"If inflation of credit and currency is the real cure for the existing situation and we must have inflation," he told the Committee, "we should proceed about it in a direct and unmistakable way and not in the indirect and utterly futile, if not dangerous, way now being employed by the Federal Reserve authorities," he went on.
"In short, I suggest that it would be infinitely better to authorize a plan of 'diffusive' inflation by designating some series of outstanding United States bonds for the same circulation privileges which Panama 2s now have. This would enable National banks throughout the country, for such restricted period of time as might be determined, to increase the volume of bank notes in order to meet the requirements of legitimate business.
"According to my notion, this would be vastly preferable to the threatening scheme now being employed by the Federal Reserve System of concentrating relief in the great money centers with the vain hope and expectation that it will trickle down into the smaller communities throughout the country. The plan suggested, purely to tide over the existing emergency, would enable every National bank to utilize its holdings of United States bonds for such controlled inflationary purposes as current business would justify and it would put all National banks in all sections of the country upon equal terms in the matter of expansion.
"I do not pretend to say that this would be an absolute cure for the existing situation, but I do insist that it is more equitable than anything which has been proposed or that is being attempted.
"My own orthodox view is that when an individual, community or nation embarks upon the era of wicked extravagance it must eventually pay the penalty. This cannot be avoided by fictitious devices, legislative or otherwise."

While Mr. Glass thus puts his suggestion forward with more or less misgiving, as indicated by the foregoing excerpts from his remarks, the proposition is nothing more or less than a return to a bond secured currency from which it had been supposed the country had forever taken its departure with the creation of the Federal Reserve System, and to have such an advocate of sound finance as Mr. Glass even "tentatively" espouse a proposition of that kind is calculated to make the ordinary man, who has not yet come under the sway of the noxious doctrines that find such wide acceptance, pause with doubt and fear. If the former militant upholder of the cause of sound finance is willing to lend a ready ear to the wild schemes of inflation which apparently are carrying everything before them, upon whom are we to depend hereafter?

GOVERNOR FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, in an address delivered last Sunday night at the commencement exercises of Oglethorpe University, at Atlanta, Ga., indulged in utterances which cannot be regarded as otherwise than preaching the doctrine of discontent, and we need hardly say that in times like the present, when the business activities not only of the United States, but of the whole world, are paralyzed as perhaps never before, and when, as a result, idleness and unemployment exist on an unparalleled scale, engaging in talk of that kind is
a perilous undertaking. Mr. Roosevelt is an active candidate for the Presidential nomination at the hands of the Democratic party, and his utterances, therefore, command more attention than would otherwise be the case. In the past he has always displayed great level-headedness and shown a thorough understanding of underlying economic principles, ever stressing their importance, besides which he has exercised his duties and functions as Governor of this State with credit and distinction. Latterly, however, he has developed a disposition to wander in strange by-paths. And this has happened more than once of late. One illustration of the kind was when, in a radio address on April 7, he spoke of Federal neglect of the "little fellow," declared that depression relief must go to "pyramid bottom," and charged, according to the New York "Times," that the "little fellow" was entirely beyond the range of vision of the Hoover Administration in its effort to rebuild the nation economically and lift the country out of the present period of depression-a statement which former Governor Alfred E. Smith was quick to turn to his own advantage by saying: "I will take off my coat and vest and fight to the end against any candidate who persists in any demagogic appeal to the masses of the working people of the country to destroy themselves by setting class against class and rich against poor. In his address of last Sunday Mr. Roosevelt laid himself open to the same strictures."

Like all thoughtful and observing students, Mr. Roosevelt is appalled by the magnitude of the distress which he finds on every side, and as to the underlying causes of which he appears to have a perfect understanding. It is this that makes his meanderings all the more strange. His analysis of the situation makes it entirely plain that there has been a departure from sound principles, and the remedy, accordingly, would appear to be a return to these principles-principles which have governed society and economics through all the ages. But Mr. Roosevelt does not see the force of his own words or appear in any way impressed with the country's experience of recent years, and which have eventuated in such a sad affliction. It would be impossible to depict with greater force and perspicacity the causes which have brought on the country's present trouble than Mr. Roosevelt does in the following paragraphs from his address of last Sunday:
"The year 1928 does not seem far in the past, but since that time, as all of us are aware, the world about us has experienced significant changes. Four years ago, if you heard and believed the tidings of the time, you could expect to take your place in a society well supplied with material things and could look forward to the not too distant time when you would be living in your homes, each (if you believed the politicians) with a two-car garage; and, without great effort, would be providing yourselves and your families with all the necessities and amenities of life, and, perhaps in addition, assure by your savings their security and your own in the future.
"Indeed, if you were observant you would have seen that many of your elders had discovered a still easier road to material success-had found that once they had accumulated a few dollars they needed only to put them in the proper place and then sit back and read in comfort the hieroglyphics called stock market quotations which proclaimed that their wealth was mounting miraculously without any work or effort on their part.
"How sadly different is the picture which we see around us to-day. If only the mirage had vanished,
we should not complain, for we should all be better off. But with it has vanished, not only the easy gains of speculation, but much of the savings of thrifty and prudent men and women, put by for their old age and for the education of their children. With these savings has gone, among millions of our fellow citizens, that sense of security to which they have rightly felt they are entitled in a land abundantly endowed with natural resources and with the productive facilities to convert them into the necessities of life for all our population. More calamitous still, there has vanished with the expectation of future security the certainty of to-day's bread and clothing and shelter."

Now, what deduction can be made from the foregoing except that the country engaged in a speculative debauch without parallel in the history of mankind when men were completely swept off their feet and lost all sense of proportions and threw caution to the winds, thinking that the speculative bubble and bauble would carry them to a haven where no one any longer need trouble himself about the future and where labor and hard work might be relegated to limbo. In a word, the country was chasing phantoms whose unreality has now become sadly apparent and the whole population is now suffering the unfortunate consequences. But Governor Roosevelt will not see it in that way. In that form the story would be altogether too prosaic, and Mr. Roosevelt would simply have added to his reputation as a close student of events, which he undoubtedly is. Mr. Roosevelt's conclusions, hence, carried him to further extremes and we find him saying:
"Do what we may have to do to inject life into our ailing economic order, we cannot make it endure for long unless we can bring about a wiser, more equitable distribution of the national income. It is well within the inventive capacity of man, who has built up this great social and economic machine, capable of satisfying the wants of all, to insure that all who are willing and able to work receive from it at least the necessities of life. In such a system, the reward for a day's work will have to be greater, on the average, than it has been, and the reward to capital, especially capital which is speculative, will have to be less."

The Governor argues, it will be seen, in favor of "a wiser, more equitable distribution of the national income," and asserts that "the reward for a day's work will have to be greater on the average than it has been and the reward to capital, especially capital that is speculative, will have to be less." This implies that the country is suffering so acutely to-day because of the inequitable distribution of the national income and because the reward for a day's work has not been as great as it should be, when the Governor has already so clearly demonstrated that the national collapse has followed inevitably as a result of the speculative debauch in which the whole country, and, in fact, the whole world engaged. In the unreal prosperity which terminated so abruptly and so disastrously in the autumn of 1929 the laboring classes shared as fully as other classes and certainly labor had greater "reward for a day's work" than ever before. Most assuredly, union labor shared in it to an extraordinary degree, and the labor leaders even to-day are resisting most strenuously attempts to bring labor pay back to normal conditions, a step which would be more effective in bringing about a revival of trade than all the panaceas and quack remedies that are being furthered and discussed in Washington. Take the building trade in this city for illustration, and which every
one seems so desirous of starting on a new plain of activity. In the speculative heydey the bricklayer got $\$ 15$ a day, making $\$ 75$ a week working only five days. Not only that, but he often received a premium of $\$ 3$ a day above the union scale of $\$ 15$ a day, thus making $\$ 18$ a day, or $\$ 90$ for a five-day week. And all the others in the buildings trades fared equally well. Quite obviously, it cannot truthfully be said that these laborers did not receive ample reward for their work. The present month building contractors have insisted on a reduction from the unprecedentedly high scale, but even after this reduction the bricklayer will still be getting $\$ 12$ a day, or $\$ 60$ for a week of five days, which certainly cannot be considered bad pay.

Or we may cite conditions in the printing trades in this city as a further illustration. There the wage scale has further increased year by year even through all the years of depression since 1929 , the workers having refused to waive a further increase on Jan. 1 1932, notwithstanding the intensity of the business depression prevailing. To speak of a "more equitable distribution of the national income," to say that in "such a system the reward for a day's work will have to be greater on the average than it has been," partakes of the farcical when it is recalled that book and job trades in this city find themselves wholly without any income at all because of these high wages, and also find their trade drifting to numerous places outside of this city because of the lower rates of pay prevailing there.
Mr. Roosevelt is also unfortunate and most unconvincing in his characterization of what he terms the Wall Street group. At one point Mr. Roosevelt indulges in the remark that "many of those whose primary solicitude is confined to the welfare of what they call capital have failed to read the lessons of the last few years and have been moved less by calm analysis of the needs of the nation as a whole than by a blind determination to preserve their own special stakes in the economic order." At another point he delivers himself of the following: "We cannot allow our economic life to be controlled by that small group of men whose chief outlook upon the social welfare is tinctured by the fact that they can make huge profits from the lending of money and the marketing of securities-an outlook which deserves the adjectives 'selfish' and 'opportunist.'"
The Wall Street group, which Mr. Roosevelt here has in mind, needs identification, but assuming that Mr. Roosevelt refers to the financial interests centered in this city, nothing stands out more clearly than that in the general collapse, in which the whole country has become involved, the financial interests have enjoyed no exemption. They were carried away in the unnatural speculative mania, the same as everyone else, but the reverses which have come to them are worse than those suffered by any other class of the community. That is the reason why Wall Street is now the gloomiest spot on the face of the universe. Wall Street is paying the penalty for its recklessness, no less than the rest of the population, all of which entertained the common delusion that riches could be obtained without work and by means of a speculative craze. It will ever remain one of the distinctive features of the times that when the end of the debacle came no class escaped in the resulting disaster.

As to the road for recovery, Mr. Roosevelt makes one point which deserves noting, even though he
does not himself cite it as a way to recovery. The Governor said that after "the experience of the last three years" the average person would rather receive "a smaller return upon his savings in return for greater security for the principal than experience for a moment the thrill of the prospect of being a millionaire, only to find the next moment that his fortune, actual or expected, has withered in his hand because the economic machine has again broken down."

In the last analysis this simply means that "the average person" has learned well the lesson of experience, and that he is not likely soon to forget it. In other words, there is coming to be a realization that what is needed above everything else by the country in its economic life is that we must get back to first principles. There is no easy road to success, and something cannot be created out of nothing. Thrift and economy must be the watchwords, and artificial aids and panaceas, such as find such wide favor in the legislative world, must be eschewed. The country must adapt itself to a new state of things now that the speculative bubble has burst. That alone is the sure road to recovery. We say this notwithstanding that Mr. Roosevelt at one point speaks of experimentation as the means out of our dilemma. That point he enlarges in the following remarks. "The country needs, and unless I mistake its temper, the country demands, bold, persistent experimentation," he said. "It is common sense to take a method and try it; if it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something. The millions who are in want will not stand by silently forever while the things to satisfy their needs are within easy reach."

The truth is we have had altogether too much experimentation, as witness our attempt to maintain farm prices for wheat and cotton and the equally futile efforts that are being made to force Federal Reserve credit upon banks that have no need of it and for which they cannot find employment except in wholly abnormal ways. "Experimentation," as it is being witnessed to-day in legislative halls and by the politicians is only another name for bungling and for setting at defiance fundamental laws. We repeat it is time for getting back to first principles.

IN OUR remarks above reference has been made to some of the changes in this week's condition statement of the Federal Reserve banks. A more detailed examination, however, of the returns as a whole is called for. The figures will be studied mainly with a view to seeing what the effect has been of the continued heavy exports of gold, the extent of the new purchases of United States Government securities, and also the extent to which the Reserve authorities have been obliged to avail of the powers granted by the Glass-Steagall Bill permitting the use of United States Government securities as collateral for Federal Reserve notes to the extent of $60 \%$ of the face value of such notes, the other $40 \%$ consisting of the legal cash reserves which the Reserve banks are required to hold. With the Reserve institutions still engaged in acquiring new holdings of United States securities, even though in diminished amounts, and with the gold exports continuing unchecked, it is obvious that further resort must be had to the new privileges conferred by the GlassSteagall Act. An offsetting advantage, however, is to be found in the reduction in the volume of

Federal Reserve notes in circulation, the significance of which should not be overlooked. If, on the one hand, the volume of Reserve credit outstanding is being steadily increased, as is actually the case, on the other hand a favorable feature is to be found in the circumstance that there is no concurrent expansion in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation.

Indeed, there have been several weeks recently where the total of the Reserve notes outstanding has shown a decrease. The week ending Wednesday night, and now under consideration, is one of these. In this week the amount of Reserve notes afloat shows $\$ 25,393,000$ contraction. Nevertheless, it has been necessary under the authority of the GlassSteagall Act to substitute United States securities in the further sum of $\$ 48,100,000$ as collateral behind the Reserve notes in place of an equal amount of gold. This makes the total of Government securities now held as backing for Federal Reserve note issues $\$ 196,400,000$, the amount of Government securities set aside for the purpose having been $\$ 97$,300,000 in the week ending May 11 and $\$ 51,000,000$ in the week ending May 18. As already noted further above, the 12 Reserve banks during the week acquired $\$ 58,793,000$ more of Government securities, bringing the total of such holdings up to $\$ 1,525$, 196,000 , which compares with $\$ 598,368,00012$ months ago on May 27 1931. As against the increase this week in these holdings of Government securities there has been a further reduction in the holdings of acceptances, already at an extremely low figure, from $\$ 40,643,000$ May 18 to $\$ 38,373,000$ May 25 , but, on the other hand, the discount holdings have risen from $\$ 464,943,000$ to $\$ 471,267,000$.

The final result is that the total of the bill and security holdings, and which constitute a measure of the volume of Reserve credit outstanding, stands at $\$ 2,040,0 \check{ } 6,000$ May $2 \overline{5}$ against $\$ 1,977,012,000$ May 18, showing an addition for the week in amount of $\$ 63,044,000$. As compared with May 27 1931, when the volume of Reserve credit outstanding was no more than $\$ 876,489,000$, there has been an expansion of $\$ 1,163,567,000$. The expansion during the same 12 months in the Federal Reserve notes in circulation, which, as already stated, diminished in amount of $\$ 25,393,000$ during the week, has been close to a billion dollars, with the amount now for May 25 at $\$ 2,532,714,000$, comparing with only $\$ 1,551$,808,000 on May 27 1931. The gold holdings during the week as a result of the further outflow of the metal have been reduced by $\$ 61,951,000$ to $\$ 2,857,081,000$.
At the New York Reserve Bank the gold reserves have actually increased during the week in amount of over $\$ 103,000,000$, while at the same time the holdings of United States Government securities have been reduced in amount of $\$ 67,488,000$ in face of the large addition by the 12 Reserve banks as a whole. But these changes in the holdings of the different Reserve institutions are devoid of significance, since they merely mark reapportionment and redistribution of both the gold holdings and the holdings of United States securities among the different Reserve institutions, and hence call for no special mention. As a result of the diminution in gold reserves by reason of the large outflow of the metal, the ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined has been further reduced during the week by $1.3 \%$, but still stands
lat $63.1 \%$, which, while comparing with $85.3 \%$ on May 27 1931, nevertheless stands far in excess of legal requirements regarding reserves, only $40 \%$ reserves being required against the outstanding note circulation and $35 \%$ against the deposit liabilities.

We have already remarked that the acceptance holdings of the 12 Reserve institutions have been further reduced during the week from $\$ 40,643,000$ to $\$ 38,373,000$, and, as a matter of fact, if allowance be made for the circumstance that this includes foreign bills as well as domestic bills, the foreign bills tied up abroad at latest dates having been $\$ 30,736,000$, the domestic bill holdings are found to be down close to the vanishing point. There has also been during the week a further diminution in the holdings of acceptances held by the Reserve banks for account of foreign central banks, the total of these the present week being reported at $\$ 216,402,000$ against $\$ 239,948,000$ last week. The deposits of foreign banks with the Federal Reserve banks have also been reduced, being reported at $\$ 40,706,000$ May 25 as against $\$ 45,578,000$ May 18.

THE stock market this week continued in its downward course, interrupted only by occasional upward reactions induced by a covering of outstanding short contracts. A strong rally of that kind occurred on Thursday, when, after a further severe breakdown in the morning, during which a big list of new low prices for the year was established, a sharp rally occurred. On Friday, however, the trend was again strongly downward. The upward reaction on Thursday was occasioned by advices from Washington indicating a disposition on the part of the Senate to expedite the pending tax bill for balancing the Federal budget. This induced a covering movement by the short interests and reversed the course of the market after its further downward plunge in the morning. There have been no new developments to affect the course of prices, but general conditions have been depressing, and this has served to keep the market weak. Gold exports have continued, and on an increasing scale, and the foreign exchanges generally have been against the United States, thus favoring the outflow of the metal. This week's review of the iron and steel trade showed a falling off in the operating schedules of the steel mills from $25 \%$ of capacity to $24 \%$, after the moderate increase in the weeks immediately preceding, and news regarding the condition of general trade has continued gloomy in the extreme. In addition, the earnings statements of the railroads have begun to come in for the month of April, and with scarcely any exceptions they showed very little improvement over the poor returns of other recent periods. Nearly every week now some group of stocks displays special weakness, and the present week the tobacco stocks have held the palm in that respect. Reynolds Tobacco was under liquidation and suffered a sharp decline, Liggett \& Myers, Lorillard and American Tobacco joining in the downward movement. The New York traction stocks were also under pressure and suffered severe declines. Many other public utilities were under like pressure, Consolidated Gas belonging in that class.

The bond market also has continued under pressure and moved lower, though an exception must be made in the case of British Government $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, which were strong all through the week, reaching a high point of $1061 / 4$ on Thursday, and yesterday
closed at $1041 / 2$ against $1033 / 8$ the clo.e Friday of last week. On Thursday nearly all the commercial markets were weak, wheat prices dropping about 2c. a bushel, rubber breaking on heavy offerings of rubber from Singapore in the London market, with the result of establishing a new low record both there and on the New York Rubber Exchange. The price on the board declined to 2.70 c . a pound, a drop of 13 points, which compares with the previous low record of 2.75 c . a pound. In the cotton market some weakness was occasioned, though with subsequent recovery by the news from Liverpool that HornbyHemelryk \& Co.., cotton and general produce brokers, and one of the oldest cotton firms in Liverpool, had announced its suspension. On the New York Stock Exchange 533 stocks established new low records for the year during the week, while only three stocks attained new high levels. Call loans on the Stock Exchange were again continued unchanged at $21 / 2 \%$, though less and less borrowing is being done on the Exchange, many dealers availing of the lower rates prevailing outside the Stock Exchange, where loaning the present week has been most of the time at $11 / 2 \%$ per annum.

Dividend reductions and omissions by the different corporations have continued an adverse feature. Among the omissions may be mentioned the Atlantic Coast Line Co., which omitted the quarterly dividend on its capital stock; the International Cement Co., which omitted the quarterly dividend on the common stock; Devoe \& Reynolds, which omitted the quarterly dividend on the class $A$ and class $B$ common stocks; the Warner Co., which omitted the quarterly dividend on the $\$ 7$ cumul. 1st pref. stock; the George A. Fuller Co., which passed the quarterly dividend on the $\$ 6$ cumul. part. prior pref. stock and on the $\$ 6$ cumul. part. pref. stock; Lane Bryant, Inc., which omitted the dividend on common, and the Bendix Aviation Corp., which passed the quarterly dividend on the common stock. The General Electric Co. reduced its quarterly dividend on the no-par common stock from 25 c. a share to 10 c . a share. Previously a quarterly dividend of 40 c . a share was paid on this issue from April 251930 to and including Jan. 25 1932. The Union Carbide \& Carbon Corp. reduced the quarterly dividend on common from 50 c . a share to 30 c. a share, after having the previous April reduced from 65c. a share to 50c. a share. The Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky reduced the quarterly dividend on the capital stock from 40 c . a share to 10 c . a share. The Todd Shipyards Corp. decreased the quarterly dividend on the capital stock from 50c. a share to 25 c. a share. Prior to Dec. 211931 quarterly dividends of $\$ 1$ a share were paid on this issue. The Commercial Credit Co. reduced the quarterly dividend on its no-par common stock to $121 / 2$ c. a share as against 25 c. a share paid on this stock on March 31 last. Bell Telephone Co. of Canada reduced the quarterly dividend on its capital stock from $2 \%$ to $13 / 4 \%$. The Hercules Powder Co. reduced its quarterly dividend on common from 75 c . a share to 50c. a share. The Mathieson Alkali Works (Inc.) reduced the quarterly dividend on its common stock from 50 c. a share to $371 / 2$ c. a share, and the General Railway Signal Co. cut its dividend from 75c. a share to 25 c. a share.

The volume of trading has been somewhat heavier as liquidation has proceeded, closely approaching $2,000,000$ shares on Thursday. At the half-day session on Saturday last the sales on the New York

Stock Exchange were 305,170 shares; on Monday they were 557,840 shares; on Tuesday, 983,297 shares; on Wednesday, $1,302,142$ shares; on Thursday, $1,853,160$ shares, and on Friday, 900,595 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 54,630 shares; on Monday, 135,280 shares; on Tuesday, 141,900 shares; on Wednesday, 195,704 shares; on Thursday, 253,490 shares, and on Friday, 141,935 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, prices are again quite generally lower. General Electric closed yesterday at 10 against $131 / 4$ on Friday of last week; North American at $153 / 8$ against $195 / 8$; Standard Gas \& Elec. at $91 / 4$ against $111 / 8$; Pacific Gas \& Elec. at 20 against $211 / 2$; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 40 against $45 \pi / 8$; Columbia Gas \& Elec. at 6 against $71 / 2$; Brooklyn Union Gas at 62 against 67; Electric Power \& Light at $31 / 2$ against $51 / 4$; Public Service of N. J. at $361 / 4$ against 41 ; International Harvester at 16 against $171 / 2$; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 19 against $191 / 4$; Sears, Roebuck \& Co. at 15 against $173 / 4$; Montgomery Ward \& Co. at $41 / 4$ against $61 / 8$; Woolworth at $261 / 2$ against $291 / 4$; Safeway Stores at 38 against $433 / 4$; Western Union Telegraph at $181 / 4$ against $193 / 4$; American Tel. \& Tel. at 92 against $951 / 2$; International Tel. \& Tel. at $27 / 8$ against $33 / 4$; American Can at $351 / 2$ against 38 ; United States Industrial Alcohol at 137/8 against 157/8; Commercial Solvents at 2 against $51 / 4$; Shattuck \& Co. at $51 / 4$ against $61 / 2$, and Corn Products at 291/4 against $321 / 2$.

Allied Chemical \& Dye closed yesterday at 501/4 against $533 / 8$ on Friday of last week ; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at $267 / 8$ against $291 / 2$; National Cash Register "A" at $71 / 2$ against $81 / 2$; International Nickel at $37 / 8$ against 5 ; Timken Roller Bearing at $121 / 8$ against 14 ; Mack Trucks at $121 / 4$ against 13 ; Yellow Truck \& Coach at $17 / 8$ against $17 / 8$; JohnsManville at $101 / 2$ against $113 / 4$; Gillette Safety Razor at $131 / 2$ against $141 / 4$; National Dairy Products at $153 / 8$ against $193 / 4$; Associated Dry Goods at $31 / 2$ against $33 / 8$; Texas Gulf Sulphur at $137 / 8$ against $163 / 8$; Freeport Texas at $111 / 8$ against $131 / 2$; American \& Foreign Power at $23 / 8$ against $27 / 8$; United Gas Improvement at $131 / 2$ against $151 / 2$; National Biscuit at 29 against $331 / 8$; Coca-Cola at $903 / 4$ against $943 / 8$; Continental Can at $203 / 8$ against $221 / 8$; Eastman Kodak at $401 / 4$ against $421 / 8$; Gold Dust Corp. at $97 / 8$ against $111 / 2$; Standard Brands at $93 / 4$ against 11; Paramount Publix Corp. at $13 / 4$ against $17 / 8$; Kreuger \& Toll at $1 / 16$ against $1 / 8$; Westinghouse Elec. \& Mfg. at $191 / 8$ against $241 / 4$; Drug, Inc., at $283 / 8$ against $341 / 8$; Columbian Carbon at $157 / 8$ against 19 ; Reynolds Tobacco B at $271 / 2$ against $311 / 8$; Liggett \& Myers class B at $361 / 2$ against 44 ; Lorillard at $95 / 8$ against $121 / 2$, and American Tobacco. at $473 / 4$ against $581 / 4$.
The steel shares have moved with the general market. United States Steel closed yesterday at $263 / 4$ against $283 / 8$ on Friday of last week ; Bethlehem Steel at $103 / 4$ against $123 / 4$; Vanadium at 6 against 7 , and Republic Iron \& Steel at 2 against 3 . In the auto group Auburn Auto closed yesterday at $313 / 4$ against $323 / 4$ on Friday of last week; General Motors at $95 / 8$ against $103 / 8$; Chrysler at $53 / 8$ against $61 / 2$; Nash Motors at 9 against $101 / 4$; Packard Motors at 2 against $21 / 8$; Hudson 'Motor Car at $31 / 8$ against $37 / 8$, and Hupp Motors at $11 / 2$ against 2. In the rubber group Goodyear Tire \& Rubber closed yesterday at $53 / 4$ against 8 on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich
at $21 / 2$ against $31 / 4$; United States Rubber at $21 / 4$ against $23 / 4$, and the preferred at 4 against $47 / 8$.

The railroad shares have again been a weak feature. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at $71 / 2$ against $93 / 8$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka \& Santa Fe at $251 / 4$ against 29 ; Atlantic Coast Line at 10 against 11; Chicago Rock Island \& Pacific at $21 / 4$ against $25 / 8$; New York Central at $91 / 2$ against $115 / 8$; Baltimore \& Ohio at $43 / 4$ against $51 / 2$; New Haven at $65 / 8$ against $83 / 4$; Union Pacific at $371 / 4$ against 42 ; Southern Pacific at $73 / 8$ against $81 / 2$; Missouri Pacific at $15 / 8$ against 2 bid; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at $11 / 2$ against 2 ; Southern Railway at 3 bid against $31 / 4$; Chesapeake \& Ohio at $121 / 4$ against $147 / 8$; Northern Pacific at $57 / 8$ against 8 , and Great Northern at $55 / 8$ against $81 / 2$.

The oil shares have also moved lower. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at $237 / 8$ against 25 on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at 18 against $181 / 2$; Atlantic Refining at $101 / 4$ against $115 / 8$; Texas Corp. at $101 / 4$ against 11 ; Phillips Petroleum at 4 against $41 / 8$, and Pure Oil at $31 / 2$ against $37 / 8$.

The copper shares also have declined. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 4 against $47 / 8$ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at $55 / 8$ against $65 / 8$; Calumet \& Hecla at $11 / 2$ against 2 ; American Smelting \& Refining at $61 / 8$ against $81 / 2$; Phelps Dodge at $41 / 2$ against $43 / 4$, and Cerro de Pasco Copper at $43 / 8$ against $61 / 4$.

DULL sessions and irregular downward movements took place this week on stock exchanges in all the leading European financial centers. The earlier dealings were especially quiet at London, Paris and Berlin, with slight improvement apparent in the latter half of the week. Where activity increased, however, it was chiefly the very highest grade securities that benefited. The interest in British funds, French rentes and similar securities and the disregard of others are considered in Europe a reflection of the serious lack of confidence that still prevails. There is, indeed, no appreciable progress apparent in either the political or business spheres. Political unsettlement prevails everywhere on the Continent, while the international discussions of such highly important matters as disarmament and reparations have so far been quite fruitless. Progress in trade and industry is equally hard to discern, although it can be said that the discouraging recessions seem at length to have been halted. The difficulties encountered in some parts of Europe are reflected in a report from Budapest, received at Washington early this week, to the effect that the Stock Exchange in the Hungarian center has now been closed for more than ten months.

The London Stock Exchange was dull, Monday, and prices drifted slowly downward in all departments of the market. Profit taking appeared in British funds, and these prime securities were marked down small fractions. Shares of industrial corporations were easy, and moderate losses likewise were registered in the international group. In Tuesday's dealings some buying interest was noted in Australian gold mining shares, but the rest of the market remained dull and dispirited. British funds again reacted and other gilt-edged issues also lost ground. Turnover in industrial issues was exceptionally small and mainly at slight recessions. AngloAmerican trading favorites were not materially
changed. Buying of British funds was finally resumed, Wednesday, and some of the earlier losses were regained. Other sections of the London market remained dull, largely owing to adverse rumors concerning the conference on reparations, soon to be held at Lausanne. Industrial stocks were sharply lower, and international issues also dropped. A more cheerful tone prevailed Thursday, with British Government securities leading the advance. Industrial stocks were quiet but firm, and international issues lost some of their sluggishness. The market was again dull yesterday, while price changes were unimportant.

The Paris Bourse was dominated all week by uncertainty over the internal political situation. The impending change in Government occasioned nervousness among holders of securities. The list was heavy as trading started, Monday, and the downward swing continued all day. A higher dividend was declared on Suez Canal shares than was generally expected, and this served to moderate the decline somewhat. Trading Tuesday was almost at a standstill. After further initial recessions the market steadied, however, and changes at the close were unimportant. Liquidation appeared on a more substantial scale, Wednesday, and prices on the Bourse fell rather swiftly. There was little resistance and many stocks dropped to new low prices for recent years. International securities were even weaker than French shares. The trend Thursday was irregular, small upward and downward movements appearing alternately. Net changes at the close were small, but mostly on the side of losses. After early firmness, prices dropped slightly in the dealings yesterday.

Like other markets, the Berlin Boerse was unsettled as trading began last Monday, and sharp declines took place in all sections of the list. Apprehensions regarding political affairs within the Reich and intimations from Vienna that Austria will declare a moratorium caused liquidation. Prices at the close were the lowest of the day. After a further weak opening, Tuesday, prices steadied on the Boerse. Not all of the early recessions were regained, however, and net changes were mostly in the direction of losses. The market repeated this performance Wednesday, prices falling at first but recovering most of the losses in subsequent dealings. The general tone was more satisfactory, however, as public interest in stocks increased somewhat. The decline was resumed Thursday, largely because of the heightened political uncertainty occasioned by rioting in the Prussian Diet by Fascists and Communists. Liquidation continued until the close and the recessions were severe, despite a light turnover. The Boerse was firm at the start of trading yesterday, but modest declines developed in later trading.

EUROPEAN observers are currently displaying a remarkable unanimity in their forecasts of developments at the Lausanne conference of interested Governments on reparations and "other economic and financial difficulties which are responsible for or may prolong the present world crisis." It had been suggested before this that the meeting, which is to begin June 16, will accomplish little beyond a formal extension of the moratorium on German Reparations. In the most recent reports from London, Paris and Berlin, this view is reiterated and emphasized. Vital decisions are to be postponed until after the American elections next November, a

London dispatch of Thursday to the New York "Even. ing Post" states. A committee of experts will sit through the summer, it is added, and a new conference will then be held late in September or in October. The conclusions then reached "will be made the basis on which Great Britain, France and Italy may approach the United States thereafter with new proposals for modification of the Allied debt settlements," the dispatch remarks. In Paris, also, it is held that the Lausanne conference is unlikely to produce more than an extension for six months or a year of the moratorium on reparations. The extension will apply, a dispatch of last Saturday to the New York "Herald Tribune" indicates, "until the American elections are over and hope can be entertained for some action by Washington toward reduction of the war debts." Berlin is coming regretfully to the conclusion, a report to the New York "Times" states, that "lack of courageous leadership" at Lausanne will prevent a successful conference. There is only a modest measure of optimism in German official, political and financial quarters, it appears.
Necessary arrangements preliminary to the payment to the United States Government by European nations of the suspended annuities of the Hoover moratorium year were virtually completed in Washington this week. It was announced by the Treasury Department, Tuesday, that all 16 European debtor nations have agreed to sign the formal documents for payment of the sums, aggregating $\$ 246,000,000$, over a period of 10 years, beginning July 1 1933, with interest at 4\%. Finland and Greece have, indeed, already signed the documents, and diplomatic representatives of other nations are to attach their signatures soon in Washington. These accords are, in every case, nothing more than a formality, for which provision was made last June, when the Hoover proclamation of a one-year moratorium on all intergovernmental debts was issued. There was, unfortunately, a tendency in some quarters to confuse this simple formality with the large question of the war debts generally. Some uninformed accounts, cabled to London, occasioned a short debate on the matter in the House of Commons, Wednesday. Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary in the National Cabinet, reassured the members of Parliament. The Washington transaction, he said, was a formality implying no decision on any question of principle.

CURRENT conferences among political leaders in France leave little doubt that Edouard Herriot, head of the Radical-Socialist party, will make an attempt early next month to form a Cabinet in place of the Tardieu regime, which resigned soon after the parliamentary elections. Even if he fails to form the expected coalition of Left and Center parties, it is apparent that M. Herriot will have no less a post than that of Foreign Minister in the new Government, as the Radical-Socialists will have the largest bloc of seats in the new Chamber. In preparation for their relinquishment of office, Premier Andre Tardieu and Finance Minister Pierre Etienne Flandin conferred for several hours, Tuesday, with the new President of the Republic, Albert Lebrun. M. Herriot was an attentive listener as the position of France was set forth with regard to disarmament, reparations and debts, the Danubian question and other matters. It was remarked in a Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" that the
meeting was one of the most curious held in France for some time. After the exposition of the country's affairs was completed, M. Herriot requested the documents on which the statements were based. A brief communication was issued stating merely that the meeting had been held.
The exact character of the coalition regime that will go before the Chamber of Deputies late next week will not be determined until after several important party meetings have been held in the final days of this month. A number of Socialist organizations are said to favor participation in the Cabinet on certain conditions, but a final decision will not be made until the party congress assembles next week. The Radical-Socialists will decide their own attitude regarding invitations to other groups for participation only on May 31, when the executive committee of the party meets. In the meantime some additional light has been thrown on the views entertained by M. Herriot in regard to French foreign policy. If the direction of French affairs is placed in his hands, M. Herriot told a representative of the Paris-Midi, Monday, he will observe the greatest prudence and practice of what he described as an "inch-by-inch" policy. It is apparent that the French leader had Germany in mind, as he gave this interview, which was cabled to the New York "Times." "The slightest excess," he declared, "might provoke the extremism of the Hitlerites. The least weakness might encourage them." His aim would be, he said, to maintain the imprescriptible rights France derived from the peace treaties and from freely signed engagements. There must be recog. nition of obligations and debts, before any discussion of modification could begin, he added. Turning to national defense, M. Herriot said he would do nothing that might imperil the security of the country, but on the contrary would seek the perfection and modernization of all means of defense until solid international guarantees of peace were obtained.

PREPARATIONS were made this week by the new Austrian Cabinet of Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss for the proclamation of a "foreign exchange embargo on foreign debts," and suspension of service on the external debt of the country is now considered likely at any moment. The appeal for financial aid which the Vienna Government addressed to the League of Nations several weeks ago was taken up by the Council of the League last Saturday. The Council habit of referring knotty problems to committees was again indulged, and on this occasion a mixed group was named to study the matter. This special delegation includes representatives of Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland, and also several members of the League Financial Commission. In the course of the Council debate on the matter, Captain R. Anthony Eden of Britain urged the other great powers to join in advancing the further loans to Austria that were contemplated when the British advance of 100 ,000,000 schillings was made a year ago. M. Joseph Paul-Boncour, speaking for France, agreed that help to Austria was necessary, but added that other Danubian States likewise needed assistance. Paris, M. Paul-Boncour said, would be willing to contribute to a common fund for the assistance of Austria, Jugoslavia, Rumania and other countries, provided the fund were placed under the control of a non-
political agency. Finding little encouragement in the League Council's consideration of its request, the Austrian Government began Tuesday to formulate a moratorium decree covering all external debt service. The approval of the central committee of the Austrian Parliament will be sought before it is promulgated.
An Austrian Cabinet crisis of twó weeks' duration was terminated May 20, when Dr. Dollfuss succeeded in forming a coalition regime to succeed that of Chancellor Karl Buresch. The new Government represents a Right coalition which is very similar to that which supported Dr. Buresch, and Dr. Dollfuss belongs to the same Christian Socialist faction to which Dr. Buresch adheres. The latter resigned, it will be recalled, following provincial elections in which the Pan-German, or Fascist party, made great gains. The new Government will rely upon the Christian Socialists, the Farmers' party and the Heimwehr, while the Pan-Germans will form the Opposition. Parliamentary supporters of the Dollfuss Cabinet will outnumber the opponents by only one member, and the life of the Government is therefore precarious. General elections are to be held in the autumn and were postponed only in order to permit the settlement of the urgent financial problems of the country. The Cabinet presented to President Miklas last week is as follows:
Chancellor, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of AgricultureDr. Engelbert Dollfuss.
Vice-Chancellor-Franz Winkler,
Minister of the Interior-Franz Bachinger.
Minister of Finance-Dr. Emanuel Weidenhoffer.
Minister of Justice-Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg.
Minister of Public Security-Dr. Hermann Ach.
Minister of War-Karl Vaugoiu.
Minister of Public Instruction-Dr. Anton Rintelen.
Minister of Social Welfare-Joseph Resch.

GATHERING difficulties in the financial and political affairs of Greece occasioned the resignation, last Saturday, of the Cabinet headed by Premier Eleutherios Venizelos, after four years in office. M. Venizelos announced his decision before the Parliament in Athens, and he suggested at the same time that President Zaimis instruct General Alexander Papanastasiou to form a new coalition regime. Increasing opposition to his Government made it impossible to cope with the country's serious situation, M. Venizelos said, in explanation of his resignation. Several Greek newspapers have gone so far as to advocate his murder and to appeal for someone to carry it out, he added. Parliament had refused to pass legislation which he sponsored, and resignation appeared to be the only logical course. The suggestion made by the retiring Premier was adopted by President Zaimis, Wednesday, when the formation of a coalition regime was formally entrusted to General Papanastasiou, who is the leader of the Agrarian and Labor party. The new Cabinet is to include all parties except the Royalists, it is indicated. M. Venizelos was invited to join the new regime, but declined to do so. He agreed, however, to permit participation by other members of the Liberal party, of which he is the head.

OUT of the confused situation in Japan occasioned by the assassination of Premier Ki Inukai, there has emerged a National Cabinet, formed at the command of Emperor Hirohito by the liberal minded Viscount Makoto Saito. Premier Saito will hold also the post of Foreign Affairs, while the Finance Ministry will be occupied by

Korekiyo Takahashi, who held this portfolio under the late Mr. Inukai. The Emperor acted last Sunday to end the Cabinet crisis. On the recommendation of Prince Kimmochi Saionji, last of the Genro, or Elder Statesmen, he instructed Viscount Saito to form a non-partisan Cabinet. The mission was promptly undertaken by the 74-year-old Admiral, who was formerly Governor-General of Korea. In a message to the Japanese nation, last Monday, he expressed the determination to form a National Cabinet of men of ability, whom the nation can trust. The full Ministry was announced Thursday, when it appeared that Premier Saito had allocated three posts to the majority party, the Seiyukai; two to the Opposition or Minseito group, two to active military men, and four to other non-party men. Although the Cabinet is assured of adequate Parliamentary support for the time being, it is not believed in Tokio that it will hold office very long. "The new Administration is not likely to arouse either extravagant hopes or strong antagonisms," a dispatch of Thursday to the New York "Times" remarks. It is noted, however, that virtually all the Ministers have held prominent positions in the country's political or military affairs. The list of Ministers follows:
Premier and Foreign Minister-Admiral Makoto Saito.
War-General Sadao Araki.
Navy-Admiral Keisuke Okada
Finance-Korekiyo Takahash.
Home Affairs-Baron Tatsuo Yamamoto.
Colonial Affairs-Ryutaro Nagai.
Commerce and Industry-Baron Kumachi Nakajima.
Railways-Chuzo Mitsuchi.
Justice-Matsukichi Koyama.
Agriculture and Forestry-Fumio Goto.
Commerce and Industry-Baron Kumachi.

NOTWITHSTANDING a considerable augmentation of the Japanese forces in Manchuria, little success is apparently attending the efforts to pacify this wide area. The puppet Government set up by the Japanese at Changchun is, of course, quite inadequate to the task of exerting factual control. The forces of the Japanese General, Shigeru Honjo, who wrested the rule of the vast territory from the Chinese War Lord, Chang Hsueh-liang, have been steadily increased in order to dispel the bandit hordes that infest the land. A division of 24,000 troops withdrawn by the Japanese from Shanghai early this month has been sent to Manchuria for this purpose. The need must indeed be great, as the great majority of Chinese soldiers, when disbanded, simply turn bandits for lack of other occupation. After the Japanese conquest of Manchuria was completed, early this year, the great force assembled by Chang Hsueh-liang followed this traditional practice and the Japanese campaign to eradicate the menace started.

The problem has apparently been surmounted to a large degree in South Manchuria, where a network of railways gave the Japanese the advantage of mobility. In the more northerly sections, on the other hand, conditions have become aggravated to an alarming extent. In a Harbin report appearing in the New York "Times," last Sunday, it is remarked that "irregular Chinese soldiers and bandits are harrying the countryside in North Manchuria to such an extent that the peasant farmers dare not leave their crenelated walled villages to go to their fields to plow." Only in the immediate vicinity of the larger towns are the police able to maintain some semblance of authortty, it is said. Fierce encounters between Japanese regulars and Chinese insurgents are reported almost daily, and the losses are not all
on the side of the insurgents. The bandits in some areas are being crowded closer and closer to the Siberian border, and the pursuits by the Japanese troops are watched with anxious interest by the Soviet military and diplomatic officials. There is, however, less talk than formerly of a possible clash between the Japanese and Soviet armies. The Chinese attitude, meantime, remains unchanged and completely passive, excepting in a diplomatic sense. W. W. Yen, Chinese delegate to the League of Nations, circulated a message in Geneva, Monday, declaring that unless the Assembly warns Japan to desist from further hostile acts against China, "there is every probability and possibility of an already aggravated situation being developed into a world war."

$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{P}}$PPROVAL was voted by the League of Nations Council at Geneva, late last week, of a draft plan for the administrative, financial and economic rehabilitation of the African negro Republic of Liberia. The plan, drawn up by a committee headed by Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, is to serve as the basis of negotiations which are to begin in August with the Liberian Government, the American Finance Corporation, and the Firestone Plantations Co. It is proposed to seek means for ending the slave traffic in which the 12,000 descendants of the freed American slaves who settled in Liberia more than a century ago are said to engage. Reports of this traffic and of alleged atrocities against the 1,000,000 Afro-Liberians have occasioned several sharp protests by the American State Department recently. Other suggestions in the Cecil draft plan include a moratorium on the Liberian debt, and a readjustment of the scope and rental of the Firestone concession. This program would be enforced by placing the country under a foreign adviser appointed by and responsible to the League of Nations. A memorandum urging immediate action by the League Council was submitted in behalf of the United States Government by Samuel Reber, Jr., American member of the Cecil Committee. It was maintained by Mr. Reber that "conditions in Liberia have become so chaotic and authority so demoralized that it is doubtful whether an effective government exists in the country."

WIDE areas of Central America were rocked by an earthquake of short duration, but considerable intensity, early last Saturday. Reports of the occurrence were received from Managua, Tegucigalpa, San Salvador and other centers, but there was, fortunately, little damage and no loss of life in these cities, which are the capitals, respectively, of Nicaragua, Honduras, and El Salvador. The greatest damage was caused in small Salvadorean towns and villages. Most of the buildings in Zacatecoluca City were seriously damaged, while large sections of San Juan and Usulutan were demolished. Six deaths were reported in these towns, and many were injured. Damage also was reported at San: tiago, San Padro, Nonualco, Olocuilta, El Rosario, Analco, Analquito, San Miguel, San Juan Tepesontes, Santa Maria Ostuma, Talpa, San Francisco, San Antonio, Chinameca and Masahuat, an Associated Press dispatch from San Salvador said. Communications were disrupted in some parts of El Salvador, but quickly restored. Relief organizations gave first aid to the injured. No estimate of the property damage is available.

THERE have been no changes in central bank rates this week. Rates are $11 \%$ in Greece; $81 / 2 \%$ in Bulgaria; $7 \%$ in Austria, Rumania, Portugal and Lithuania; $61 / 2 \%$ in Spain and in Finland; $6 \%$ in Hungary, Danzig, and in Colombia; $5.84 \%$ in Japan; $51 / 2 \%$ in Estonia and in Chile; $5 \%$ in Germany, Italy, India, Czechoslovakia and Denmark; $41 / 2 \%$ in Sweden and in Norway; $31 / 2 \%$ in Belgium and in Treland; 21/2\% in England, France and in Holland, and 2\% in Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills on Friday were $11 / 16 @ 11 / 4 \%$ as against $11 / 8 @ 11 / 4 \%$ on Friday of last week, and $11 / 16 \%$ for three months' bills as against $13 / 16 @ 11 / 4 \%$ on Friday of last week. Money on call in London on Friday was $5 / 8 \%$. At Paris the open market rate continues at $17 / 8 \%$, and in Switzerland at $11 / 2 \%$.

THE Bank of England statement for the week ended May 25 shows a further substantial gain in gold holdings, amounting to $£ 2,238,605$. This brings the total up to $£ 125,761,106$ as compared with $£ 152,078,027$ a year ago. Circulation contracted $£ 4,218,000$ and this together with the gain in gold brought about an increase of $£ 6,457,000$. Public deposits rose $£ 2,179,000$ and other deposits $£ 3,272,492$. The latter consists of bankers' accounts and other accounts which increased $£ 2,942,086$ and $£ 330,406$ respectively. The reserve ratio rose to $34.70 \%$ from $31.15 \%$ a week ago. At the corresponding period a year ago the ratio was 53.96 . Loans on government securities fell off $£ 3,570,000$, while those on other securities increased $£ 2,572,442$. Of the latter amount $£ 482,169$ was to discounts and advances and $£ 2,-$ 090,273 was to securities. The discount rate remains the same at $21 / 2 \%$. Below we furnish a comparative statement of the different items for calendar years:

a On Nov. 291928 the fiduclary 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 weekly statement of the Bank of France dated May 20 reveals an increase in gold holdings of $255,474,930$ francs. The total of gold now stands at $78,906,967,186$ francs, in comparison with $55,632,650,347$ francs at the corresponding week a year ago and $43,802,413,636$ francs two years ago. Credit balances abroad and bills bought abroad show decreased of $69,000,000$ francs and $799,000,000$ francs respectively. Notes in circulation record a reduction of $503,000,000$ francs, reducing the total of the item to $81,247,228,040$ francs. The total of circulation a year ago was $76,825,870,810$ francs and two years ago $70,906,689,425$ francs. Decreases also appear in French commercial bills discounted of $101,000,000$ francs, in advances against securities of $48,000,000$ francs and in creditor current accounts of 274,000 ,000 francs. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities is now $72.66 \%$ which compares with $55.86 \%$
a year ago and $49.85 \%$ two years ago. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:
bank of france's comparative statement.

| Changes for Week. Francs. d holdings_....Inc. $255,474,930$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 201932 . \\ \text { Francs. } \\ 78,906,967,186 \end{gathered}$ | -Status as of May 221931. Francs. 55,632,650,347 | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 231930 . \\ \text { Francs. } \\ 43,802,413,636 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Credit bals. abr'd_ Dee. 69,000,000 | 4,585,471,998 | 5,650,990,157 | 6,878,477,347 |
| French commercial |  |  |  |
| bill discounted. . Dec. 101,000,000 | 3,450,207,431 | 5,344,470,697 | 8,783,251,488 |
| Bills bought abr'd. Dec. 799,000,000 | 5,433,736,535 | 20,506,045,265 | 18,702,084,018 |
| Adv. agt. securs..-Dec. 48,000,000 | 2,720,940,464 | 2,770,350,865 | 2,621,029,026 |
| Note circulation. . Dec. 503,000,000 | 81,247,228,040 | 76,825,870,810 | 70,906,689,425 |
| Cred. curr. accts.. Dec. $274,000,000$ | 27,353,121,760 | 22,775,055,404 | 18,775,384,419 |
| Proportion of gold on hand to sight |  |  |  |
| liabilities.... . . Inc. $0.75 \%$ | 72.66\% | 55.86\% | 49.85\% |

THE Bank of Germany in its statement for the third quarter of May records an increase of $4,800,000$ marks in gold and bullion. The total of gold is now $856,284,000$ marks, which compares with $2,370,420,000$ marks last year and $2,585,859,000$ marks the previous year. A decrease is shown in reserve in foreign currency of $4,562,000$ marks, in bills of exchange and checks of $216,149,000$ marks, in advances of $7,251,000$ marks and in other assets of $37,692,000$ marks. The items of "deposits abroad" and "investments" remain unchanged. Notes in circulation show a loss of $183,671,000$ marks, reducing the total of the item.to $3,739,275,000$ marks. Total circulation a year Lago stood at $3,751,395,000$ marks and two years ago【at $4,045,769,000$ marks. The items of silver and other coin, notes on other German banks, other daily maturing obligations and other liabilities reveal increases of $96,568,000$ marks, $3,764,000$ marks, $10,649,0001$ marks and $12,500,000$ marks respectively. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to notesऍcirculation rose to $26.5 \%$. as compared with $68.4 \%$ a year ago and $72.4 \%$ two years ago. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

|  | May 231932. | May 231931. | May 231930. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gold and bullion......Inc. $4,800,000$ | 856,284,000 | 2,370,420,000 | 2,585,859,000 |
| Of which depos. abr'd. Unchanged | 89,156,000 | 207,638,000 | 149,788,000 |
| Res've in for'n curr....Dee. 4,562,000 | 134,630,000 | 196,564,00 | 342,678,000 |
| Bills of exch. \& checksDec. 216,149,000 | 2,798,891,000 | 1,430,498,000 | 1,519,662,00 |
| Silver and other coin. . Inc. 96,568,000 | 333,443,000 | 199,668,000 | 167,772,000 |
| Notes on oth.Ger.bks.Inc. $\quad 3,764,000$ | 11,036,000 | 20,856,000 | 23,157,000 |
| Advances . . . . . . . . . . Dec. $7,251,000$ | 95,150,000 | 67,070,000 | 53,347,00 |
| Investments.......... Unchanged | 361,561,000 | 102,710,000 | 101,125,00 |
| Other assets .......... Dec. 37,692,000 | 783,391,000 | 472,266,000 | 618,529,00 |
| Ltabilities |  |  |  |
| Notes in circulation.- Dec. 183,671,000 | 3,739,275,000 | 3,751,395,000 | 4,045,769,00 |
| Oth.daily matur.oblig.Inc, 10,649,000 | 364,566,000 | 374,394,000 | 680,188,000 |
| Other Habilities .......Inc. $12,500,000$ | 703,119,000 | 246,932,00 | 192,245,00 |
| Propor. of gold \& for'n curr to note circu'n. Ine. | 26.5\% | 68.4\% | 72.4 |

MONEY rates in the New York market showed no material change this week from the levels previously prevalent. Funds were available in vast amounts, but the demand remained poor. In the Stock Exchange money market call loans were $21 / 2 \%$ for all transactions, whether renewals or new loans. Banking house funds were available every day in the unofficial "Street" market at concessions from the official figure. Trades were reported in the "Street" market at $11 / 2 \%$ Monday, $11 / 4 \%$ Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and $11 / 2 \%$ yesterday. Time loans also were in poor demand, with levels unchanged. Indicative of the results of the Federal Reserve open market operations was a sale of Treasury discount bills in the amount of $\$ 60,050,000$, Monday, at an average discount for the 91-day obligations of $0.29 \%$. Yesterday $\$ 100,200,000$ of 90 -day bills were disposed of on a discount basis of 0.32 of $1 \%$. One week earlier $\$ 75,000,000$ of similar bills
were sold at $0.43 \%$, while two weeks earlier the average figure on $\$ 75,000,000$ bills was $0.68 \%$. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral, as reported for the week to Wednesday night by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, declined $\$ 21,000,000$ to an aggregate of only $\$ 393,000,000$. Gold continues to flow from New York to Europe at a rate limited only by the available insurance. The official figures for the week to Wednesday night were: Exports, $\$ 73,348,000$; imports, $\$ 1,252,000$, and a net decrease of $\$ 2,419,000$ in the earmarked stock of the metal.

DEALING in detail with call loan rates of the Stock Exchange from day to day, $21 / 2 \%$ was the rate ruling all through the week, both for new loans and renewals. In time money there has been no change in the market, there being absolutely no demand. Rates are quoted nominally at $11 / 2 \%$ for all dates. Prime commercial paper continues in good demand, and dealers quickly disposed of all paper obtainable. Quotations for choice names of four to six months' maturity are $23 / 4 @ 3 \%$. Names less well known are $31 / 2 \%$. On some very high-class 90 -day paper occasional transactions at $21 / 2 \%$ were noted.

PRIME bankers' acceptances have been slow this week, with very little paper available. Rates are unchanged. The quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to and including three months are $1 \%$ bid, $7 / 8 \%$ asked; for four months, $11 / 8 \%$ bid and $1 \%$ asked; for five and six months, $13 / 8 \%$ bid and $11 / 4 \%$ asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank is $21 / 2 \%$ for all maturities. The Federal Reserve banks show further decrease in their holdings of acceptances, the total having fallen from $\$ 40,643,000$ to $\$ 38$,373,000 . Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents also further decreased, falling from $\$ 239,948,000$ to $\$ 216,402,000$. Open market rates for acceptances are as follows:

| Prime eligible b |  |  |  | 20 D |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Bid. Asked. | Bid. | Asked. | Bid. | Asked. |
|  | -90 Days - | $-^{60}$ Days- |  | - 30 Days- |  |
|  | Bid. Asked. | Bid. | Asked. |  | Asked |
| Prime eligible bills | 1 3/8 | 1 | 7/6 | 1 | 1/8 |
| FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eligible non-member banks |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

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 CLASSER AND MATURITIES OF ELIGIBLE PAPER.

| Federal Reserve Bank. | Rate in Effect on May 27. | Date Establsshed. | Prections |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boston | 315 | Oct. 171931 | 236 |
| New York | 3 | Feb. 261932 | 31/3 |
| Philladelphla | 31/6 | Oct. 221931 | 3 3 |
| Richmond. | 315 | Jan. 251932 | 4 |
| Atlanta | 313 | Nov. 141931 | 3 |
| Chteago- | 313 | Oct. 171931 | 213 |
| Minneapolis. | 3\% | Set. ${ }^{\text {Oct. }} 121931930$ | ${ }_{4}$ |
| Kansas Clty | $31 / 2$ | Oct. 231931 | 3 |
| Dallis. | $31 /$ | Jan. 281932 | 4 |
| San Franclsco. | 315 | Oct. 211931 | 216 |

STERLING exchange was quiet and somewhat inactive on Saturday last and on Monday and Tuesday. On any sign of demand, however, it was plain to foreign exchange traders that the pound was basically firm. On Wednesday there was evidence
of renewed nervousness on the part of European bankers and foreign exchange traders with the result that dollars were heavily sold in all the Continental markets and European currencies and sterling moved up sharply. In Wednesday's trading, French francs made a new high for the year at $3.951 / 2$, and sterling went to $3.693 / 4$ for cable transfers, compared with closing rates for cable transfers on Friday of last week of $3: 673 / 8$. The range this week has been from $3.671 / 4$ to $3.695 / 8$ for bankers' sight bills, compared with $3.65 \frac{1}{8}$ to $3.683 / 4$ last week. The range for cable transfers has been from $3.673 / 8$ to $3.693 / 4$, compared with $3.651 / 4$ to $3.687 / 8$ a week ago. The market confidently anticipated a reduction in the Bank of England rate on Thursday to 2\% from the present $21 / 2 \%$ level, and in fact a rate of $11 / 2 \%$ is almost as confidently expected. However, the Bank made no change in its rate. Again, as a week ago, the outstanding event in the market was the heavy purchase of gold by the Bank of England. Last week, it will be recalled, the Bank of England bought $£ 2,012,665$ of bar gold in London. The details of the transaction, though clouded in obscurity were generally attributed to some manoeuvre between the British Treasury and the Bank of England, operating through the exchange stabilization account. This week the Bank of England bought $£ 1,234,477$ of gold bars in the London open market, presumably at open market rates, which are around 112 s .10 d ., or about 28 s . above the rate fixed by law for gold purchases by the Bank of England. It is said in London that the difference between the Bank's normal rate of 84s. 10d. will be made good by the Treasury Department out of the $£ 150,000,000$ stabilization account.
In addition to the above open market purchase, the Bank of England withdrew from New York this week $\$ 5,108,000$ of presumably earmarked gold. The market believes that the Bank of England is prepared to convert further large sums of dollar balances into gold and will withdraw them to London regardless of exchange rates. The market sees in these movements a determined intention on the part of the British authorities to strengthen the reserve with a view to ultimate return to gold. It is understood that the Bank of England has during the past week or more acquired $£ 3,000,000$ of gold in Paris, which is believed to have been earmarked at the Bank of France in the same way as the gold taken this week from the Federal Reserve Bank. According to press dispatches on Wednesday, Major Walter Elliott, Financial Secretary of the Treasury, announced in the House of Commons that Great Britain has no intention of returning to the gold standard "while gold prices behave as they are doing now." Mr. Elliott's statement was made in response to persistent demands for a specific promise by members of the Commons not to permit external events such as the United States reflation policy to precipitate a too hasty return to the gold standard. This interpolation would almost confirm a belief held widely in all markets that nothing could prevent the rapid advance of the pound sterling to full gold parity of 4.8665 .

The pound is apparently prevented from rising to its former levels by market manipulation by the British banking authorities. Confidence in sterling and the London market seems to have become universally restored. Money is abundant in London and the liquid resources of both home and foreign
funds are perhaps as great as at any time prior to the crisis of last September. Gold imports into London during the past ten weeks exceeded exports by more than $£ 16,000,000$. The expectation of a lower Bank rate is based largely on the trend of the money market. Call money against bills has been easy throughout the week at from $1 \%$ to $3 / 4 \%$, 2 months' bills at $11 / 8 \%, 3$-months' bills at $11 / 8 \% 0^{-}$ $13-16 \%, 4$-months' bills at $13-16 \%-11 / 4 \%$, and 6 -months' bills at $13 / 8 \%$. This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings of $£ 2,-$ 238,605 , the total standing on May 25 at $£ 125,761,-$ 106 , compared with $£ 152,078,027$ a year ago. The Bank's ratio of reserves to liabilities increased during the week $3.55 \%$ to $34.70 \%$.
At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended May 25, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of $\$ 1,252,000$, of which $\$ 996,000$ came from Canada, $\$ 129,000$ from Mexico, $\$ 82,000$ from India and $\$ 45$,000 chiefly from Latin American countries. Gold exports totaled no less than $\$ 73,348,000$, of which $\$ 23,561,000$ was shipped to France, $\$ 23,225,000$ to Holland, $\$ 12,069,000$ to Switzerland, $\$ 7,585,000$ to Belgium, $\$ 5,108,000$ to England and $\$ 1,800,000$ to Germany. The Reserve Bank reported a decrease of $\$ 2,419,000$ in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended May 25, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:
GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, MAY 19-MAY 25 , INCLUSIVE.

| \$996,000 | Imports. | \$23,561,000 | Exports. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 129,000 | from Mexico | 23,225,000 | to Holland |
| 82,000 | from India | 12,069,000 | to Switzerland |
| 45,000 | chiefly from Latin- | 7,585,000 | to Belgium |
|  | American countries | 5,108,000 | to England |
|  |  | 1,800,000 | to Germany |
| \$1,252,000 | total | \$73,348,000 | total |
|  | Net Change in Gold Ear Decreas | arked for $F$ o \$2,419,000 | eign Accou |

The above figures are for the week ended Wednesday evening. On Thursday there were no imports of gold. Exports amounted to $\$ 1,087,800$ of which $\$ 1,050,500$ was shipped to Holland and $\$ 37,300$ to Peru. Gold earmarked for foreign account increased $\$ 4,999,800$. Yesterday there were no imports, but gold exports amounted to $\$ 31,323,800$ of which $\$ 20,193,200$ went to France, $\$ 5,550,000$ went to Holland, $\$ 4,175,200$ went to Belgium, $\$ 1,002,600$ to Switzerland and $\$ 402,800$ went to England. During the week approximately $\$ 1,145,000$ in gold was received at San Francisco from China.

Canadian exchange continues at a severe discount, on average somewhat less favorable to Montreal than in several weeks. On Saturday last Montreal funds were at a discount of $13 \%$, on Monday at $131 / 4 \%$, on Tuesday at $13 \%$, on Wednesday at $121 / 2 \%$, on Thursday at $12 \%$ and on Friday at $121 / 8 \%$.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady in a dull short session. Bankers' sight was $3.671 / 4 @ 3.671 / 2$; cable transfers $3.673 / 8 @ 3.675 / 8$. On Monday sterling was quiet but firmer. The range was $3.671 / 2 @ 3.677 / 8$ for bankers' sight and $3.675 / 8 @ 3.68$ for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling was in demand. Bankers' sight was $3.673 / 4 @ 3.681 / 2$ cable transfers $3.677 / 8 @ 3.683 / 4$. On Wednesday sterling and Continental exchange was firm. The range was $3.683 / 4 @ 3.695 / 8$ for bankers' sight and $3.687 / 8 @ 3.693 / 4$ for cable transfers. On Thursday the market was steady. The range was $3.683 / 8 @ 3.695 / 8$ for bankers' sight and $3.681 / 2 @$
$3.693 / 4$ for cable transfers. On Friday the range was $3.683 / 8 @ 3.691 / 4$ for bankers' sight and $3.681 / 2 @$ $3.693 / 8$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were $3.691 / 4$ for demand and $3.693 / 8$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $3.681 / 2$; 60 -day bills at $3.671 / 4 ; 90$-day bills at $3.663 / 4$; documents for payment ( 60 days) at $3.671 / 4$, and 7 -day grain bills at $3.683 / 4$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $3.681 / 2$.

EXCHANGE on the Continental countries is generally firm, though inactive. The firmness is due to the selling of dollars in Europe rather than to demand for foreign currencies arising on this side. However, the fact must not be lost sight of that as a seasonal matter the European currencies in normal times would be in particular demand around this season, and, though tourist demand falls far below former years, it forms nevertheless a considerable requirement and the demand will increase from now until the end of September. One important source of demand for exchange on the European countries, which is apparent at this time and has in fact been in evidence for more than a year, is the migration of many rich and well-to-do Americans who during the depression have found it more convenient to live temporarily in Europe rather than to draw too seriously on their capital, since ordinary dividend income has been largely eliminated. Germany alone expects a record tourist income this year derived especially from Americans. German marks are steady. Much mystery seems to surround the repeated small gold shipments from this side to Germany. Mark exchange is practically nominal, and at no time since June has it been possible for the quotation to touch the export point for gold from New York. The best conclusion of the market seems to be that most of these small shipments of gold are for trans-shipment to smaller European countries. There is nothing essentially new in the mark situation. The Berlin money market, like those of Amsterdam, Paris, London and New York, has a plethora of funds, though money rates are kept high in Berlin owing to Government control of all financial operations. The Berlin market cannot be brought into line with other markets until the international political debt impasse is overcome. In other words, Berlin is not a free market.

French franes are firm and in Wednesday's trading touched a new high for the year when cable transfers were quoted $3.951 / 2$. The extreme excess of loanable money in Paris is illustrated by the fact that loans on defense bonds, which constitute the principal means of employing liquid resources, are now made at $1 \%$ for one month and at $13 / 4 \%$ for three months. This week the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of $255,474,930$ francs, bringing the total gold of the bank on May 20 to the record high level of $78,906,967,186$ francs, which compares with $55,632,650,347$ francs on May 221931 and with $28,935,000,000$ francs in June 1928 following stabilization of the unit. The Bank's ratio is at a new high level of $72.66 \%$, compared with $71.91 \%$ on May 13, with $55.86 \%$ a year ago, and with legal requirement of $35 \%$. Other Continental exchanges present no new features of importance.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 93.28 on Friday of this week, against 93.08 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished on Friday at $3.943 / 4$ against $3.945 / 8$
on Friday of last week; cable transfers at $3.947 / 8$ against $3.943 / 4$, and commercial sight bills at $3.947 / 8$ against $3.945 / 8$. Antwerp belgas finished at $14.011 / 2$ for bankers' sight bills and at 14.02 for cable transfers, against $14.02 \frac{1}{2}$ and 14.03 . Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.67 for bankers' sight bills and 23.68 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.85 and 23.86 . Italian lire closed at $5.133 / 4$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.14 for cable transfers, against 5.14 and $5.141 / 2$. Austrian schillings closed at 14.12, against $14.131 / 2$; exchange on Czechslovakia at $2.971 / 4$, against $2.971 / 8$; on Bucharest at $0.601 / 4$, against $0.603 / 8$; on Poland at $11.221 / 2$, against $11.221 / 2$, and on Finland at $1.723 / 4$, against $1.741 / 2 @ 1.743 / 4$. Greek exchange closed at $0.653 / 4$ for bankers' sight bills and at 0.66 for cable transfers, against $0.653 / 4$ and 0.66 .

EXCHANGE on the countries neutral during the war continues to manifest the trends apparent for the past several weeks. The Scandinavian units are fluctuating within narrow limits following the trend of sterling exchange, with which they are closely allied. As pointed out here last week, the Spanish Government is taking steps to prevent too rapid an advance in peseta exchange. The peseta has shown a very firm tone for the past several weeks, but is held somewhat in check at present, indicating that the Bank of Spain is doubtless meeting with some measure of success. The Bank of Spain's statement for the week ended May 23 shows a slight increase in gold holdings, the total standing at $2,253,100,000$ pesetas, compared with $2,252,700,000$ pesetas a week earlier and with $2,423,884,000$ pesetas a year ago. At this time last year it was thought that Spain was approaching a period of inflation when circulation rose to $5,160,437,000$ pesetas Circulation has declined almost steadily since that time and on May 23 the total outstanding was $4,869,100,000$ pesetas.

Holland guilders and Swiss francs have been exceptionally firm for some time owing to the heavy inflow of foreign funds to both countries seeking domicile. Both the guilder and the Swiss franc moved down in the early part of the week, but this indication of softness was more apparent than real, as with the new flight of Europe from the United States dollar on Wednesday, both currencies moved up sharply. As noted above in the story on sterling exchange, New York shipped $\$ 12,690,000$ gold to Switzerland and $\$ 23,225,000$ gold to Holland. It is believed that heavy shipments of gold from the United States to both countries, representing largely official transactions, will continue for the next three or four weeks and then dry up. The supply of short-term money in Holland and Switzerland has been greatly augmented by the capital which has been flowing to these countries for safekeeping and which has been kept in a condition of great liquidity. One reason the central banks of both countries are taking gold from New York and other centers is to insure the liquidity of these foreign funds, which must certainly be withdrawn at short notice when business confidence returns in other countries.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at $40.541 / 2$, against 40.52 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.55 , against 40.53 , and commercial sight bills at 40.50 , against 40.48 . Swiss francs closed at $19.583 / 4$ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.59 for cable transfers, against 19.59 and $19.591 / 4$. Copenhagen checks finished at 20.14 and
cable transfers at 20.15, against 20.12 and 20.13. Checks on Sweden closed at 18.89 and cable transfers at 18.90, against 18.89 and 18.90 ; while checks on Norway finished at 18.39 and cable transfers at 18.40, against 18.39 and 18.40. Spanish pesetas closed at $8.231 / 2$ for bankers' sight bills and at 8.24 for cable transfers, against $8.241 / 2$ and 8.25 .

EXCHANGE on the South American countries presents no new features of importance, although exchange on Argentina and Brazil (both under exchange control boards) has been slightly firmer in tone the past few weeks. The Argentine foreign trade position continues to show improvement. For the first four months of the year the country reports an export surplus of $\$ 67,000,000$, compared with an export surplus of $\$ 7,000,000$ for the corresponding period last year. The substantial export surplus has been brought about largely by a sharp curtailment of imports. Dr. Carlos Alfredo Tornquist, Argentine banker, estimates that the export surplus for the entire year will be $\$ 100,000,000$. This estimate is based upon an anticipated reduction in export values in the coming months due to heavy shipments in the early part of the year and to the lower exportable balance of corn. The Argentine Foreign Exchange Control Board maintains that its operations have been entirely successful in stopping the excessive loss of gold by Argentina. During the first quarter of the year only $4,984,926$ gold pesos were exported compared with $65,609,000$ gold pesos in the corresponding period a year ago. Foreign exchange purchases during the first quarter by Argentine banks amounted to $426,856,700$ paper pesos. Foreign exchange sold during the same period amounted to $425,359,200$ paper pesos. Of the exchange sold by the banks during the quarter, $211,805,300$ paper pesos were for the payment of imported merchandise, $60,000,000$ for financial services, including interest on the public debt, dividend payments by foreign corporations, \&c.; $68,000,000$ for private remittances and the remainder for ordinary remittances of foreign owned public utilities. The report of the Exchange Control Board states that foreign exchange purchases include an influx of funds from abroad for investment in Argentine enterprises, notably manufacturing. Further growth is anticipated in this direction, leading to the belief that the Argentine balance of payments will be favorable this year.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at $251 / 4$ for bankers' sight bills, against $251 / 4$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 25.90 , against 25.90 . Brazilian milreis are nominally quoted 7.20 for bankers' sight bills and 7.25 for cable transfers, against 6.80 and 6.85 . Chilean exchange is nominally quoted $61 / 8$, against $61 / 8$. Peru is nominally quoted 23.00 , against 28.00 .

EXCHANGE on the Far Eastern countries continues to be overshadowed by political developments in Japan. The new "national" Government headed by Admiral Viscount Saito with a cabinet embracing leading men of both major political parties was invested with authority on May 26. The new Government, it is generally believed will end the crisis which existed since the assassination of Premier Inukai on May 16. Korekiyo Takahashi is the new Finance Minister. Yen fluctuated rather widely during the week but on the whole, showed a much
firmer tone following the announcement of the selection of Admiral Saito as Premier. The Japanese $\overline{\text { Diet }}$ convened in extraordinary session on Monday in accordance with the month-old summons from the cabinet of the late Premier Inukai. Among the first matters it will consider are higher tariffs, currency reform and foreign exchange control. Bills are being drafted for State socialization of the raw silk trade. It is believed that the plan will enable the Japanese Government to control the world market for natural silk. It is doubtful if this plan will receive final legislative sanction before the regular winter session. The tariff bill, approved by the Tariff Commission, and calling for $35 \%$ higher duties, will doubtless be imposed at once. So, it is expected, will a measure for foreign exchange control. The Diet is expected to increase the fiduciary issue from Y. $120,000,000$ to Y. $1,000,000,000$. The Bank of Japan law will probably be amended in order to make the directors more amenable to the policy of the Finance Ministry in this respect. Japan has what is known as an elastic limit system. The Bank is required to hold as reserve against its outstanding notes an equal amount of gold and silver coins and bullion; silver coins and bullion, however, may not exceed one-fourth of the entire reserve. The Bank may in addition, issue notes, not exceeding 120,000 ,000 yen in all (the fiduciary issue), against Government loan bonds, Treasury bills, commercial bills, or other reliable securities. If to increase the circulating medium, it is found necessary to exceed this sum, the Bank must pay an issue tax of not less than $5 \%$. As the Bank of Japan is privately owned it has always followed a policy of keeping the fiduciary issue within the taxing limit. The Bank objects now to increasing the issue on a tax basis.
The Chinese silver units are quiet, reflecting the tone of the silver market. Hong Kong and Shanghai are steady. Silver was officially quoted in the New York market this week at from $273 / 4$ to $277 / 8$ cents an ounce. The lack of interest which India has shown in the silver market is illustrated in the trade returns. Net private imports of silver during the fiscal year ended March were valued at only 259 lacs of rupees compared with 1,164 lacs the previous year (a lac equals 100,000 ). India and China are the two largest consumers of silver and the almost total suspension of Indian buying in world markets is one of the major factors in preventing silver from reacting to the constantly dwindling production. Prices are fairly stable, but the decline in production has kept pace with the decline in consumption. Silver authorities claim that an improvement in the Indian demand would do more to increase the price of silver than any governmental action now contemplated. Exports of gold from India since September have resulted in such an improvement in the Indian trade balance as to have completely done away with talk of the necessity of revision in the rupee value. In March 1927, upon the recommendation of the Indian Royal Currency Commission, the value of the rupee was fixed at 1s. 6d. Unfavorable developments since that time had made the maintenance of the rate difficult and there was much agitation in India for a revalorization of 1s. 4 d . The improvement in the balance of payments since September seems to have removed the difficulty at least for the time being.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were $317 / 8$, against $311 / 4$ on Friday of last week. Hong

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Kong closed at 235/8@23 15-16, against 237/8@ 24 1-16; Shanghai at 30 13-16@307/8, against 30 15-16 @31.00; Manila at $495 / 8$, against $495 / 8$; Singapore at $427 / 8$, against $427 / 8$; Bombay at 27.70 , against $279-16$, and Calcutta at 27.70, against 27 9-16.

PURSUANT to the requirements of Section $\check{2} 22$ 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 UNDE.. TARIFF ACT OF 1922,

MAY 211932 TO MAY 27 1932, INCLUSIVE.

| County and MonetaryUnti. | Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money. |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | 23. | May 24. | May 25. | May 26. | May 27 |
| EUROPE- | \$ |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \$ \\ 139650 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ \\ .139550 \end{gathered}$ | $\stackrel{8}{8}$ |
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| Belgium, bel |  | . .007200 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 140203 \\ & .007200 \end{aligned}$ | + 140119 |
| zecho | . 029675 | . 029675 | . 029666 | . 029670 | . 029672 |  |
| Denmark, krone....- | 200415 | . 200584 | . 200738 | . 200923 | . 200984 | 201038 |
| England, pound sterling | 3.672916 | 3.676583 | 3.678916 | 3.689000 | 3.692166 | 3.683500 |
|  | . 017083 | . 017166 | . 017166 | . 017166 | . 017166 |  |
| rance, fran | . 039474 | . 039472 | 039473 | . 039481 | . 039492 | . 0339486 |
| Germany, reic | . 2383339 | . 237900 | . 237085 | . 23068375 | . 23063855 | . 006290 |
| Greece, drachr | . 00063688 | . 40563135 | . 404789 | . 40535 | . 40542 | 405360 |
|  | . 174225 | . 174700 | 174750 | . 17425 | . 17425 | 174500 |
| ly, | . 051436 | . 051410 | . 051340 | . 0513 | , |  |
|  |  | . 183607 | .183700 | .183776 | . 1117 | 1117 |
| oland, zlot | . 111750 | . 111750 | . 111833 | . 033375 | . 0333 | ${ }_{0} 033375$ |
| Portugal, es |  | . 0333756 | . 0335978 | . 005970 | . 005970 | 005970 |
| m | . 082264 | . 081971 | . 082364 | . 082507 | . 082544 | 052392 |
| veden, kro | . 188784 | . 188000 | . 188107 | . 188430 | . 1859569 | 1889 |
| Switzerland, | . 195810 | . 017750 | . 017735 | . 017750 | . 017750 | 017756 |
| ugoslavia, <br> ASIA- | . 017743 |  |  |  |  |  |
| China- | . 31 | . 3133 |  |  |  | 314791 |
| Chefo |  | . 3112 | . 31250 | . 3129 | . 313 |  |
| Shank | . 315 | . 301875 | . 303125 | . 303750 | . 304375 | 303281 |
| Tjentsin | . 320416 | . 316666 | . 317916 | . 318333 | . 319166 | 318125 |
| Hong Kong | 23437 | . 232812 | .233750 | . 234062 | . 234375 | 23 |
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THE following table indicates the amount of gold bullion in the principal European banks as of May 26 1932, together with comparisons as of the corresponding dates in the four previous years:


## On the Eve of the Lausanne Conference.

With the scheduled meeting of the Lausanne Conference less than three weeks away, and with no indication of agreement among the Powers regarding either the program to be followed or the attitude to be taken toward any of the questions which it has been expected would be discussed, the positions which individual Powers are likely to assume afford about the only indication of what may be looked for in case the Conference finds itself actually able to take any action. The position of Germany, of course, remains unchanged, Chancellor Bruening
having abated nothing of his contention that Germany will not, because it cannot, make further reparations payments. The United States still declines to concern itself with reparations or to allow the issues of reparations and debts to be joined, and there will be, it is understood, not even an American observer at the Conference. The position of France, on the other hand, as not only the largest creditor for reparations but also the most uncompromising opponent thus far of any surrender or serious modification of reparations claims, is particularly important because of the approaching installation of a new Government, while the omission of both reparations receipts and war debt payments from the British budget raises pointedly the question of what the future policy of Great Britain in those matters is likely to be.

Paris dispatches of the past few days have reported a practical agreement in all circles of French public opinion that the new Government, which it is expected will be formed next week, will be headed by M. Herriot. Precisely what combination of parties M. Herriot will be able to effect is not yet clear, but there seems no reason to doubt that the principal differences of opinion which he will have to adjust concern disarmament and the questions which are expected to be debated at Lausanne. On these differences some recent events throw an interesting light.

On May 15 Joseph Paul-Boncour, head of the French delegation at the Geneva Disarmament Conference and the successor of Aristide Briand as the permanent delegate of France to the League of Nations, made a speech which, for some reason that is far from clear, seems to have been taken as indicating a disposition on the part of France to modify its policy regarding disarmament. Speaking at a meeting of French World War veterans at Dijon, M. Paul-Boncour was quoted as saying that "the plan which we have submitted is an adaptation to disarmament of the principles of the protocol of Geneva, which the majority which has just been returned to power is proud of having incorporated in our foreign policy. It does not mean, however, that if, despite our efforts, the world-and especially Continental Europe-does not understand that organization of international security by mutual assistance and international force is the first condition of national disarmament, we must withdraw and wash our hands of any blame for a breakdown of the Conference. If we did that, the breakdown of the Conference would serve in a very short time as an excuse for the rearmament of Germany-that is to say, the definite loss of the clauses of the peace treaty which those who fought are most anxious should be retained. We must measure calmly and without demagogy what reductions are possible in the present state of affairs with those international guarantees we have, and so reach the first stage, which will not give Germany the pretext which one growing party, at least, is waiting for."

It is difficult to see much "conciliation" in M. Paul-Boncour's remarks. France, he declares in substance, will not withdraw and break up the Conference forthwith if it cannot have its way, but its way is nevertheless that of the Geneva protocol, with its guarantees of international force for the protection of any country whose security is threatened, and the continuance of the enforced disarmament of Germany notwithstanding that the nations sur-
rounding it are armed to the teeth. It is the old plea, only somewhat less aggressively phrased, for an international force under the control of the League, without which France will not disarm. That M. Paul-Boncour was not speaking inadvisedly, as far as the attitude of the League is concerned, would seem to be evidenced by the fact that on May 18 the League Council, according to the Geneva correspondent of the New York "Times," "formally approved rules for League supervision of the armies and navies of disputants when war threatens," the rules in question being intended to implement the "Convention for improving the means of preventing war" which the League drew up and submitted to its members some time ago. With the rules adopted, M. Paul-Boncour informed the Council that the Conrention would be ratified by France.
M. Paul-Boncour had also something to say in his Dijon speech about the Lausanne Conference. "At Lausanne," he is quoted by the United Press as saying, "we must consolidate our sense of European solidarity with the incontestable rights of reparations." On the day following his speech the members of the Little Entente (Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Jugoslavia), meeting at Belgrade, were reported to have agreed to adopt at Lausanne the same policy toward reparations as they followed at the conferences at London and The Hague-a policy, it should be observed, which is the same as that of France. Jugoslavia, indeed, has gone farther than France in that it has not formally accepted the Hoover moratorium.

The Dijon speech, it is interesting to note, aroused considerable opposition in France, a number of newspapers of the Left coming out against a continuance of the uncompromising policy of M. Tardieu. The immediate effect has been to widen the breach between M. Herriot and the Socialists, without whose support a Government of the Left will be difficult to form. In a statement given out on May 19, M. Herriot placed himself in line with the Tardieu policies. Not only did he accept the Paul-Boncour position regarding reparations, namely, European solidarity and no compromise that would burden the French taxpayers, but he also approved without qualification the Tardieu proposal of an international force under control of the League, and intimated that the French plan would have to be accepted if armament reduction, which he favored, was to be approved. The Socialist press, on the other hand, has been increasingly demanding not only a large reduction in French arms expenditure as a condition of co-operation in any Government, but a radical change of policy toward the whole subject of disarmament and the relations of France with other nations. Particular point is being made of the fact that the annual military expenditure, according to the calculations of the Senate budget reporter, have increased since 1926 from $\$ 232,000,000$ to $\$ 472$,000,000 , that the deficit for the present year is $\$ 80$,000,000 , and that unless rigid economy or new taxation is resorted to the deficit next year may reach $\$ 240,000,000$. Senator Henri de Jouvenel, speaking at Toulouse on May 21, referred to the hint from the United States that there could be no reduction of debts without a reduction in armaments, and declared that "it is perfectly right that if a country has no money to pay its debts it has no right to spend the taxpayers' money on an armaments race between peoples who have all outlawed war." M. Herriot,
however, has not changed, for only last Monday he declared emphatically, in a newspaper interview, that if he became Premier "he would maintain the imprescriptible rights France derived from the peace treaties and from freely signed engagements," that modifications could not be considered until after the obligation of debts and other undertakings had been recognized, and that he would "seek the perfection and modernization of all means of defense until solid international guarantees of peace were obtained."
It is probable that the omission of reparations and war debts from the British budget had some effect in confirming French opinion, but the British mind has continued to view the future with some anxiety, and a recent incident has revived discussion of what will happen if the Lausanne Conference fails. The agreement with the United States which Great Britain is reported as ready to sign, providing for the payment over ten years, with interest at $4 \%$, of the debt payments which were suspended for one year under the Hoover moratorium, is doubtless to be considered, as Sir John Simon told the House of Commons on Wednesday, as "a formal step necessary to give legal effect" to the moratorium, and one that "implies no decision on a question of principle." The agreement is not without a bearing on a question of principle, however, even though it carries with it nothing properly to be described as a decision. The readiness of Great Britain to pay the $£ 32,000,000$ due for the moratorium year not only evinces a purpose to make the payments whether the German reparations payments are resumed or not, but may also be fairly interpreted as further confirmation that the nation will not repudiate its war debt. Agreements in the same terms have also been accepted by Italy, France and one or two smaller nations, and Germany has likewise agreed to pay on the same terms the reparations due for the moratorium year, but acceptance by France has been accompanied by open expressions of disappointment that Great Britain should have assented, and of fear lest the British should have been "far too precipitate." The "united front" against America which France and some of its Eastern European allies have hoped for has obviously less solidity now than it was thought to promise before Great Britain acted.

It is easy to understand why political and financial opinion in England should fail to put much hope in the Lausanne Conference as far as the debts are concerned, and decline to follow France or the Little Entente in stressing the obligations of the peace treaties. Beyond doing something to mitigate the shock to public opinion of Germany's refusal to pay, it is at the moment doubtful if anything useful will be accomplished. Indeed, there is no certainty that even that much will be done, notwithstanding the likelihood of further financial and business disorders if the Conference merely assembles and adjourns. There is a possibility, of course, that dissensions in Germany may weaken resistance to the demand that may be expected to be made at Lausanne by the creditor Powers, and force a compromise that the Powers can hail as a victory. The violent scene in the Prussian Diet on Wednesday is clear enough proof that the Hitlerites, in Prussia at least, are still a menace to orderly Government, unemployment distress has provoked some mob outbreaks, and there are disquieting reports of differences of opinion between Chancellor Bruening and President von Hin-
denburg, especially over the recent decree providing for the division of the landed estates of the old East Prussian nobility into small parcels for the benefit of the unemployed. The tension between Germany and Poland over the Free City of Danzig and the territory and City of Memel, both of them former German territory, has increased greatly during the past few weeks, and the declaration of a transfer moratorium by Austria is again reported to be imminent. Only a full recognition of the extreme gravity of the European situation, particularly in Germany and Eastern Europe, joined to a spirit of constructive and not irritating compromise, can apparently prevent further calamity. The situation calls loudly for statesmanship of the highest order.

## Suggestions for Revising Pennsylvania Banking Law.

At the thirty-eighth annual session of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, held last week in Pittsburgh, revision of State banking laws was by far the most important topic under consideration. The large number of failures of State banks in the Keystone State during the past year caused leading Pennsylvania bankers to co-operate with the Secretary of Banking, Dr. William D. Gordon, in devising proposed legislation which it is hoped will prevent a repetition of the numerous evils which have cropped out as a result of insolvent banks and trust companies passing into the hands of the Secretary for liquidation.

A very large portion of mismanagement, neglect and defalcations has been discovered among the smaller institutions, not merely in the smaller cities and towns but in the larger cities as well. Incompetency, due to a lack of training and experience, would have barred many of the officers and directors of the little banks from gaining a foothold in a large and well organized institution. Citizens of a small community know each other, which is a strong point in favor of the local unit bank, but, on occasions, they become the prey of some designing neighbor who seeks power for devious purposes. Disclosures reveal that loans were made to bank officials without any security, not even an endorser, and that other loans were made to friends and corporations whose credit was poor, without adequate security. Both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh have contributed to the scandalous developments.

Based upon these revelations which have come under his personal observation, and after consultation with able bankers and lawyers, Secretary Gordon submitted at the Pittsburgh convention recommendations for a draft of a new State banking measure which may help to guide those who desire to strengthen the banking situation in other States.

Among the "dont's" recommended is one prohibiting the purchase of stocks and requiring the sale of any such shares now held within a reasonable period. This proposed restriction would be as drastic as that which is now imposed against life insurance companies in the State of New York. The business of a bank is far different, however, from that of a life insurance company. The greatest function of a bank is to lend money so as to aid industry and trade, and one of the most convenient forms of collateral which may be deposited to secure a loan is stock. When shares are listed at the New York Stock Exchange, and are actively traded in, it is always possible quickly to ascertain the market
value and to estimate their worth as collateral. Even if a listed stock is not active it is usually possible to obtain a bid and ask quotation, from which the current price may be estimated. Corporations whose stocks are listed make annual reports giving many details; they publish periodic returns of earnings, and when they make bond or stock issues the transactions are at once disclosed. Safety might be attained without entirely closing the door, locking and bolting it.

Restrictions are also recommended as to investments in mortgages and loans upon mortgages, fixing a definite ratio which they shall not exceed with reference to capital and surplus for the purpose of maintaining liquidity as well as the avoidance of losses.

Secretary Gordon looks upon affiliated and subsidiary companies with suspicion, regarding them as often being subterfuges whereby loans too often are made to persons who as individuals are not entitled to credit. Holding companies formed to acquire real estate should especially be barred, according to the Secretary.

Recommendation of a strict limitation as to ownership of real estate is made, and if real estate is obtained through liquidation of a loan the owning bank should be required to dispose of it within five years.

In connection with loans or investments by banks, the imposition of penalties and fines is urged sufficiently large to prevent the acceptance of fees, commissions, bonuses or graft in any form by officers, directors, employees, attorneys or agents.

In former years banks and trust companies were content to be housed in substantial buildings of moderate height erected exclusively for their own use, and to prevent what might be extravagance in this respect the Federal Government prohibited National banks from owning real estate which was not needed in their business. The modern skyscrapers surrounding the old-fashioned bank buildings put a new phase on the situation, and on their original sites many banks have reared tall office buildings which are not regarded as violations of the Federal restrictions. State banks and trust companies have put tremendous amounts of surplus into modern office buildings to which nearly every community "points with pride." Such structures when erected near business centers generally prove profitable and have an advertising feature, but in the boom period building of this form of structures outside of business centers and at suburban towns was overdone to an extent which may justify restrictive legislation.

Dr. Gordon suggests a closer co-operation between the Comptroller of the Currency and State Banking Commissioners to prevent an over-supply of banking facilities for any community, a situation which invites danger. He recommends the ratio of the number of banks to the population of a community be fixed.

Withal, it is acknowledged that the human element is the greatest factor in good banking, and without proper management laws can never be made so effective as Legislatures may desire. A good groundwork, however, has been formed for the consideration of the next Pennsylvania Legislature which will convene in January 1933, in regular session.

There are several debatable subjects which Dr. Gordon did not discuss but which are likely to be
raised when a new banking bill reaches a Pennsylvania legislative committee. These are the question of "double liability" of stockholders, that is, an assessment to the extent of the face value of the shares in case of insolvency; stricter regulation of bank mergers before the Banking Department approves a proposed merger, and third, the subject of sanctioning affiliate companies, State charters for which are sometimes procured by National banks, in order to enable the Federal institutions to conduct business indirectly, which is not authorized by the National Bank Act.

Under Federal laws stockholders of all National banks assume an assessment liability, and many States also provide for similar protection for creditors of State banks and trust companies, but there is no provision of the kind in the Pennsylvania statutes. Experience of the past two years has clearly demonstrated the necessity for closer supervision of bank mergers and the subject of creating affiliate corporations is receiving nation-wide attention.

## Wills May Need Revision.

Tremendous shrinkages in incomes and in market values of securities have played havoc with many estates during the past two years.

Many a testator would turn over in his grave if he could take a glance at the tables of quotations of what he regarded as gilt-edged stocks and bonds during the period of his activity in acquiring what he expected would provide a satisfactory income for his loved ones and for the charities and institutions which he desired to care for in his last will and testament. Such well-intentioned benefactors would also be greatly surprised at the long list of common and preferred stocks of substantial corporations which are quoted as paying no dividend or on which the dividends have been reduced.
The United States is often spoken of as the melting pot. During the past two years it surely has been a crucible in which the merits of corporations have been tried out by subjection to a most crucial ordeal.
In view of this unprecedented and wholly unexpected experience it surely is most fitting that testaments which have not yet been probated should receive careful attention. Not only has there been great depreciation in market values of securities, but of real estate. Values of land and buildings have decreased and with this decrease has come naturally a fall in rentals, causing a reduction in principal and income. Not only families, but institutions such as colleges, universities and hospitals and other beneficial organizations are suffering from reduced incomes.

While it is too late to alter provisions now in operation, owing to the death of testators, it is still within the power of individual beneficiaries to make provisions in their own wills which will overcome defects and will insure that the good intentions of their benefactors as to benevolent bequests are carried out in the spirit of the original philanthropists.

When drafting a will it is quite the common practice for one who makes a will to provide for a number of specific bequests and then to bequeath the residue of an estate to a wife or children under the belief that the residue will be ample to provide for the needs of dependents and those who are most dear to the testator. But under present circumstances it
may have occurred that estates have so shrunk in value that after payment is made of specific bequests the residue will have so shrunk that the good intentions of the maker of the will will be thwarted.

This new aspect of affairs would seem to impose a duty upon trust companies, often the repository of wills, to suggest to their clients the advisability of recasting their testaments, making specific bequests to dependents and if advisable providing that they shall also share in the residue. Accurate schedules of assets and incomes from various sources should be prepared and the wills recast upon the basis of present values and incomes. Delay is dangerous.
The value of policies in strong and well managed life insurance companies would seem to be enhanced as such policies are payable in cash and the present buying power of the dollar is greater than usual. Endowment policies now maturing have special value as the proceeds may be invested to great advantage.
Fire insurance policies are most carefully drawn with a purpose of protecting the insuring company as well as the assured. Most of the numerous conditions printed upon the back of such policies in small type are based upon decisions of the courts, one purpose of such stipulations being to avoid putting a premium upon incendiarism. Under present conditions there is a possibility of the owner of a building being overinsured, which might not be to the advantage of the assured.

## Mr. Lisman in Defense of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

lisman corporation.
Editor, Commercial \& Financial Chronicle, New York, May 261932. New York City.
Dear Sir:
Dear Sir:
Referring to comments in the "Chronicle" and other papers on the recent action of the I.-S. C. Commussion in recommending a loan of the
Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the Frisco on condition the Frisco readjust its finances.
Permit me to present an angle of this matter which does not seem to have had adequate consideration.

The Act which authorized the Reconstruction Finance Corporation distinctly provides for the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission on loans to railroads and the J.-S. C. Commission will undoubtedly be blamed in the future for any substantial losses on such loans.
Taking the Frisco matter by itself as it stands to-day, the Commission either had to disapprove the loan as requested and thus precipitate prompt receivership or, approve it in whole or in part, subject to such conditions as they thought proper. According to my understanding it approved of the loan for imminent requirements after discussing the whole subject with the Frisco's officials or other representatives and they put in certain conditions requiring changes of the financial structure of the company in order to properly secure the loan.
mission that the Frisco would not be likely in the future the Commission that the Frisco would not be likely in the future to earn an amount equivalent to its present interest charges The Commission is being blamed for in effect denouncing securities, the issue of which it has authorized within 36 months. Is it fair to blame them for an error of judgment which, after all, was no greater than that of the officials who bought them? It is not the duty of the Commis of the investors who bought them? It is not the duty of the Commission to advise the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the best of its ability-let the
chips fall where they may? chips fall where they may?
It is frequently said that the I.-S. C. Commission has entirely undone
the good work which the Reconstruction Finance Col the good work which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was inThe writer, having been connected with the conception of
struction Finance Corporation and its birth conception of the Reconwas of tremendous importance and likely bangs felt that its creation meanwhile, these benefits have been largely benefit. However, in the poor business with further great decline in earninged of the continuing substantially everybody else, together with the Kreuger railroads and followed by the Insull breakdown; but, worst Kreuger \& Tol collapse fidence engendered by a leaderless vacillating Congress the lack of conThe action of this body in passing through the Congress.
bills like the Goldwaithe Act, absurd taxation House of Representatives the flight of considerable European capital still invested in this country, either by way of bank reserves or securities and no doubt is causing some additional flight of even American capital The Supreme Court has told the I-S.
Rate Case that they must base the I.-S. C. Commission in the Grain at the time such decision is rendered, rather than on previous records. Surely the same principle must apply with equal force to decisions rendered by the I.-S. C. Commission in connection with loans.
The judgment of the I.-S. C. Commission Division on Finance, being composed of four mortals, may be as erroneous now when it compels a financial reorganization of the Frisco, as it was three years ago when it authorized the securities now to be readjusted.
The Commission must take cognizance of the fact that the Frisco appears to have been particularly badly hurt by oil and gasoline pipe lines, by trucks and by the prevailing depression in agriculture, the
possible loss of through business by the acquisition of the St. Louis Southwestern by the Southern Pacific, \&c. All these factors are probably already greatly over discounted in the market price of the Frisco ecur ins. Hed toans, Division 4 while intended the reasonadle benefit of any doubt.
It would hardly seem fair to ask the Commission to give bad advice to the Reconstruction Finance Coıporation in order to be consistent and the status of which had been adversely affected by changed conditions. Of course, all of this has no relevance to the fact that the authorized iate tructure was too low during times when the traffic could have and should have supported higher rates.

Very truly yours,

## The Course of the Bond Market.

With the exception of the United States Government issues, all groups continued uninterruptedly to lose ground during the past week. In practically all cases, the lows of Dec. 17 were broken, and new low records made in Moody's bond averages, which go back to 1919. On Dec. 171931 the price index for 120 domestic bonds ended the day at 62.56 , while on Friday last the index had declined to 59.80 , as compared with 62.09 one week ago. In the depression year, 1920, the lowest point of the monthly price index for 120 domestic bonds was 68.49, which was established in December
The United States Government bonds, after declining sharply on Friday a week ago, rallied on the following day. This past week these issues have alternated in strength one day they would rise, only to decline somewhat on the following day. However, the best prices during the past week were below those of the preceding week. The Reserve banks to a large extent are the most important stabilizing force in the market, although they again reduced their purchases of Government obligations to $\$ 59,000,000$ during the week, from $\$ 81,000,000$ the preceding week. Moody's price average for eight long-term Treasury issues for Friday's close was 96.99 , as compared with 95.72 the preceding Friday (the day on which there was a sharp decline) and 98.58 two weeks ago.

During this past week railroad bonds continued to be uniformly soft, with large losses recorded in even the highest grade railroad liens. There was a marked absence of bids and in many cases there were no bids at all. This caused a somewhat demoralized market. Pennsylvania $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 1965$ sold for 64 last Monday, but by Friday had declined to $531 / 8$, a loss of $107 / 8$ points for the week. On Thursday Erie consolidated prior lien 5 s, 1996, declined $81 / 4$ points to 57 Atlantic Coast Line, Louisville \& Nashville division, 4s, 1952 , lost $85 / 8$ points for the week. Other weak issues were Northern Pacific $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}, 2047$, N. Y. Central $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, 2013 Southern Pacific 41/2s, 1981, and Delaware \& Hudson issues The railroad group continues to set the pace for the market on the decline. Moody's price index for 40 railroad bonds this past week again established record new lows, and ended the week on Friday at 50.21 as compared with 53.22 on

Dec. 17 1931, and 67.42 the low point in 1920, reached in May
Industrial bond prices reflected the lack of any inspiring news from business during the past week. Scattered liquidation brought new lows for amny issues. Oil bonds continued to be relatively steady as recent developments in the trade have been more favorable. Some new lows were made in the motion picture, paper, food, and merchandising groups, and were followed by only slight recoveries National Dairy Products $5 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~s}$, 1948, which is very active, made a new low of 73 , a decline of $61 / 4$ points for the week. Western Electric 5s, 1944, lost $41 / 8$ points for the same period. This group has not gone through the low point of Dec. 17. On Friday the price index for this group stood at 64.15 as compared with 65.21 the preceding week, and 67.33 two weeks ago. However, these bonds are a considerable distance below the 1920 low of 68.04 in December.

Public utility issues were reactionary with the rest of the market, during the week. The declines were most pronounced in the medium and low-grade issues. The obligations of public utility holding companies were particularly soft. This is due in part to the pyramid structure of these holding companies which are dependent upon the subsidiaries maintaining relatively stable earnings. American Power \& Light 6s, 2016, lost $123 / 4$ points and ended the week at $43 \frac{1}{2}$; Utah Power \& Light $5 \mathrm{~s}, 1944$, lost $61 / 2$ points, Texas Power \& Light 5s, 1956, lost $77 / 8$ points, and American Gas \& Electric $5 \mathrm{~s}, 2028$, lost 9 points. This section of the market was active, with a good amount of liquidation in evidence. The price index for this group declined to 67.60 on Friday, as compared with 73.55 for Dec. 17 and 67.16 in December 1029, the low for the year

The foreign bond market lost ground for the week, however, general declines were not as apparent as they were in the week before last. Japanese and Argentine issues continued weak. Australian obligations reacted slightly from their recent recovery Austrian bonds declined in view of the expected transfer moratoirum The Austrian 7s, 1943 sold at $701 / 4$ on Friday, a loss of $121 / 4$ points for the week. United Kingdom issues continued to buck the general declining trend by selling at new high levels on the recovery, The strength of the dollar $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, 1937, is due partly to the indication that they are being purchased by the British Government for the sterling stabilization fund, and partly to purchases by American investors because of the expectation that the bonds will be paid in gold dollars. Moody's yield averages for 40 foreign bonds was $15.16 \%$ on Friday, as compared with $14.70 \%$ one week previously, and $13.98 \%$ two weeks ago
Municipal obligations were relatively stable during the week. The high-grade issues continued firm and in good demand, while the lower grades were subject to small declines. The first part of the week saw the better issues firming up somewhat. Several new municipal issues were floated during the week, with the offers being well taken. The market remained practically unchanged from the preceding week
Moody's computed prices and yield averages are given in the tables below:

*Note,-These prices are computed rom average ylelds on the basis of one ideal bond ( $43 \%$ coupon, maturing in 31 years) and do not purport a show either the average level or the average movement of actual price quotations. They merely ser
movement of yleld averages, the latter being the truer ploture of the boud market.

## Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE-COMMERCIAL EPITOME. Friday Night, May 271932.
Though some improvement in trade appears here and there, it is not marked enough to alter the fact that business, as a whole, is quiet. Special "sales" are being resorted to by retailers to stimulate trade and where they have been properly handled by persistent advertising, there has been a fair degree of success. The demand, however, is still for cheap or moderate-priced goods. Within these restrictions in the Atlantic States summer merchandise has been in good demand. In the Central West retail trade, though not so good as it was at this time last year, is somewhat better than recently. Coal mines in the Central States are opening after a settlement of the wage scale. Lime-stone quarries in Indiana are resuming work to supply the demand for material for public improvements here and there in this country. Wholesale business makes no response to whatever increase there may have been in retail trade, probably because the increase has not been marked enough. Wool has remained dull. So has leather. Shoe manufacturing is still slow. Steel has remained dull and the output is at the rate of only $25 \%$ of capacity. Better things are hoped for the steel business in the last half of the year, perhaps beginning in July. Auto production is increasing. The Ford Motor Co. is now producing 3,500 units each day. The plants of that company throughout the country are running on full time, employing a force of 80,000 men. Petroleum in both Oklahoma and California has been steadier since the United States Supreme Court confirmed the right of Oklahoma to prorate and limit oil production. Production has steadied. Both crude oil and gasoline prices have been more stabilized. Building in this country is still sluggish. In some parts, building of small suburban homes has increased. Lumber has been dull and the output in the Northwest is only $24 \%$ of normal, but new sales, it appears are about $7 \%$ larger than the production. Pine and fir shipments are larger than recently. Copper mines and smelters, owing to abnormally low prices are in many cases, perhaps most, idle. At the Southwest production is small where the mines and smelters are not closed down. Four coal mines in Pennsylvania are closed.
It is still a noticeable feature in the country's wholesale business that retailers are buying only from hand to mouth. This, of course, hurts, but so does some hesitancy on the part of some wholesalers in granting credits. They stand in their own light. Probably, however, in some instances it is a case of "Once bitten, twice shy." The retail turnover has been so slow that collections have been poor. For many, many months past that has been one of the worst features of business in the United States.
Wheat shows some advance for the week in spite of the fall of beneficial rains in the winter wheat belt and also in the Northwest, where the spring wheat crops seem to be doing very well; in spite, too, of a disappointing export demand, though within 24 hours it is said that at Winnipeg about $1,000,000$ bushels of Manitoba wheat has been sold to foreign buyers. In the background is the disappointing winter wheat crop. It may not be over $400,000,000$ to $450,000,000$ bushels, as against $787,000,000$ last year. France has been buying wheat freely of late in Liverpool, and the quota of foreign wheat allowed to French mills has been increased. Drouth has told heavily in the winter wheat section. Rain is still needed. And while in the Northwest the crop outlook is as a rule favorable, some damage is being done in the Dakotas by grasshoppers. Corn has declined slightly, with the weather favorable and the cash demand anything but active. At the same time, country offerings are small. It looks, however, as though the corn acreage this year would be noticeably increased. Other grain has been quiet and rye, with no export demand, has declined 1 to $15 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Provisions have been quiet and more or less depressed. Lard futures fell 12 to 15 points. Cotton has declined about 25 points under the influence partly of a falling stock market, but also because of disappointing budget news from Washington, and the suspension of Hornby, Hemelryk \& Co., of Liverpool, an old house of very high standing. Some of the crop reports about cotton have been favorable, but in the main the cotton belt is too cold at night, so that germination is delayed. At the same time cotton goods are dull, further curtailment plans are
broached and spot cotton has been quiet. Some gray goods, it is stated, have declined $1 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Coffee has dropped 10 to 28 points, largely owing to realizing after the recent steady advance. Raw sugar went to a new low and then steadied, and futures closed practically unchanged for the week. Some think that sugar has discounted the bear news, especially with the price at an abnormally low level. Rubber has been dull and ends 10 to 14 points lower. Hides have declined. Cocoa futures are off 16 to 18 points. Silk is down 6 to 10 points. Silver on some deliveries is 18 points lower
It has been a week of dull, dragging, discouraged stock markets. On the 21st inst., were duller than ever. In bonds, United States Government issues advanced, but domestic corporation and foreign bonds fell. Many foreign bonds dropped to new lows for the present movement. On the 23 d stocks were almost in static with the trading down to 557,500 shares the smallest since Sept. 11931 and next to the smallest since 1925. Net advances and declines were small and just about balanced the monotonous scales. On 24 th inst. prices declined with wheat, cotton and no cheering news from Washington. There seemed to be little more than a Babel-like confusion of tongues. Stocks dropped in many cases 3 to 4 points with an average decline on 50 stocks of nearly two points in rather sharp contrast with their practically stationary position for 10 days previously. Five hundred and sixty-eight members of the Exchange petitioned for an extra holiday on May 28 just before Memorial Day on May 30.
On the 25 th inst., there were general declines in a larger market, the sales being some $1,300,000$ shares. New lows were reached, in many cases, including General Electric, General Motors, American Telephone, United States Steel and American Can, though the net losses were fractional. To-day stocks were lower, with sales of 900,000 shares, with seemingly a prospect of further delay in solving the tax problem, though the trend apparently is favorable to the sales tax as a means of balancing the budget. To-day the dividend on General Electric was reduced. That had been, in a measure, foreseen, but none the less was dreaded. The old rate of 25 cents quarterly was cut to 10 cents and the stock dropped $23 / 4$ points, closing at 10, a new low level. It ended $7 / 8$ under the special stock, which pays at the rate of $6 \%$ a year. It was the first time that it had dropped below the special stock. General Electric threw a shadow over the rest of the market, though it was not altogether clear to everybody why it should. United States Steel declined $13 / 8$ on the common and $21 / 2$ on the preferred, American Can fell $11 / 2$, Auburn 2, Eastman and Santa Fe 2114. Bonds were firm so far as United States Government issues were concerned. Domestic corporation bonds gave way less readily than heretofore but still did give way for the 17 th day in succession. Foreign bonds had a downward tendency.

Electric output of United States for the week ended May 21 was $1,436,928,000$ in preceding week and $1,644,783,000$ in the same week last year according to National Electric Light Association. This is a decrease of $12.7 \%$ from same week last year. Chicago wired that Sears, Roebuck \& Co.'s report for four weeks from April 25 to May 21 sales of $\$ 23,333,220$ against $\$ 30,408,560$ in 1931 period, a decrease of $23.3 \%$. For 20 weeks to May 21 sales totalled $\$ 102$,134,920 against $\$ 129,154,494$ in 1931 period, off $20.9 \%$. Some $75 \%$ of the textile commission houses and mill agencies in the Worth Street district, it is stated will close from tonight until next Tuesday morning. Fall River, Mass. reports that the American Printing Co.'s printing department has started 30 additional printing machines, bringing all their machines in operation compared with the recent operating of only 10 .
Portland, Me., wired that industrial activity remained quiet in Maine. Textile plants, ship yards, machine shops, furniture factories and granite quarries continued to operate on curtailed schedules. Newsprint mills maintained a fair volume of production, but a recession was noted in shoe factories. In Lewiston one woolen mill reported an increase in employment, but a decrease in cotton textile activity and inactivity of three shirt factories. In North Carolina night work is said to have been suspended indefinitely by the Clinchfield, Hart and Fountain mills. Charlotte, N. C., wired May 25 that for the first time this season some mills
are selling a portion of their raw cotton. At Durham, N. C., the Ruth Hosiery Mills are reported on full time, with both day and night shifts. At Gastonia, N. C., the Myrtle Mill is on full time. The management is encouraging the planting of gardens. At Spindale, N. C., all of the textile manufacturing industries of Spindale are reported operating on a part-time schedule. At Greenville, S. C., two of the largest cotton mills there are closing down for 30 days and the others are on short time, with business dull. At Chester, S. C., the Aragon-Baldwin Cotton Mills, Inc., have closed their plant for four weeks. Night operations were discontinued recently and on reopening the plant will run only days. At York, S. C., the Lockmore Cotton Mills are reported on full-time.

Manchester cabled May 24: "Cotton trade unions of Lancashire announce that they will send out this week-end ballot forms to more than 200,000 operatives in the weaving section of the cotton industry to say whether they are prepared to strike on June 11, as a result of the decision of employers to terminate the agreement that has been in effect on wages and hours or whether they are in favor of trade union officials reopening negotiations with employers. The result of the ballot will be made known on June 6." Bombay cabled on the 24th inst. that the boycott on British goods by the natives was increasing. At Lawrence, Mass., operatives in the Wood Worsted Mill, it is stated, accepted a cut in wages of 20 to $25 \%$. At Lawrence, on the 25th, resumption of operations on a small scale commenced last week in the George E. Kunhardt Mill, after a shut down of about two weeks. Only a small number of former employees were called back.

On the 21st inst. New York temperatures were 55 to 79 but there was enough humidity to make the heat seem much greater. The Western States were generally rainless. Chicago had temperatures of 54 to 56 , Cincinnati 64 to 84 and Kansas City 62 to 82. On the 26th inst. New York had a maximum temperature of 85 at $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and a minimum of 65. The average of 75 degrees was 11 degrees above that for 46 years. Boston had 92 degrees; Chicago 76, Cincinnati 86, Cleveland 82, Kansas City 76, Minneapolis 56 and Philadelphia 86. Winnipeg temperatures were 30 to 50 degrees. To-day the mercury in New York marked 66 to 75 or 10 degrees below Thursday's highest and the forecast was fair and cooler for Saturady and fair and continued cool on Sunday.

## Current Business Conditions According to Statisticians

 of the National Industrial Conference BoardDecline in Activity in April Greater Than Seasonal -Gains Shown, However, in Automobile Output and Public Works Construction.Though general business activity declined in April under the level of March by an amount which was greater than seasonal, sizeable upturns were registered in automobile output and in public works construction, says the Conference of Statisticians in Industry, operating under the auspices of the National Industrial Conference Board. In the monthly summary of business conditions issued May 20, the Conference of Statisticians add:
The total volume of business activity during the month was at a level somewhat above the low point of the 1920-1921 depression.
Productive activity on the whole declined under the level of March; total distribution by rail freight also declined. Shipments of merchandise and sales by department stores showed slight gains during the month, aving increased more than seasonally between March and April.
Automobile production increased by more than the seasonal amount, carrying over into April part of the activity of the industry which in recent sineering ordmariy manifested in the first quarter. Building and enincrease in public works showivities. Steel and iron produced and bituminous coal mined declined more than seasonally inon produced and bituminous during the month because of subnormal temperatures in April coupled with low year-end consumers' stocks. Flectric power used declined during April more than usual at this time of the year. Standard cotton cloth production declined sharply, against a normally upward seasonal movement.
The total number of passenger cars and trucks produced in the United States and Canada in April, estimated at 146,600, showed a $15 \%$ increase over output in March, while the usual seasonal upturn in recent years has been $5 \%$. New passenger car registrations in reporting states to date are more than $50 \%$ under a year ago. For the first four months of this year autmobile output was $51 \%$ under production for the same period last year.
The total dollar value of building and engineering construction contract awards in April, as reported by the F. W. Dodge Corporation for 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains, amounting to $\$ 121,704,800$ reflected an $8.4 \%$ gain over activity in March. The increase in total awards was approximately seasonal. Residential construction, amounting in dollar values to $\$ 28,894,700$, declined by $13 \%$ under the amount for March, while the seasonal movement in recent years has been an increase of $9.6 \%$. The estimated area of construction awards declined by $18 \%$ under the
Steel ingot production averaged 47,685 gross tons per day, reflecting a decline under activity in March of $8.7 \%$, the average seasonal movement
in recent years has been a decline of $5 \%$. Pig iron production during the month declined $8.9 \%$ under average daily output in March to an average daily output of 28,430 gross tons; the usual seasonal moyement is a $1 \%$ increase. Unfilled orders with the United States Steel Corporation declined 6\% between March and April to a total at the end of April of $2,326,900$ gross tons. Operations in April were at an average of $22.5 \%$ of capacity as gainst $24.7 \%$ in March and $49.3 \%$ in April 1931.
Bituminous coal output, estimated to total 20,283,000 net tons in April showed a $37 \%$ decline under output in March; the average decline between March and April in recent sears has been $22 \%$. Anthracite shipments increased somewhat in April owing to subnormal temperatures, the total Electric power produced in April, averaging 1.469 million kw harch. week, showed a $3.5 \%$ decline under the level in March, moving downward week, showed a $3.5 \%$ decline under the level in March, moving downward During the first half of May this downward tendency was intensified, although an upward movement was to be expected at this time of the year Production of standard cotton cloth, averaging $51,272,250$ yards per week in April, declined $10 \%$ under production in March, whereas a $1 \%$ increase is seasonal. Sales during the month declined faster than did production to the lowest point on record.
Total distribution of commodities measured by carloadings of rail freight showed a $2 \%$ decline under carloadings in March to an average weekly total of 556,200 cars. Merchandise and miscellaneous loadings, averaging 387,000 cars per week, increased $3.2 \%$. The average movement in recent years of all carloadings in April is about the same as in March; merchandise and miscellaneous shipments have shown an average increase in recent years of $2.6 \%$.
The dollar value of department store sales in April showed a more than seasonal gain over sales in March, increasing $8.5 \%$ as against a normal seasonal gain of $7.1 \%$. As compared with sales a year ago, April transactions were $24 \%$ lower. Prices of department store items on the first of May were about $17 \%$ below those of a year ago, indicating a decline in the volume of turnover as compared with a year ago. Five and ten cent store sales in April declined $3 \%$ in dollar values, while the seasonal movement in recent years was a $2 \%$ increase.

Wholesale prices of commodities in April declined almost $1 \%$ under the average of prices in March to a level $12 \%$ under what they were in April 1931. Prices of hides, leathers, and housefurnishing goods declined more than others. Some signs of stability
and metal products, fuels, and oils.
Commercial failures during the month, totaling 2,816 showed a $4.6 \%$ decline under what they were in March, while liabilities incurred, totaling $\$ 101,069,000$, increased by $7.8 \%$ over their level in March. In recent years the number of failures moved downward by $5 \%$ between March and April, while liabilities also moved downward, to the extent of $7 \%$.
Preliminary estimates of employment in manufacturing industries show a 3\% decline in April under the level for March. Weekly earnings of those employed during the month declined slightly more than $5 \%$; hourly earnings were about stationary; hours worked per week declined $5 \%$. The cost of living declined somewhat,
Taken as a whole, business activity in April showed a falling off from the level in March to a new low for the depression. The welcome but deferred increase in activity in the automobile industry and the sharp gain in public works construction were insufficient to overcome the declines in other major fields of productive activity. More than seasonal increases in consumer purchasing in April and in the freight distribution or merchandise and miscellaneous items during the month gave some relief to a picture of generally downward movements.

## Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Still Small.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on May 14 totaled 517,667 cars, according to reports filed by the railroads with the car service division of the American Railway Association and made public on May 24. This was a decrease of 16,010 cars under the preceding week, 229,390 cars below the corresponding week in 1931, and 411,092 cars under the same period two years ago. Details follow:
Miscellaneous freight loading for the week ended on May 14 totaled 192,563 cars, a decrease of 3,627 cars below the preceding week, 108,864 cars under the corresponding week in 1931, and 174,764 cars under the same week in 1930.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 181,562 cars a decrease of 3,542 cars below the preceding week, 42,690 cars below the cort
Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 28,526 cars, 49 cars below the preceding week, 7,966 cars below the corresponding week last year and 8,958 cars below the same week in 1930. In the Western districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week ended on May 14 totaled 17,912 cars, a decrease of 6,264 cars below the same week last year.
Coal loading totaled 73,543 cars, a decrease of 6,849 cars below the pre ceding week, 37.825 cars below the corresponding week last year, and 61,041 cars below the same week in 1930
Forest products loading totaled 18,797 cars, a decrease of 625 cars below the preceding week, 15,070 cars under the same week in 1931 and 33,992 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.
Ore loading amounted to 2,593 cars, an increase of 400 cars above the week before, but 9,282 cars under the corresponding week last year and 53,513 cars under the same week in 1930.
Coke loading amounted to 3,009 cars, 216 cars below the preceding week 3,540 cars below the same week last year and 6,256 cars below the same week two years ago
Live stock loading amounted to 17,074 cars, a decrease of 1,502 cars below
the preceding week, 4,153 cars below the same week last year and 5,995 the preceding week, 4,153 cars below the same week last year and 5,999 cars below the same week two years ago. In the Western districts alone
loading of live stock for the week ended on May 14 totaled 13,176 cars,
decrease of 3,905 cars compared with the same wreek last year. decrease of 3.905 cars compared with the same week last year. 176 cars, a compared with the same week in 1931 and 1930 .
Loading of revenue freight in 1932 compared with 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 |
| Five weeks in April. | 2,772,888 | 3,757,863 | 4,561,634 |
| Week ended May | 533,677 | 745,740 | 932,346 |
| Week ended May | 517.667 | 747,057 | 928,759 |
| Total | 10,620,104 | 13,894,918 | 16,916,168 |

The foregoing, as noted, cover total loadings by the railroads of the United States for the week ended May 14. In the table below we undertake to show also the loadings for the separate roads and systems. It should be understood, however, that in this case the figures are a week behind those of the general totals-that is, are for the week ended

May 7. During the latter period, a total of only 11 roads showed increases over the corresponding week last year, the most important of which were the Bangor \& Aroostook Railroad, the Norfolk \& Portsmouth Belt Line Raiiway of the Belt Chicago, and the Fort Worth \& Denver City Railway.


## Decrease of $30 \%$ in Wholesale Trade in April As Compared with April 1931 Reported in New York Federal Reserve District.

"April sales of the reporting wholesale dealers averaged $30 \%$ below last year, a larger reduction than has previously been reported to this bank," says the June 1 "Monthy Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which further states as follows:

Sales of stationery, drugs, shoes, paper and silk goods were reduced by larger percentages than in any other month in the period covered by the reports to this bank. Concerns in the men's clothing, jewelry and diamond trades also reported somewhat larger decreases than in the previous month, but sales of hardware and cotton goods showed a sorewhat smaller decline, Association, also declined less from a year ago than in March.

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Merchan decreases from a year previous in all reporting lines, except drugs, stocks
of whicb remained larger than a year ago and silk, the amount of which
was little changed. Collections in April continued on the average to be
somewbat slower than in 1931. somewbat slower than in 1931.

| Commodity. | Chanpe <br> April 1932 <br> Compared with <br> March 1932. |  | Chanoe April 1932 Compared with A pril 1931. |  | Outstandlno March 31 Collected in April. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Net Sales. Sales. | Stock <br> End of <br> Month. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Net } \\ \text { Sales. } \end{gathered}$ | Stock End of Month. | 1931. | 1932. |
| Grocerles | -6.9 | -6.0 | -12.9 | -21.3 | 79.2 | 82.9 |
| Cotton goods |  | -4.0 | - 37.5 |  | 33.3 | 29.8 34.5 |
| Silk goods. | -9.8* | - $3.0{ }^{*}$ | -27.3* | $\underline{-21.0}{ }^{-0}$ | 34.0 56.2 | 34.5 56.1 |
| Shoes. | -35.9 | $-10.7$ | -39.6 | -14.1 | 56.2 46.8 | 33.7 |
| Drugs. | -24.4 | $-2.4$ | -29.0 | -15.2 | ${ }_{31.6}$ | 27.8 |
| Hardware | +17.5 | $-1.3$ | -26.6 | -7.8 | 46.0 | 40.0 |
| Machine too | +26.1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stationery | -16.9 <br> 13.3 |  | -32.1 |  | 76.3 | 62.9 |
| Paper. <br> Diamo | -13.3 -12.5 |  | -34.1 |  | 56.7 | 53.5 |
| Jewelry | -12.5 -9.9 | -2.8 +9.4 | - 55.2 | -30.0 -23.9 | 16.7 | 15.8 |
| Welghted average | -13.1 |  | -30.1 |  | 51.4 | 49.3 |

[^0]Wholesale Price Index of United States Department of Labor Shows Slight Decrease During Week Ended May 21.
The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor announces that the index number of wholesale prices for the week ended May 21 stands at 64.5 as compared with 64.9 for the week ended May 14. Continuing, the Bureau further said on May 25:
This index number, which includes 784 commodities or price series, weighted according to the importance of each article and based on the average prices in 1926 as 100.0 , shows that a decrease of 0.6 of $1 \%$ has taken place in the general average of all commodities fo
May 21, when compared with the week ended on May 14. commodities for the weeks ended April 23, 30. May 7, 14 and 21
index numbers of wholesale prices for weeks of april 23

|  | Week Ended- |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April 23. | 4 pril 30. | May 7. | May 14 | May |
| All commoditles | ${ }^{65.8}$ | ${ }^{65.5}$ | 65.1 | 64.9 | 64.5 |
| Farm products | ${ }_{61.0}^{49.7}$ | 48.8 61.0 | 47.9 60.2 | 47.8 59.9 | ${ }_{59.1}^{47.1}$ |
| Hides and leather products | 74.4 | 73.9 | 73.3 | 73.3 | 72.2 |
| Textile products | ${ }^{56.8}$ | ${ }^{56.5}$ | ${ }_{71 .}^{56}$ | ${ }^{56.1}$ | 55.8 71.4 |
| Fuel and inghting - -ralact | 71.7 80.2 | 72.0 80.2 | 71.7 80.2 | 71.6 80.1 | 79.9 |
| Building materials | 72.2 | 72.4 | 71.7 | 71.7 | 71.8 |
| Chemicals and drugs | 74.5 | 74.4 | 74.0 | 73.7 | 73.6 |
| Houseturnishing goods |  |  |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous. | 64.8 | 64.6 | 64.7 | 64.6 | 64.4 |

Monthly Indexes of Federal Reserve Board-Decrease in Industrial Production Between March and April.
Under date of May 26 the Federal Reserve Board issued as follows its monthly indexes of industrial production, factory employment, \&c.:


FACTORY EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS-INDEXES BY GROUPS AND INDUSTRIES.


## Department Store Trade in New York Federal Reserve

 District During April-Sales Reported 22\% Smaller Than in April 1931.In its June 1 "Monthly Review" the Federal Reserve Bank of New York states that "reporting department stores in Second (New York) District showed April sales $22 \%$ below last year, a slightly larger decline than was reported in March." Continuing the Bank says as follows:

Reductions in sales of New York City and Rochester stores were about the same as the average for tbis district, while the sales in Buffalo, Bridgeport, Southern New York State, and the Capital District were about $27 \%$ smaller than tast year, and even larger declines were reported in Syracuse and northern New York. On the other hand, somewhat less than the average decrease was shown by the Newark, Hudson River Valley and Westchester reporting stores. Sales of the leading apparel stores continued considerably lower than a year ago.
For the first half of May, department stores in the Metropolitan area of New York
as in April
Stocks of merchandise on hand at the end of April, at retail valuation, continued to show substantial reductions from last year. Colifctions during Aptil continued to be slower than in 1931 in all localities except Rochester.


Chain Store Sales in New York Federal Reserve District Declined $11 \%$ in April This Year As Compared with Year Ago.
The New York Federal Reserve Bank in its June 1 "Monthly Review" of credit and business conditions in the Second Federal Reserve District, has the following to say regarding chain store trade:
The April sales of the reporting cbain store systems were about $11 \%$ below 1931, a somewhat larger year-to-year decline than has been reported previously. All groups of chain stores, exceps candy chains, reported greater reductions in sales than in March, and in the case of the candy group the increase was the smallest since last November. In the case of the drug and variety stores, the declibes were the largest in a number of months, while for the 10 -cent and shoe cbsins the declines were larger tban were ever before reported by these types of chains. After allowing for changes in the number of stores operated, the chain organizations generally showed even larger declines in sales per strre than in total sales, as the number of stores has still continued to increase slightly during the past year

| Type of Store. | Percentage Change April 1932 Compared with A pril 1931. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of stores. | Total Sales. | Sales per Store. |
| Grocery | $+0.7$ | -7.3 | - 8.0 |
| Drug. | $\stackrel{+1.4}{+1.1}$ | ${ }_{-8.9}$ | -16.3 |
| Shoe- | -0.9 | -35.7 | -35.2 |
| ${ }_{\text {Candy }}$ Variet | +3.3 +20.9 | -6.8 +1.7 | -15.9 |
| Total................ | +1.6 | $-11.3$ | -12.6 |

Federal Reserve Board's Summary of Business Conditions in the United States-Decline in Industrial Activity and Factory Employment in April.
Stating that "industrial activity and factory employment declined substantially from March to April, although usually little change occurs at this season," the Federal Reserve Board's summary of business conditions in the United States, made public May 26, adds:

Purchases of Government securities by the Federal Reserve banks have continued during April and the first three weeks of May and there has been a considerable growth in the reserves of member banks.

Production and Employment.
Volume of industrial production, as measured by the Board's seasonally adjusted index, decreased from $67 \%$ of the 1923-1925 average in March to $64 \%$ in April. Reductions in activity were reported for many leading industries, with sharp declines at cotton and woolen mills and at bituminous coal mines; in the automobile industry output increased from th low level of March by more than the usual seasonal percentage, and in the
steel industry, where activity had declined from early February to the middle of April, production increased somewhat between the middle of April and the third week of May
declined further between the middle of March andacturing establishments there was a substantial reduction in factory pay rolls. Large of April and employment were reported for the iron and steel, machinery, and textile industries, while the volume of employment in the food and leather industries showed the usual seasonal changes.
Daily average value of building contracts awarded during April and the first half of May, as reported by the F. W. Dodge Corp., showed a seasonal public works and public utilities, while residential building continued at the low level of the first quarter, showing none of the usual seasonal expansion

Distribution.
Freight-car loadings of merchandise showed little change in volume from March to April, continuing at the level prevailing since January, although increases are usual during this period. Sales by department stores increased considerably in April.

## Wholesale Prices.

Wholesale prices of commodities declined from $66 \%$ of the 1926 average in March to $65.5 \%$ in April, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and in the first three weeks of May further decreases in the prices of many leading commodities were reported. Downward movements in textiles, nonferrous metals, and imported raw materials, as well as in most domestic agricutural products except wheat, were offset in part by increases in the prices of coffee, petroleum, and petroleum products.

## Bank Credit.

Further purchases of United States Government securities by the Federal Reserve banks were made during April and the first three weeks in May, and on May 18 total holdings were $\$ 1,466,000,000$. The funds placed in the market through these purchases between April 6 and May 18 were used the extent of $\$ 170,000,000$ in a further reduction of member bank indebted demand for gold from abroad; at the same time member banks accumulated reserve balances considerably in excess of legal requirements. During May the demand for currency, which had declined in April, increased somewhat contrary to usual seasonal movement.
Loans and investments of reporting member banks in leading cities, which had declined continuously until the middle of April, showed little net change between April 13 and May 18. The banks investments increased by nearly $\$ 300,000,000$, chiefly in New York City.
Money rates in the open market continued easy. Rates on commercial paper were reduced about $1 / 2 \%$, to a range of $23 / 4-3 \%$ for prime names, and the offering rate on 90 -day bankers' acceptances, which had advanced to $11 / 3 \%$ in the first week of May, declined on May 11 to the previously prevailing rate of $7 / 8 \%$

## Trend of Employment in United States During April Decreases in Employment and Earnings Reported in 16 Groups by United States Department of

 Labor.The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor reports the changes in employment and earnings in April 1932 as compared with March 1932, based on returns made by 63,421 establishments in 16 major industrial groups, having in April 4,513,853 employees, whose combined earnings in one week were $\$ 93,669,953$. The combined totals of these 16 groups show a decrease of $2.7 \%$ in employment and $5.1 \%$ in earnings. Continuing, the Bureau said, as follows, on May 20 :
Increased employment was reported in eight of these industrial groups. The most pronounced gain was shown in the canning and preserving group in which a seasonal increase of $29.6 \%$ in employment combined with an increase of $18.8 \%$ in earnings was reported: The building construction group reported a gain of $10.7 \%$ in employment and $15.9 \%$ in payrolls,
while the crude petroleum, quarrying and non-metallic mining, and dyeing and cleaning groups also reported substantial gains in both employees and earnings. The increases in employment in the remaining groups-electric railroad operation, retail trade, and laundries-were small. In the eight groups in which decreased employment was shown, losses of less than $1 \%$ in employment were reported in the telephone and telegraph, and the power and light groups, while decreases of less than $2 \%$ were shown in wholesale trade and hotels. Employment decreased $3.6 \%$ in manufacturing, $3.8 \%$ in metalliferous mining, and $4.9 \%$ in anthracite mining. The most pronounced decrease in number of workers ( $12.9 \%$ ) was shown in the bituminous coal mining industry.

## Manufacturing Industries.

Employment in manufacturing industries decreased $3.6 \%$ in April as compared with March, and earnings decreased $7.3 \%$. Per capita earnings of employees in manufacturing industries decreased $3.7 \%$ over the month interval.

These changes are based on reports made by 18,254 establishments in 89 of the principal manufacturing industries in the United States, having in April 2,791,626 employees whose combined earnings in one week were \$52,771,568.
The chemical and the railroad repair shop groups of industries reported increased employment, and the stone-clay-glass products group reported unchanged employment over the month interval. Decreased employment was reported in the remaining 11 groups. Decreased earnings were shown
in each of the 14 groups, with the exception of the railroad repair shop in each of the 14 groups, with the exception of the rail
group in which a small increase in earnings was shown.
group in which a small increase in earnings was shown.
15 of the 89 mployment in April, as compared with March, was shown in 15 of the 89 separate manufacturing industries upon which the Bureau's also reported also reported in 15 industries. The industries reporting gains in payroll, increased were March to April was in the fertilizer industry, while other substantial March to April was in the fertilizer industry, while other substantial gains in employment, largely seasonal, were shown in the beet sugar, beverages, ice cream, brick, butter, locomotive, and shipbuilding industries. The shown in the woolen and worsted goods, steam fittings, forgings, millinery, shown in the woolen and worsted goods, steam fittings, forgin
cottonseed oil, agricultural implement, and radio industries.
In April 1932 12,355 operating establishments in 89 manufacturing industries reported an average of $85 \%$ of full-time operation, this being $1 \%$ lower than the average reported in March 1932.

INDEX NUMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAY-ROLL TOTALS IN
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

| Manufacturing Industries. | Employment. |  |  | Payrcll Totals. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { April. } \\ 1931 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March. } \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A pril. } \\ & 1932 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April. } \\ & 1931 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March. } \\ & 1932 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & A \text { pril. } \\ & 1932 . \end{aligned}$ |
| Food and kindred products | 75.7 | 64.5 | 62.2 | 68.5 | 48.2 | 44 |
|  | 86.6 | 80.2 | 79.8 |  |  |  |
| Slaughtering and meat packing Confectionery Ice cream | 89.4 <br> 78.1 |  | 84.7 | 85.2 90.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 71.3 \\ & 74.8 \end{aligned}$ | 70.3 74.3 |
|  |  | 71.268.3 | 68.6 710 | 73.2 | 59.3 | 74.356.564.3 |
| Confectionery <br> Ice cream | 78.5 87 |  | 71.084.7 | 79.4 84.4 |  |  |
| Flour Baking | 87.9 90.1 | 84.8 |  |  | $71.2$ | 64.3 72.7 |
| Sugar refin | 90.1 83.5 | 83.5 | 74.4 | $83.5$ | 69.7 | 72.7 73.0 |
| Beet suga |  | 26.5 | ${ }_{76.2}^{29.1}$ | $33.9$ | 28.3 | 67.4 |
| Beverages | $\begin{array}{r} 86.3 \\ 106.8 \end{array}$ | 72.3 93 |  |  | 61.5 84.9 | 29.8 65.1 |
| extlles a |  | 93.7 73.4 | 76.2 97.3 | $\begin{array}{r}71.8 \\ 71.4 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 84.955.357.0 | 85.9 |
| Cotton goods | 80.6 77.3 | 75.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 67.9 \\ & 69.3 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 46.248.556.8 |
| Hoslery an | 80.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 81.6 \\ & 58.0 \end{aligned}$ | 79.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 71.4 \\ & 72.9 \end{aligned}$ | 57.0 <br> 62.5 <br> 8.5 |  |
| Silk goods | 80.7 |  | 52.954.0 | 71.9 | 62.538.653.4 | 56.5 34.4 34.4 |
| Woolen and wo | 71.777.2 | 66.5 |  |  |  | 36.437.736.3 |
| Carpets and rugs- |  | 62.485.8 | 58.1 |  | 53.4 41.3 |  |
| Dyeing and finishi | 93.5 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 80.7 \\ & 65.5 \end{aligned}$ | 64.6 90.6 | 72.4 47 47 | 36.3 59.7 |
| Shirts and collar | 75.1 <br>  <br> 8.3 | 60.377.5 |  | $58.2$ | $\begin{aligned} & 47.4 \\ & 41.1 \end{aligned}$ | 36.2 36.8 |
| Clothing, wom |  |  | ${ }_{57.1}^{65.5}$ | 83.8 |  | 54.2 |
| Millinery and lace | 84.4 | 84.3108.1 | 75.8105.2 | 77.7 | 61.9 67.3 |  |
| Corsets and allied | 109.1 |  |  | 121.8 | 95.2 | 58.2 58.7 8.7 |
| Cotton small wares | 104.0 87.9 | 86.6 67.0 | 81.8 | ${ }_{51.6}^{99.6}$ | 70.0 | 59.3 |
| Men's furnish | $\begin{array}{r} 87.9 \\ 77.7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 67.0 \\ & 66.1 \end{aligned}$ | 62.2 61.7 | 66.4 | 51.0 | 40.5 |
| Iron and steel and thelr products, | 74.7 | $61.0$ | 59.1 |  |  |  |
| Iron and steel. | $\begin{aligned} & 76.2 \\ & 60.6 \end{aligned}$ | 61.061.638.1 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 00.4 \\ & 67.3 \\ & 58.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30.2 \\ & 32.8 \\ & 25.4 \end{aligned}$ | 32.0 |
| Cast-Iron |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 59.8 \\ & 35.0 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 29.4 22.9 |
| Structural | 60.6 <br> 74.1 | $\begin{aligned} & 38.1 \\ & 54.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35.0 \\ & 51.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 58.2 \\ & 60.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20.4 \\ & 34.4 \end{aligned}$ | 32.4 <br> 31.2 |
| Hardware |  | 57.643.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 55.9 \\ & 39.2 \end{aligned}$ | 53.644.7 |  |  |
| Steam |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 34.8 \\ & 26.0 \end{aligned}$ | 23.7 <br> 29.4 |
| Stoves. | 62.782.7 | $\begin{aligned} & 51.4 \\ & 68.0 \end{aligned}$ | 51.666.3 | 54.770.970.9 | 30.642.54 |  |
| Bolts, nuts, washers and rivets- |  |  |  |  |  | 29.4 39.2 |
| Cutlery and edge tools. <br> Forgings, iron and steel | $\begin{aligned} & 79.0 \\ & 65.9 \\ & 76.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 74.9 \\ 67.7 \end{array}$ | $75.2$ | $\begin{aligned} & 65.6 \\ & 59.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 55.1 \\ 39.9 \end{array}$ | ${ }^{55.5}$ |
| Plumbers' supplies |  |  | 64.7 |  | $39.2$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32.0 \\ & 37.5 \end{aligned}$ |
| Tin cans and other | 91.1 | $\begin{array}{r} 65.5 \\ 73.4 \end{array}$ | 73.7 | 63.3 |  | 46.0 |
| Tools, not includi |  | 73.2 | 71.8 | 67.2 | 47.4 | 44.3 |
| Wlrework- | 93.2 | 98.1 | 95.2 | 85.6 | 81.8 | 70.9 |
| Lumber and allied Lumber, sawmil | 54.6 51.1 | ${ }_{35.3}^{40.1}$ | 39.6 36.1 | 44.4 40.1 | 24.1 19.9 | ${ }_{20.0}^{23.0}$ |
| Lumber, mill | 55.2 | 40.4 | 38.5 | 47.7 | 25.1 | 24.1 |
| Furniture | 62.2 | 51.8 | 48.4 | 49.7 | 31.4 | 27.5 |
| Turpentine | ${ }_{81}^{61.2}$ | 45.1 | 44.8 | 64.9 | 35.4 | 37.2 |
| eather and | 81.5 | 80.2 | 77.8 | 68.2 | 60.2 | 53.8 |
| Leather | 77.6 | 70.7 | 70.3 | 73.3 | 57.7 | 54.8 |
| oots an | 82.5 | 82.6 | 79.7 | 66.8 | 60.9 | . 5 |
| aper and printi | 92.0 | 84.2 | 83.1 | 93.4 | 76.5 | 74.1 |
| Paper and pul | 82.0 | 77.8 | 76.4 | 75.5 | 61.0 | 57.2 |
| Paper boxes | 82.0 | 73.3 | 72.5 | 82.1 | 65.9 | 63.4 |
| Printing, book a | 91.9 | 80.1 | 78.7 | 92.6 | 71.9 | 69.0 |
| Ptg., newspapers | 107.6 | 101.1 | 100.4 | 110.2 | 95.3 | 94.4 |
| Chemicals and alli | 92.8 | 79.9 | 80.6 | 89.5 | 69.7 | 68,2 |
| Chemicals | 96.2 | 88.9 | 87.7 | 84.1 | 70.9 | 68.0 |
| Fertilizers | 116.4 | 63.9 | 90.0 | 105.4 | 42.7 | 58.2 |
| Petroleum refin | 77.9 | 65.2 | 65.1 | 79.7 | 60.1 | 58.7 |
| Cottonseed oll. c | 54.5 | 46.5 | 41.1 | 52.6 | 45.3 | 40.4 |
| Druggists' prepa | 81.9 | 79.6 | 74.2 | 93.1 | 79.7 | 74.5 |
| Explosives | 104.0 | 77.9 | 75.4 | 84.4 | 56.4 | 51.5 |
| Paints an | 84.2 148.0 | 74.2 143.7 | 72.8 | 84.7 | 65.0 | 62.8 |
| Rayon | 148.0 | 143.7 | 138.8 | 149.8 | 133.1 | 125.6 |
| Soap. | 101.6 | 96.8 | 96.5 | 109.1 | 89.4 | 90.5 |
| Stone, clay | 67.5 | 48.1 | 48.1 | 60.5 | 33.2 | 32.9 |
| Cement | 63.9 | 43.1 | 43.4 | 57.6 | 28.4 | 27.9 |
| Brick, tile | ${ }_{50}^{51.1}$ | 29.5 | 30.9 | 38.5 | 14.2 | 14.9 |
| Potter | 80.6 | 69.2 | 67.7 | 70.6 | 48.4 | 45.1 |
| Glass | 72.9 | 64.9 | 63.2 | 68.1 | 50.8 | 50.0 |
| Marble, granlt | ${ }^{93.7}$ | 52.4 | 53.4 | 91.0 | 40.3 | 41.4 |
| Nonferrous metals \& their prod'ts | 71.8 | 60.6 | 58.0 | 66.8 | 43.1 | 39.9 |
| Stamped and enameled ware | 73.8 | ${ }_{59}^{67.1}$ | ${ }^{65.2}$ | 67.3 | 49.4 | 46.6 |
| Brass, bonze \& copper products | 69.7 | 59.6 | 56.3 | 61.5 | 40.1 | 35.9 |
| Aluminum manufactures | 80.7 |  | 52.7 | 74.7 5.7 | 33.1 | 31.5 |
| Clocks, clock movemen | 61.8 92.8 | 52.0 74.7 | 47.7 72 | 53.3 | 33.1 | 32.4 |
| Gas and electic | 92.8 76.2 | 74.7 64.6 | 72.8 63.7 | 82.4 65.7 | 57.8 | 53.6 43.4 |
| Smelting and refining, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| lead | 77.7 | 66.8 | 64.7 | 83.1 | 45.9 | 44.1 |
| Jewelry. | 52.1 | 43.3 | 40.6 | 43.8 | 31.9 | 27.9 |
| Tobacco manufactures | 82.1 | 72.5 | 70.5 | 69.5 | 55.5 | 52.4 |
| Chew. \& smok, tobacc | 79.8 | 88.9 | 87.0 | 73.9 | 72.6 | 72.2 |
| Cigars and cigarettes_ | 82.4 | 70.4 | 68.4 | 69.0 | 53.4 | 50.0 |
| Transportation equip | 75.1 | 63.3 | 59.4 | 67.5 | 49.0 | 46.2 |
| Automoblles | $\begin{array}{r}76.8 \\ \hline 8\end{array}$ | 65.2 | 60.2 | 68.8 | 49.9 | 45.8 |
| Alrcraft. | 292.9 | 229.9 | 214.3 | 309.0 | 234.5 | 218.8 |
| Cars, electric \& steam rallroad. | 33.2 | 22.8 | 22.0 | 24.6 | 14.8 | 14.1 |
| Locomotly | ${ }^{34.6}$ | 88 | 21.4 | 31.7 | 18.2 | 18.4 |
| Shipbuilding. | 100.3 72.7 | 88.7 | 91.1 | 94.9 | 73.7 | 80.4 |
| Rubber products | 72.7 69.0 | 68.5 65.1 | 67.5 64.9 | 64.1 | 49.8 | 46.7 |
| Rubber tires and inn | 69.0 61.7 | 65.1 59.8 | 64.9 57.3 | 65.1 | 47.7 | 45.4 |
| Rubber boots and sh | 61.7 89.7 | 59.8 83.3 | 57.3 81.1 | 43.9 | 43.4 | 38.3 |
| Rubber goods, other----- | 89.7 | 83.3 | 81.1 | 74.7 | 60.3 | 56 |
| Machinery not including portation equipment. | 76.2 | 58.1 | 55.3 | 64.5 | 39.8 |  |
| Agricultural implement | . 9 | 40.8 | 36.4 | 43.6 | 34.0 | 28.2 |
| Electrical machinery, apparatus and supplies | 86.2 | 69.3 | 65.7 | 78.9 |  |  |
| Engines and water wheels | 76.2 | 51.4 | 48.5 | 66.0 | 33.9 | ${ }_{32.1}$ |
| Cash registers and calculating machines | 83.6 | 75.3 |  |  |  |  |
| Foundry \& mach | 71.4 | ${ }_{53}{ }^{2}$ | 73.7 | 73.2 | 54.5 | 52.3 |
| Machine tools.. | 70.8 | 44.6 | 51.2 40.5 | ${ }_{56.1}^{57.8}$ | 33.1 |  |
| Textile machlnery and parts.-- | 76.9 | 66.1 | 61.3 | 64.8 | 30.1 50.6 | 26.6 43 |
| Typewriters and supplle | 84.2 | 71.4 | 70.6 | 67.0 | 45.8 | 43.5 |
| Radio | 81.8 | 64.1 | 57.3 | 81.0 | 51.1 | 46.3 |
| Raltroad repair sho | 85.3 | 52.5 | 52.9 | 66.0 | 42.9 | 43.3 |
| Electric ratroads | 81.6 | 71.4 | 71.3 | 80.2 | 65.8 | 64.6 |
| Steam rallroa | 64.0 | 51.0 | 51.5 | 64.9 | 41.1 | 41.6 |

## Purchasing Power of Wages Higher Than in Previous Depressions According to Moody's Service.

In an analysis of the behavior of prices, wages and living costs in depressions, issued May 26, Moody's Investors Service points out that wage rates have failed to decline in proportion to the decline in the cost of living. The result has been a net increase in the purchasing power of wage rates. The Survey indicates that not only have wage rates been late in this depression in adjusting themselves to the lower cost of living, but also prices for finished goods likewise have lagged well behind those for raw materials. Although this is the usual course in depressions, nevertheless in the present period the disparity has been greater. The 1921 depression was the closest to the present in this respect, while in the depressions of 1890 and 1907 the adjustment occurred much
sooner. The reason was that wage scales then were much closer to the cost of living, i.e., they afforded labor little more than bare subsistence. The Survey continues:
More recently, the rate of decline in wages has become more accelerated, and another sharp drop will probably be shown in May, due to the cuts in steel and building wages.
However, the wide area between living costs and wage rates in recent years, especially when compared with conditions prevailing 20 or 30 years ago, does not necessarily represent a permanent maladjustment which will ments toward labor since the war promises that the gains in real wages since ments toward abor since the war promises th
The Survey concludes that, "the less artificial resistance is shown to depressionary influences in various prices and rates for goods and labor, the more favorable are the conditions for recovery."

## United States Department of Labor's Survey of Building

 Operations in United States-Decrease Reported in Cost of New Residential Buildings While New NonResidential Buildings Show Increase.Reports of building permits issued have been received by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor from 351 identical cities of the United States having a population of 25,000 or over, for the months of March 1932 and April 1932. The estimated cost of all buildings for which permits were issued in these 351 cities in April 1932 was $\$ 54,489,287$. This was $19.3 \%$ more than the estimated cost of building operations in these cities during the month of March 1932. The number of permits for all building operations increased $28.3 \%$ comparing these two periods. Comparing permits issued in April 1932 and March 1932, there was a decrease of $4.4 \%$ in the number and a decrease of $9.6 \%$ in the indicated expenditures for new residential buildings. New non-residential buildings increased $41.0 \%$ in number and $38.1 \%$ in estimated cost. Additions, alterations and repairs increased $29.6 \%$ in number and $18.6 \%$ in estimated cost. During April 1932 3,211 family dwelling units were provided in new buildings. This is a decrease of $12.8 \%$ as compared with March. The Bureau's survey issued May 20 also says:
Various agencies of the United States Government awarded contracts during March for buildings to cost $\$ 11,665,731$. This valuation was higher tban for either March 1932 or April 1931.
Comparing permits issued in 343 identical cities in April 1932 and April 1931, there was a decrease of $68.2 \%$ in the number and a decrease of $79.4 \%$ in the cost of new residential buildings. Non-residential buildings decreased $42.5 \%$ in number and $62.6 \%$ in estimated cost. Additions, alterations and repairs decreased $19.0 \%$ in number and $45.5 \%$ in indicated expenditures. Total construction decreased $34.4 \%$ in number and $66.6 \%$ in estimated cost.
Permits were issued during April 1932 for the following important building projects: In the Borough of Manhattan for a theatre to cost $\$ 4,500,000$; in Philadelphia for two school buildings to cost nearly $\$ 3,500,000$; in Grand Rapids for a public library to cost nearly $\$ 900,000$; in Baltimore for a gas holder for a public utilities corporation to cost $\$ 440,000$; in Austin, Tex., for an office building for the State Highway Department to cost over $\$ 400,000$; contracts were awarded by the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, for a post office at Terre Haute to cost $\$ 439,000$; in Detroit for a building at the Marine Hospital to cost nearly $\$ 400,000$ in Washington, D. C., for an addition to the Library of Congress to cost in Baton R, in Baton Rouge for a post office to cost over $\$ 300,000$.
ESTIMATED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS IN 351 IDENTICAL CITIES, AS
SHOWN BY PERMITS ISSUED IN MARCH AND APRIL 1932 BY GEOGRAPHIO DIVISIONS.

| Geooraphic Ditiston. | Cutes. | New Residental Buldings. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ${ }_{\text {Estimated }}$ Cost. |  | Families Prooldea for in New Dwellings. |  |
|  |  | March 1932. | pril 1932. | March 1932. | April 1932. |
| New England | 5370922538353838 | \$1,011,173 | \$1,411,099 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 324 \\ & 729 \\ & 396 \\ & 303 \\ & 307 \\ & 386 \\ & 766 \end{aligned}$ |
| East North Central:- |  | 1,566,066 | 2,178,313 |  |  |
| West North Central |  | - 91674.100 | 退 |  |  |
| South Central - |  | 1,837,907 | 1, 886,545 |  |  |
| Mountain and Pacific |  | 2,917,357 | 2,417,873 |  |  |
| Total | 351 | \$13,918,575 ${ }^{\text {\$ }}$ \$12,583,937 ${ }^{\text {9,6 }}$ |  | 3,682 | $\begin{array}{r}3,211 \\ -12.8 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Geographic Dtotston. | Cuttes. | New Non-RestdentalBundithnseEstimatedCost Cost. |  | Total Construction(Including Alterationsand Repatrs). and Repairs).Estimated Cost. |  |
|  |  | March 1932. | April 1932. | March 1932. | Aptil 1932. |
| New England | 53 | \$851,845 | \$1,187,766 | \$3,052,350 | \$4,538,251 |
| Middie Atlantle | 70 | 3,814,569 | 11,808,233 | 11,958, 533 | 19,021.166 |
| Enst North Central- | ${ }_{25}^{92}$ | 5,065,463 | ${ }^{1}, 3747,241$ | - | $8,286,583$ $3,139,137$ |
| South Atlantle- | ${ }^{38}$ | 2,254,164 | 6,664,684 | 5,070,980 | 9,213,222 |
| South Central -a-ific | ${ }_{38}$ | 4,134,047 | 1,986,684 | 8,602,344 | 5,771,701 |
| Total. <br> Per cent of change | 351 | \$21,833,891 | $\left\|\begin{array}{\|c} \$ 30,148,826 \\ +38.1 \end{array}\right\|$ | \$45,668,115 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 54,489,287 \\ +19.3 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |

## Retailers Earned $\$ 3.08$ on Every $\$ 100$ in Merchandise

 Sales, According to Fairchild's.For every $\$ 100$ of merchandise sold during the past year retail merchandising corporations made a net profit of $\$ 3.08$,
according to Fairchild's Fifth Annual Financial Summary of wholesale and retail textile-apparel corporations. During 1930 these same retail corporations situated throughout the country earned $\$ 3.79$ on sales of $\$ 100$.
The summary, which lists the principal income account and balance sheet figures of more than 200 corporations in the textile-apparel field, shows that combined net sales of retail organizations were lower last year by $9.12 \%$, net profits were down $25.99 \%$, and inventories were off $13.10 \%$.

Panama Canal Tolls in April Smallest Since 1923Transits and Daily Average Receipts Higher Than in Preceding Month.
During the month of April 1932, 370 commercial vessels and seven small non-seagoing launches under 20 tons measurement transited the Panama Canal. Tolls on the commercial vessels aggregate $\$ 1,608,634.67$, and on the launches, $\$ 48.78$, or a total tolls collection of $\$ 1,608,683.45$, it was stated in the "United States Daily" of May 20, which added: The daily average of commercial vessels was 12.33 , and the daily average
tolls collection was $\$ 53,621.16$, as compared with an average of tolls collection was $\$ 53,621.16$, as compared with an average of 11.71 transits and $\$ 53,076.35$ in tolls for the previous month, and an average of 15.10 transits and $\$ 67,144.97$ in tolls for April 1931. The average amount of tolls paid by each of the commercial transits was $\$ 4,347.66$, as compared with $\$ 4,446.69$ for the month of April 1931.
Although traffic showed an increase of seven transits in comparison with the previous month, the collection of tolls was almost $\$ 37,000$ lower, and was the lowest monthly tolls collection since February 1923. The daily average of tolls collected in April 1932, however, was slightly higher than the daily average for the 31-day month preceding
In comparison with the first 10 months of the fiscal year 1931, the corresponding period this year has had 888 fewer transits and $\$ 3,445,413.06$ with the first 10 ot this pear he had 1,415 fewer transits and $\$ 5,357,814,28$ less tolls, his year has 1,415 decreases of $27.1 \%$ and $23.5 \%$, respectively.

## Annalist Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

The "Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices declined further to a new low of 88.5 on May 24, compared with 88.7 on May 17 and 101.0 a year ago. Continuing the "Annalist" says:

Of the individual commodities that went lower, the more important were hogs and lambs, beef and veal, cotton goods and gasoline. A new low was made by copper. Wheat, steers, cotton, coffee, flour, zinc and leathec, on the other hand, were higher.
THEANNALIST WEEKLY INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (1913=100)

|  | May 241932. | May 171932 | May 261931. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Farm products. | 66.8 | $\times 67.0$ | 87.1 |
| Food products | 91.8 | 92.0 | 108.2 |
| Textile products. | 270.4 | $\times 70.6$ | 95.6 |
| Fuels.- | 133.9 | 135.4 | 125.0 |
| Metals. | 95.8 | 95.8 | 102.3 |
| Building material | 107.7 | 108.0 | 119.1 |
| Chemicals_ | 96.2 | 96.2 | 99.8 |
| Miscellaneous. | 82.5 | 81.3 | 85.8 |
| All commodities. | 88.5 | 88.7 | 101.0 |

x Revised. z Provisional.

## World's Wholesale Commodity Price Level Sags.

Wholesale commodity prices dropped again in March, as compared with February, according to reports from 12 of the 19 foreign countries studied by the Commerce Department's Division of Economic Research. April indexes so far received indicate that further slight price declines have occurred, said the Department under date of May 12, its advices adding:
There were a large number of moderate price drops in non-food products, the report stated. Because of a slight weakening in the price of several groups of food products which had remained relatively steady in February, a slightly larger number of the food groups declined in March also, but the number of advances was about the same as in the preceding month.
The sharpest rise in wholesale commodity prices occurred in Chile, which registered a jump of $8 \%$, while the largest deoline was noted in British India, a fall of $3 \%$. In no other country did the change equal $2 \%$.
Prices of cereals and miscellaneous farm products in Chile rose 16 and $19 \%$, respectively. Vegetable product prices in Poland, Peru and Latvia advanced from 5 to $6 \%$. Other rises in prices of food were small.
Vegetable products in France, animal products in Germany and Italy rose 2 to $3 \%$; while smaller rises, ranging from 1 to $2 \%$, were shown in prices of vegetable food products in Germany and Sweden, cereals in the United Kingdom, animal products in Canada, and in all foods in Belgium and Austria.
The sharpest drop in prices of goods occurred in animal products in Denmark, a fall of $11 \%$, while prices of these products fell $6 \%$ in Chile, and from 7 to $8 \%$ in Latvia and Poland.
Other food price declines were as follows: Tea in British India, $3 \%$; animal products in France and Sweden, 5 and $4 \%$, respectively; cereals in British India, $3 \%$; animal foods in Spain, $2 \%$; agricultural products in Finland, $1.3 \%$, and vegetable foods in Denmark, $1 \%$.
Of the non-food groups, raw cotton in British India dropped the sharpest of the commodities showing falling prices, registering a slump of $16 \%$ in March. The price of rubber in France and Belgium fell 13\%, and that of oilseeds in British India, 12\%.
Other price declines exceeding $5 \%$ were as follows: United Kingdorn,
metals and minerals other metals and minerals other than iron and steel, $9 \%$; wool, $7 \%$; textiles, other than cotton and wool, $6 \%$. France : hides and skins, $6 \%$. In British
India, jute manufactures, $7 \%$.

Prices of non-ferrous metals and their products in Canada, metal products and hides, and leather in Belgium and Germany, and of raw jute and cotton manufactures in British India dropped from 3 to $5 \%$.
Declines of from 2 to $3 \%$ occurred in the prices of pottery, chemical products and building materials in Belgium; cement, lime, brick and glass in Norway, and in pulp and papar in Sweden.
Price declines ranging from 1 to $2 \%$ occurred in non-metallic minerals and their products, and chemicals and related products in Oanada, coal in in Belgium, and building materials in Germany

## Consumption of Coal by Class I Railroads and Electric

 Power Plants Shows Further Declines in MarchCoking Coal Consumed in April at By-Product Plants Also Lower.According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, consumption of coal by class I railroads and electric power plants in the United States during the month of March 1932 fell off $15.3 \%$ and $19.7 \%$, respectively, as compared with the corresponding month last year. The total amount of coal charged into by-product ovens during April 1932 declined $39.7 \%$ from the same month in 1931. The Bureau's statement follows:
STEAM RAILROADS

The total consumption of coal by class I railroads in the month of March amounted to $6,470,155$ net tons, as against $5.910,712$ tons in the shorter by 4.897 tons, or $2.4 \%$, than in February. Compared with the figure for by 4,897 tons, or $2.4 \%$, than in February. Compared with the figure for March a year ago, however, there was an average decrease of $15.3 \%$ for
the country. This decline from the 1931 record was most evident in the Southern, Southwestern and Central Western regions. In the count in the east of the Mississippi, extending south through the Pocahontas region consumption was well within $15 \%$ of that in March a year ago.
Consumption of Coal by Class I Railroads in Road-Train and Yard-Switching Service, as Reported by the Inter-State Commerce Commission

| Rallroad District. | Number of Roads Reporting. | Net Tons Consumed. |  | Decrease. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mar. 1932 | Mar. 1931 | Net Tons. | P.C. |
| New Englan | 11 | 252,798 | 285,487 | -32,689 | -11.5 |
| Great Lakes | 27 | 1,278,360 | 1,430,792 | -152,432 | $-10.7$ |
| Central Eas | 25 4 | $1,704,893$ 346,357 | $1,986,543$ 403,507 1,463, | -281,650 | -14.2 |
| Southern | 23 | 1,083,743 | 1,363,842 | - 587.150 | - 14.2 |
| Northwestern | 17 | 793,598 | 897.526 | -103.928 | -11.6 |
| Central West | 21 | 763,172 | 939,142 | -175,970 | -18.7 |
| Southwest | 28 | 247,234 | 334,684 | -87,450 | $-26.1$ |
| Total | 156 | 6,470,155 | 7.641,523 | -1,171,368 | -15.3 |

## ELECTRIC POWER UTILITY PLANTS

The latest complete figures for the 986 electric public utilities reporting cover the month of March. Total consumption of coal at these plants The daily rate for March was lower by $2.1 \%$ than that for February. pared with consumption by this group in March a year ago there is a decrease of $19.7 \%$. The figures in the column at the right of the table below indicate the regions that shared most heavily in this decline.
Consumption of Coal by Electric Power Plants in the United States, as Reported by the United States Geological Survey.

| Consuming Region. | Numberof Plants. | Net Tons Consumed. |  | Decrease. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Mar. 1932 | Mar. 1931 | Ne .Tons. | P.C. |
| New England | 62 | 160,383 | 222,641 | $-62,258$ | -28.0 |
| Middle Atlantic | 150 | 1,043,695 | 1,191,583 | -147,888 | -12.4 |
| Ohio -......- | 85 37 | 290,961 | 359,539 | -68,578 | -19.1 |
| İlinots-Indiana | 37 116 | 132,180 505,095 | 177,453 653,412 | $-45,273$ -148.317 | - 22.5 |
| Lower Missouri Valle | 164 | 194,221 | 246,502 | - | -21.2 |
| Lake Dock Territory | 117 | 130,208 | 168,658 | -38,452 | -22.8 |
| Southeast | 158 | 188,687 | 281,135 | -92,448 | -32.9 |
| Southwest |  | 52,015 | 55,086 | -3,071 | -5.6 |
| South Rocky Moun | 97 | 33,022 | 45,187 | -12,165 | $-26.9$ |
| North Rocky Moun Pacific........... |  | 8,093 | 9,474 | -1,381 | -14.6 |
| Pacinf |  |  | 190 | -190 | -100.0 |
| Tot | 986 | 2,738,558 | 3,410,860 | -672,302 | -19.7 |

## BY-PRODUCT COKE PLANTS.

The total quantity of coal charged into by-product ovens in the month of April amounted to $2,723,522$ net tons, as against $3,023,359$ tons in March. The average dally rate-a better measure for comparison than the total-was $6.9 \%$ lower than in March and $39.7 \%$ below that in April a year ago. As indicated by the figures in the table below, this decrease in med in the country.
Consumption of Coking Coal at By-Product Plants, as Reported to the Bureau of Mines.

| Consuming Reolon. | Number of Plants. | Net Tons Consumed. |  | Decrease. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Apr. 1932 | Apr. 1931 | Net Tons. | P.C. |
| New England | 5 | 181,201 | 210,929 | -29,728 | -14.1 |
| Middle Atlantl | 14 | $1,130,689$ 304643 | $1,846,790$ 588,929 | -716.101 $-284,286$ | $\begin{aligned} & -38.8 \\ & -48.3 \end{aligned}$ |
| Southern Michig | 7 | 379,149 279,149 | 295,814 | - 2816,665 | - -5.6 |
| Illinols-Indiana | 14 | 332,737 | 771,963 | -439,226 | -56.9 |
| Lower Missouri Valley | 1) | 114,076 | 128,357 | -14,281 | -11.1 |
| Lake Dock Territory | 13 | 335,282 |  | -273,722 |  |
| Mountain and Pacif | 3 | 45,745 | 61,742 | -15,997 | $-25.9$ |
| T | 86 | 2,723,522 | 4,513,528 | -1,790,006 | -39.7 |

## National Fertilizer Association Reports Wholesale

 Prices Slightly Lower During Week Ended May 21.During the week ended May 21 the wholesale price index of the National Fertilizer Association declined three fractional points. During the preceding week the index declined four fractional points, while two weeks ago the index de-
clined six fractional points. A month ago the index stood at 61.9, while a year ago it was 70.7. The index number 100 is based on the average for the three years 1926-1928. The Association also said as follows, on May 23
Eight of the 14 groups listed in the index declined during the latest week. The group of miscellaneous commodities was the only group that
advanced. The declining groups were fats and oils, fertilizer advanced. The declining groups were fats and oils, fertilizer materials, foods, grains, feeds and livestock, fuel, textiles, metals and chemicals and drugs. With the exception of the groups of fats and oils and fertilizer materials the declines in the other groups were relatively small.
During the latest week 17 commodities showed price advances and 36 commodities showed lower prices. During the preceding week 14 commodities showed price advances and 44 commodity prices were lower. Included in the list of commodities that advanced during the latest week were cotton, burlap, cottonseed oil, flour, apples, corn, wheat, cattle, fuel oil and coffee. Among the commodities that showed lower prices were lard, butter, eggs, potatoes, rice, hogs, steel, pig iron, copper, wool, potash materials, calskin, rubber and gasoline.
the index are shown in the table below: the
WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-BASED ON 476 COMMODITY

| Per Cent Each Group Bears to the Total Index. | Group. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pre- } \\ & \text { ceding } \\ & \text { Week. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Month } \\ & \text { Ago. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } \\ & \text { Ago. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23.2 | Foods | 61.0 | 61.6 | 62.3 | 74.0 |
| 16.0 |  | 63.5 | 63.8 | 61.6 | 60.4 |
| 12.8 | Grains, feeds and livestock..- | 42.2 | 42.5 | 45.7 | 62.6 |
| 10.1 | Textiles | 43.1 | 43.3 | 47.0 | 61.6 |
| 8.5 |  | 60.1 | 60.0 | 60.6 | 69.5 |
| 6.7 | Automobiles_-.-.............- | 87.7 73.0 | 87.7 73.0 | 89.2 | 88.4 |
| 6.2 | Metals. | 71.1 | 71.3 | 72.9 71.8 | 80.8 77 |
| 4.0 | House furnishing g | 80.0 | 80.0 | 71.2 | ${ }_{92} 7$ |
| 3.8 | Fats and oils. | 37.2 | 38.3 | 41.8 | 56.3 |
| 1.0 | Chemicals and drugs | 87.8 | 87.9 | 87.9 | 88.8 |
| . 4 | Fertilizer materials. | 68.3 | 70.0 | 71.1 | 80.8 |
| . 4 | Mixed fertilizers | 71.9 | 71.9 | 73.3 | 84.8 |
| . 3 | Agricultural implements ...- | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 95.4 |
| 100.0 | All groups combined. | 60.6 | 60.9 | 61.9 | 70.7 |

## Production of Electricity Declines $\mathbf{1 2 . 7} \%$

The production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Saturday, May 21, was $1,435,731,000$ kwh., according to the National Electric Light Association. The Atlantic seaboard shows a decrease of $9.9 \%$ from the corresponding week last year, and New England, taken alone, shows a decrease of $14.0 \%$. The central industrial region, outlined by Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Milwaukee, registers as a whole a decrease of $16.4 \%$, while the Chicago district alone shows a decrease of $13.6 \%$. The Pacific Coast shows a decline of $9.2 \%$ below last year.
Arranged in tabular form, the output in kilowatt hours of the light and power companies for recent weeks and by months since the beginning of 1932 is as follows:

| Weeks Ended. | 1932. | 1931. | 1930. | 1929. | $\begin{aligned} & 1932 \\ & \text { Under } \\ & 1931 . \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan. | 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. ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ | 1,588,967,000 | 1,687,160,000 | 1,825,959,000 | 1,717,315,000 | 6.7\% |
| Feb. 6 | 1,588,853,000 | 1,679,016,000 | 1,781,583,000 | 1,726,161,000 | 5.8\% |
| Feb. 13. | 1,578,817,000 | 1,683,712,000 | 1,769,683,000 | 1,718,304,000 | 6.2\% |
| Feb. 20 | 1,545,459,000 | 1,680,029,000 | 1,745,978,000 | 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 |  |
| 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 | 1,480,208,000 | 1,689,407,000 | 1,722,587,000 | 1,679,589,000 | 10.3\% |
| Apr. Apr. | 1,465,076,000 | 1,647,078,000 | 1,7 | 1,6 | 11.9\% |
| Apr. 16... | 1,480,738,000 | 1,641,253,000 | 1,733,476,000 | 1,696.543,000 |  |
| Apr. 23. | 1,469.810.000 | 1,675,570,000 | 1,725,209,000 | 1,699,822,000 | $12.3 \%$ |
| Apr. 30-. | 1,454,505,000 | 1,644,437,000 | 1,698,389,000 | 1,688,434,000 |  |
| May | 1,429,032,000 | 1.637,296,000 | 1,689,034,000 | 1,698,492,000 | 12.7\% |
| May ${ }^{14}$ | 1,436,928,000 | 1,654,303,000 | 1,716,858,000 | 1,704,426,000 |  |
| May 21. | 1,435,731,000 | 1,644,783,000 | 1,723,383,000 | 1,705,460,000 | 12.7\% |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Months- } \\ & \text { January } \end{aligned}$ | 7,014,066.000 | 7,439,888,000 | 8,021,749,000 |  |  |
| February | 6,518,245,000 | 6,705,564,000 | 7,066,788,000 | 6,850,855,000 | 6.1\% |
| March. | 6,781,347,000 | 7,381,004,000 | 7,580,335,000 | 7,380,263,000 | 8.2\% |

Decrease of $4 \%$ Reported in Factory Employment During April as Compared with March by Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank-Delaware Factories also Show Decrease.
Factory employment, payrolls, and operating time in Pennsylvania showed exceptionally large declines from March to April. The number of wage earners dropped $4 \%$ and wage payments $10 \%$, according to reports to the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank by 818 manufacturing plants, employing about 240,000 workers, whose weekly payroll in April amounted to over $\$ 3,800,000$. Total weekly employeehours of 591 plants also decreased $10 \%$ as compared with March. The Bank also says in its survey issued May 16:

All manufacturing groups covered by the bank's indexes reported more than usual reductions in employment and payrolls. The largest declines
stone, clay and glass products. Of the 51 industries represented, only five had more workers and larger payrolls in April than in March; among these were ship and boat building, stoves and furnaces, engines and pumps, women's clothing, and coke; there were also a few of those that reported increases in wage payments.
This decline was widespread, affecting virtually all industrial areas the Reading-Lebanon, Johnstown, wilkes-Barre, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Scranton, Erie, and Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton sections. The Altoona region alone showed gains in employment and payrolls, while factories around York reported an increase in employment but a small decline in wage payments.
7The employment index number, at $65 \%$ of the $1923-25$ average, was $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ lower than in April 1931, and the payroll index, at 42, was $41 \%$ lower than a year ago. Both indexes in April reached the lowest level in the past 11 years. Except for occasional variations, the trend in factory employment and payrolls has been sharply downward in the past two years. Since the middle of 1930 this trend has been more acute in payrolls than in employment, and the spread between the two has been growing wider. This divergency may be attributed largely to a fairly continuous curtailment of operating time and to reductions in wage rates which are reflected in the total of wage earnings.
their pare factories report a drop of over $1 \%$ in employment and $8 \%$ in their payrolls and operating time from March to April. Of the nine manufacturing grous, metal products and transportation equipment alone declines gais in the sharpest declines occurred in the chemical and leather and rubber products industries.

FACTORY EMPLOYMENT, WAGE PAYMENTS AND EMPLOYEE-HOURS IN PENNSYLVANIA
Prepared by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia in co-operation with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry and the United States Bureau of Labor Statlstics.
(Index numbers are percentages of 1923-1925 average which is taken as 100.)


* Figures from 818 companies representing 51 industries. $p$ Preliminary figures. $x$ These percentages are computed from figures of 591 companies representing 47 Industries.
FACTORY EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE PAYMENTS IN DELAWARE. Prepared by Department of Research and Statisties of the Federal Reserve
Bank of Philadelphia.



FACTORY EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE PAYMENTS BY CITY AREAS. Prepared by Department of Research and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Bank

| (Clity areas are not restricted to corporate limits of cities olven here.) | Employment. |  |  | Payrolls. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April Indexes | Per Cent Change Since |  | April Indexes | Per Cent Change Since |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March } \\ & 1932 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1931 . \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March } \\ & 1932 . \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{1021}$ |
| Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton | 57.7 | $-2.5$ | -19.0 | 36.3 | $-10.4$ | -40.5 |
| ${ }_{\text {Altoon }}$ | 60.5 66.3 | +8.2 +4.3 | -26.8 -25.1 | 39.2 42.2 | +3.2 <br> -10.6 | - 48.6 |
| Harrisbu | 67.3 | -1.2 | -23.0 | 50.7 | -2.5 | - 39.8 |
| Hazleton-P | 71.1 | -7.4 | -9.9 | 46.2 | -8.9 | -30.7 |
| Johnstow | 50.0 | -2.0 | -32.8 | 25.6 | -15.2 | -62.2 |
| Lancaster | 65.3 | -1.5 | -13.9 | 37.7 | -5.5 | -43.1 |
| New Castl | 39.4 | $-1.3$ | -35.5 | 21.3 | -9.4 | -59.0 |
| Philadelphia | 66.9 | -6.3 | $-16.8$ | 52.0 | -11.7 | -31.7 |
| Pittsburgh | 57.7 | $-4.6$ | $-17.3$ | 29.6 | -11.4 | -50.7 |
| Reading-Leb | 76.0 | $-4.3$ | -8.9 | 47.3 | -16.0 | -32.0 |
| Scranton | 49.5 60.3 | -11.0 -3.4 | - 40.4 | 43.0 | $-11.0$ | -39.4 |
| Sunbury | 60.3 | $-3.4$ | -15.5 | 40.3 | $-5.0$ | -30.2 |
| Williamspo | ${ }_{64.1}^{82.0}$ | -0.9 | -18.1 | 54.7 47.6 | -12.9 | -36.2 |
| Wilmington. | 87.4 | -1.9 | -5.3 | 73.4 | -4.2 | -18.0 |
| York | 74.7 | +1.8 | -15.1 | 53.7 | -0.6 | -27.0 |

## Retail-Food Prices in Buffalo Decreased $6 \%$ from April 15 to May 15 According to University of Buffalo.

The index of food prices in Buffalo computed monthly by the Bureau of Business and Social Research of the University of Buffalo showed a decrease of $6 \%$ on May 151932 from April 15, and was $17 \%$ below the level of May 151931. "The decline was general in character," said the Bureau of May 20, "although dairy products and miscellaneous items, with declines from the preceding month of $10 \%$ and $8 \%$, respectively, were more severely affected than the other groups.'

The figures below show the cost in Buffalo to an average family of a year's supply of the 41 articles included in the list only, and do not represent the total cost of food for a family:

|  | May 151931. | April 151932. | Mail 151932. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dairy products | \$91.92 | \$81.77 | \$73.77 |
| Meat products ${ }_{\text {Grocery }}$ | 73.23 117.09 | 59.45 107.05 | 57.18 103.39 |
| Miscellaneous. | 33.01 | ${ }_{29.94}$ | 127.48 |
| Total. | \$315.25 | \$278.21 | \$261.82 |

Business Activity in Indiana During April as Viewed by Bureau of Business Research of Indiana Univer-sity-Changes in Trade and Industry During Past Three Months Reported as Mostly Seasonal.
General business activity in Indiana continued to mark time during April" says the current "Indiana Business Review," compiled by the Indianapolis division of the Indiana University Bureau of Business Research and published by the Fletcher American National Bank of Indianapolis. It continues as follows:
During the past three months, most of the changes in trade and industrial volumes have been of seasonal nature. The rate of decline in commodity prices has been showing up and credit conditions are more sound than at any other time in mederal Reserve System ha omace more money in circulation with the hope that it will find its way into productive channels, stimulate buying, and thue increase commodity prices. Many business men feel that this program has better prospects of prices. Many business men feel that $t$ succes mills in the Colum aid plan.
during any other month in ret district operated on lower schedules than requirements went to mills in the Detroit Most of the increased automotive idle pending settlement of the strike called on ative mines continued to operate and were able to take care of the light demand for Indiana coal. Limestone industry has been increasing operations since the middle of February, but the April increase was less than seasonal. Automobile and auto accessory production continued far under normal. Furniture industry reported reduced operations with most of industry on part time schedules.
Reports from over 325 representative firms indicate that employment declined $3.0 \%$ during April to a point $19.5 \%$ under a year ago. Indiana employment deciined about $9 \%$ during the first four months of this year. Shorter hours and lower wage rates have caused payrolls to decline much more than the number of persons employed. Manufacturers of textile products decreased employment about 3.8\% during April. Building trades employment continued at an extremely low lever with the Indiana building ndex showing construction $73.5 \%$ under normal.
Department store situation continued to be full of cross-currents with very little change noted for the State as a whole. Hardware sales (in dollars) were estimated $22 \%$ under a year ago and $40 \%$ under April 1930. New car
sales (based on deliveries during April) made more than the usual seasonal
gain to a point $55.7 \%$ under normal. A leading manufacturer sold many cars for future delivery and these deals will not show up in the new car sales totals until time of delivery.

Lumber Orders Exceed Low Production by But $1 \%$. Despite rigorously curtailed current production, lumber orders received at the mills during the week ended May 21 exceeded the cut by but $1 \%$, it is indicated in telegraphic reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from regional manufacturers associations covering the operations of 660 leading hardwood and softwood mills. Production of these mills amounted to $127,030,000$ feet and new business called for $127,932,000$ feet. Shipments, 130 ,266,000 feet, exceeded the cut by but $3 \%$. A week earlier 660 mills produced $126,060,000$ feet with orders $13 \%$ above and shipments $19 \%$ above the cut. The lumber movement for the latest week may be compared with that for the same period a year ago through identical mills figures, which show: for softwoods, 434 mills, production $44 \%$ less, shipments $43 \%$ less, and orders $43 \%$ less; for hardwoods, 163 mills, production $45 \%$ less, and shipments $43 \%$ less, and orders $51 \%$ under the volume a year ago.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended May 21 1932, by 486 softwood mills totaled $117,829,000$ feet, or $1 \%$ above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were $118,274,000$ feet, or $2 \%$ above production. Production was $116,517,000$ feet.

Reports from 193 hardwood mills give new business as $10,103,000$ feet, or $4 \%$ below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were $11,992,000$ feet, or $14 \%$ above production. Production was $10,513,000$ feet. The Association's statement further reports as follows:

Unfilled Orders.
Reports from 416 softwood mills give unfilled orders of $367,388,000$ feet, on May 21 1932, or the equivalent of nine days' production. Tris is
based upon production of latest calendar year-300-day year- and may based upon production of latest calendar year-300-day year- and may
be compared with unfilled orders of 500 softwood mills on May 23 1931, of $677,993,000$ feet, the equivalent of 14 days' production.
The 386 indentical softwood mills report unfilled orders as $363,455,000$ feet on May 21 1932, or the equivalent of 10 days' average production, as compared with $622,264,000$ feet, or the equivalent of 16 days' average
production, on similar date a year ago. Last week's production of 434 production, on similar date a year ago. Last week's production of 434
identical softwood mills was $110,695,000$ feet, and a year ago it was 198 , identical softwood mills was $110,695,000$ feet, and a year ago it was 198 ,915,000 feet; shipments were respectively $112,893,000$ feet and $199,357,000$; and orders received $111,025,000$ feet and $195,152,000$. In the case of hardwoods, 163 identical mills reported production last week and a year
ago $8,763,000$ feet and $15,852,000$; shipments $10,194,000$ feet and 17 ,ago $8,763,000$ feet and $15,852,000$; shipments 10,
881,000 ; and orders $8,557,000$ feet and $17,482,000$.
West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle the following new business, shipments and unfilled orders for 216 mills reporting for ing new business, shipme

NEW BUSINESS. | Domestic cargo | Feet. | UNSHIPPED ORDERS. | SHIPMENTS. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Domestic cargo | Feet. | Coastwise and Feet. |  |  |




Total_..... $\overline{59,876,000} \mid \overline{162,273,000}$ Total_......1 Total ....... $\overline{60,185,000}$ Production for the week was $58,132,000$ feet. Southern Pine,
The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that foz 122 mills reporting, shipments were $6 \%$ below production, and orders $2 \%$ above production and $9 \%$ above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to $25,053,000$ feet, (previous week $24,591,000$ at 118 mills); shipments $23,079,000$ feet, (previous week $26,922,000$ ); and production $24,665,000$ feet, (previous week $23,872,000$ ). Orders on hand at the end of the wes reported a decrease in production of $29 \%$, and in ago.
of $28 \%$, as compared with the same week a year ago

## Western Pine.

The Western Pine Association reported from Portland, Ore., that for 122 mills reporting, shipments were $2 \%$ above production, and orders $3 \%$ above production and $5 \%$ below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to $31,025,000$ feet. (previous week $40,155,000$ at 123
mills); shipments $32,707,000$ feet, (previous week $35,654,000$ ); and promills); shipments $32,707,000$ feet, (previous week $35,654,000$ ); and pro-
duction $31,939,000$ feet, (previous week $31,291,000$ ). Oiders on hand at duction $31,939,000$ feet, (previous week $31,291,000$ ). Orders on hand at mills reported a decrease in production of $51 \%$, and in new business a decrease of $48 \%$, as compared with the same week a year ago.

## Northern Pine.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers of Minneapolis, Minn., reported production from seven mills as $1,603,000$ feet, shipments $1,494,000$ feet and new business $1,234,000$ feet. The same number of mills reported a decrease of $70 \%$ in production and a decrease of $60 \%$ in new business, compared with the same week a year ago.

## Northern Hemlock.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 19 mills as 178,000 feet, shipments 809,000 and orders 641,000 . The 18 identical mills reported production $91 \%$ less and new business $53 \%$ less than for the same week last year.

Hardwood Reports.
The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 174 mills as $9,870,000$ feet, shipments $10,925,000$ and new business $8,877,000$. The 145 of $53 \%$ in orders, compared with the same week of 1931.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 19 mills as 643,000 feet, shipments $1,067,000$ and orders $1,226,000$. The 18 identical mills reported a $75 \%$ decrease in production and a $28 \%$ de
with the corresponding week a year ago.

Review of Paper and Pulp Industry for First Quarter of 1932-Total Production Reported $7 \%$ Below First Quarter Last Year.
At the end of the first quarter of 1932 the trend of paper production in the United States showed a moderate upward movement and according to identical mill reports to the Statistical Department of the American Paper and Pulp Association, the total production for the three months was $7 \%$ below that of the corresponding period in 1931. The Association's survey issued May 24 adds:

The trend of total pulp production was moderately downward and the first quarter total production was $5 \%$ below the level of the same period last year. Imports of the major grades of pulp increased substantially, ofid did not sureased materially over 1931 and in the case of bleached sulphite and kraft, were larger than in 1930
The inventory position in nearly all the major grades of paper showed improvement over a year ago and the total of all grades was about $6 \%$ implow the level of March 1931. Inventories of domestic manufacturers of bleached sulphite, kraft and soda pulp were materially below the level of a year ago.
COMPARATIVE REPORT OF OPERATIONS BY IDENTICAL MILLS FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH
PAPER REVIEW FOR THREE MONTHS IN 1932 AND 1931.

| Grade. |  |  | Producton. | Shipments. | Stocks <br> End of <br> Month. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Newsprint. | March | 1932 | 100,034 | 94,282 | 38,677 |
|  | February | 1932 | 87,157 | 86,638 | 32,925 |
|  | January | 1932 | ${ }_{71}^{94,247}$ | 94,550 71260 | 32,406 39.512 |
|  | March | 1932 | 61,323 | 71,260 68,698 | 39,449 |
| Paperboard. | January | 1932 | 64,773 | 66,233 | 42,956 |
|  | March | 1932 | 155,160 | 153.253 | 58,074 |
|  | February | 1932 | 144,950 | 145,936 | 56,167 |
|  | January | 1932 | 138,814 39,774 | 140,570 41,258 | 57,153 40,368 |
| Wrapping | Mebruary | 1932 | 38,447 | 39,935 | 41,852 |
|  | January | 1932 | 40,096 | 40,641 | 43,340 |
| Bag | March | 1932 | 12,468 | 12,570 | 5,879 |
|  | February | 1932 | 12,393 | 12,476 | 5,981 |
|  | January | 1932 | 11,540 | 11,429 | 6,064 |
|  | March | 1932 | 26,582 | 26,059 | 44,821 |
| Writing. | February | 1932 | 25,246 | 25,429 | 44,230 |
| (Cover specialties) | January | 1932 | 25,701 | 26,676 | 44,413 |
| Tissue....-.-.-.-- | March | 1932 | 6,831 | 7,081 | 7,554 |
|  | February | 1932 | 6,959 | 6.663 | 7,804 |
|  | January | 1932 | 7.920 | 7,426 | 7,508 |
|  | March | 1932 | 1,278 | 1,314 | 3,604 |
| Hanging. | February | 1932 | 1,915 | 1,710 | 3,640 |
|  | January | 1932 | 1,996 | 2,342 | 3,435 |
| uilding. | March | 1932 | 5,070 | 5,043 | 3,112 |
|  | February | 1932 | 4,091 | 4,033 | 3.085 |
|  | January | 1932 | 3,314 | 3,859 | 3,027 |
|  | March | 1932 | 18,096 | 16,666 | 16,606 |
|  | February | 1932 | 14,928 | 15,966 | 15,176 |
|  | January | 1932 | 14,417 | 15,546 | 16,214 |
| Total, all grades.- | March | 1932 | 436,616 |  | 258,207 |
|  | February | 1932 | 401,277 | 407,484 | 250,309 |
|  | January | 1932 | 402,818 | 409,272 | 256,516 |
| Total, all grades .- 3 months |  |  | 1,240,711 | 1,245,542 | 258,207 |
|  |  | 1931 | 1,336,626 | 1,333,873 | 273,999 |

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PULP REVIEW FOR THREE MONTHS IN 1932 AND 1931.

| Grade. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pro- } \\ & \text { duction. } \end{aligned}$ | Used. | Shipped. | Stocks <br> End of <br> Month |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Groundwood. | March | 1932 | 74,143 | 70,651 | 1,488 | 60,388 |
|  | February | 1932 | 66,362 | 64,543 | 1,373 | 58,384 |
|  | January | 1932 | 73,563 | 71,275 | 747 | 57,938 |
|  | March | 1932 | 28,878 | 28,664 | 499 | 6,008 |
| News grade sulphite- | February | 1932 | 26,220 | 26,206 | 438 | 6,293 |
|  | January | 1932 | 26,959 | 26,815 | 409 | 6.717 |
|  | March | 1932 | 21,607 | 20,357 | 1.528 | 2,542 |
| Bleached sulphit | February | 1932 | 19,741 | 17,785 | 1,717 | 2,820 |
|  | January | 1932 | 18,101 | 16,554 | 2,138 | 2,581 |
| Easy bleachingsulphite...- | March | 1932 | 1,664 | 1,527 | 246 | 1,312 |
|  | February | 1932 | 1,986 | 1,937 | 250 | 1,421 |
|  | January | 1932 | 2,537 | 2,108 | 301 | 1,622 |
| Mitscherlich sulphite. | March | 1932 | 5,679 | 3,222 | 2,229 | 1,834 |
|  | February | 1932 | 4,556 | 3,064 | 1,932 | 1,606 |
|  | January | 1932 | 4,481 | 2,137 | 2,576 | 2,046 |
| Sulphite (total all grades) | March | 1932 | 57,828 | 53,770 | 4,502 | 11,696 |
|  | February | 1932 | 52,503 | 48,992 | 4,337 | 12,140 |
|  | January | 1932 | 52,078 | 47,614 | 5,424 | 12,966 |
|  | March | 1932 | 26,427 | 19,806 | 5,495 | 3,928 |
| Kraft | February | 1932 | 25,571 | 20,304 | 5,379 | 2,802 |
|  | January | 1932 | 24,648 | 20,182 | 5,003 | 2,914 |
|  | March | 1932 | 15,716 | 13,419 | 2,284 | 2,481 |
| Soda -..............-- | February | 1932 | 15,499 | 12,642 | 2,776 | 2,468 |
|  | January | 1932 | 15,584 | 12,919 | 2,896 | 2,387 |
|  | March | 1932 | 386 | 314 | 48 | 340 |
|  | February | 1932 | 565 | 400 | 46 | 316 |
| Other grades. | January | 1932 | 498 | 441 | 36 | 197 |
| Total, all grades -- | March | 1932 | 174,500 | 157,960 | 13,817 | 78,833 |
|  | February | 1932 | 160,500 | 146,881 | 13,911 | 76,110 |
|  | January | 1932 | 166,371 | 152,431 | 14,106 | 76,402 |
| Total, all grades . . 3 months 1932. Total, all grades ..... 3 months 1931. |  |  | 501,371 | 457,272 | 41,834 | 78,833 |
|  |  |  | 529,769 | 477,791 | 52,238 | 69,689 |

Establishment of Wheat Quota at Ottawa Economic Conference Not Favored by Manitoba Farm Interests.
Winnepeg advices May 18 to the Montreal "Gazette" said: Establishment of a wheat quota at the Ottawas Imperial Economic Conference would not be in the best interests of wheat producers, althougb sale of western wheat is of the utmost importance. This was the chief of six points agreed upon to-day at a conference of Manitoba agricultural
interests called by Premier John Bracken to formulate Manitoba's views for submission to the Dominion Government prior to the conference. Other points agreed upon were:
Stabilization of exchange is important:
Wider markets are necessary for all varieties of Canadian farm produce; An Empire intelligence marketing board is desirable;
Wilder facilities should be provided for the distribtuion of British films
throughout Canada. throughout Canada;
Canadian delegates at the Imperial Conference should be asked to give preference to British goods most needed by Canadian consumers, such as woolen goods, household articles, textiles, boots and shoes, seeds and plants. A special committee was appointed to draft the suggestions and instructed to sit in with a conference of representatives of Boards of Trade and industries other than agriculture called for Friday. Findings of both provinces at Regina, June 20, when a submission erence of the four western of Western Canada generlly will be of Western Canada generally will be prepared.

Spain Reported Planning Wheat Imports-Said to Have Approached Branches of Foreign Banks in Matter of Payments.
The following from Madrid May 18 is from the Montreal "Gazette:"
Financial circles said to-day the Spanish Government had approached local branches of foreign banks in an attempt to arrange payment for the contemplated importation of 100,000 tons (about $3,733,000$ bushels) of wheat.
The result of the negotiations was not known, but the Government wants to spread the payment over periods of three, six and nine months, it was understood, the wheat to be bought from Canada, the United States and Bonling
Banking circles said a Government decree ordering the purchase of the wheat, expected soon, would bring Spain's total importations to 200,000 tons, (about $7,466,000$ bushels), but that it probably would be necessary July since the July since the domestic supply is exhausted.

## Votes to End Canada Wheat Bonus.

Canadian Press accounts from Ottawa (Canada), May 10, said:

Without a recorded vote, House of Commons defeated to-day a motion to continue the 5 -cent bonus on export wheat. It also turned down a suggestion that a bonus be based on seeded acreage.

## Third of Saskatchewan's Farms Mortgaged.

Approximately one-third of Saskatchewan's farm lands are mortgaged, according to a report to the Commerce Department from Assistant Trade Commissioner Aylwin Probert, Winnipeg, Canada. The announcement of the Department May 20 also said:
Mr. Probert's report stated that according to figures compiled by R. H. Millikan, of Regina, from titles filed in the land office records of that city in March 1932,31\% of the occupied land of Saskatchewan is mortgaged, $47 \%$ is owned with clear title, and the balance is encumbered by relief liens, mechanics' liens, caveats, tax writs and executions. These figures are based on records of 20 municipalities scattered throughout the province. Total indebtedness of the farmers in these 20 municipalities was $\$ 16$,989.483 , of which $\$ 16,603.404$ was mortgage debts and the remainder relief and other loans. Averaged registered indebtedness against encumbered land was $\$ 9.17$ per acre, and the average registered indebtedness against all was $\$ 4.29$ it was stated.

France Contracts for Danube Wheat-Rumania and Yugoslavia Will Supply $10 \%$ Each of French Needs Blow to American Trade.
Rumania will supply $10 \%$ of France's total annual wheat import needs for the next three years, while Yugoslavia will supply a similar amount under identical decrees published on May 23, it was stated in a Paris cablegram on that date to the New York "Evening Post" which likewise said:
The world price. plus the ordinary duty, will be paid but the difference between the world price and that considered remunerative by exporters is to be refunded up to $30 \%$ of the amount of the duty under the terms of annual agreements between the governments. In return, France receives tariff concessions in both Rumania and Jugoslavakia.

The New York "World-Tclegram" of May 23, with referonce to the above, said:
France, the greatest wheat eating nation in the world and a particularly desirable customer in the world grain markets this year on account of a short crop harvested last autumn, has just concluded a commercial treaty with Rumania under terms of which the Danubian monarchy will supply $10 \%$ of France's wheat needs during the next three years, according to press dvices from Paris to-day.
This move alters to some extent the prospects of United States and Canada for wheat export business with France. France always has bought a portion of its requirements from Rumania, but usually the amount has been considerably under $10 \%$
So far this season Canada has exported a fair quantity of wheat to France as the country raised its quota of permissable foreign wheat in "millers'
blends" of flour from $5 \%$ early in the season to blends of four from $5 \%$ early in the season to a high of $45 \%$ a few weeks
ago. George S. Milnor, manager of the Grain Stabilization Board which ago. George s. Minnor, manager of the Grain Stabilization Board, which holds the Federal Fart for United States to get some in France negotiating but the negotiations fell through.
The French wheat crop this year totaled about $250,000,000$ bushels and it has been calculated that about $60,000,000$ bushels would have to be imported. Per capita consumption of wheat in France averages $71 / 2$ bushels annually, which compares with 4.8 bushels in the United States, 2.3 bushels in Germany and 5.8 bushels in Great Britain.

Ten per cent of $60,000,000$ bushels would mean $6,000,000$ bushels, and in some quarters it was predicted to day that Rumania would not be in good years runs $125,000,000$ bushels.

Associated Press advices May 25 from Kansas City said: The lowest top price for hogs in the history of the Kansas City stock ards, $\$ 2.95$ a hundred pounds, was paid this morning,
The previous low record top was $\$ 2.971 / 2$, paid one day in September 1896. Shortly after the World War, hog prices reached as high as $\$ 23.40$ hundred pounds.

## Portugal Authorizes Importation of Limited Quantity of Wheat.

The Portuguese Government has authorized the importation of 35,000 metric tons of wheat during May and June 1932, according to a radiogram received May 18 in the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache Richard C. Long, Lisbon.

## Sale of Candy Drops Only $10 \%$, but Price at Pre-War Level.

From Atlantic City May 22 a dispatch to the New York "Times" said:
Prohibition, supposed to increase sales; dieting, supposed to reduce it, and depression, an unknown quantity, had no apparent effect on the Wale of candy in this country last year, it was declared here to-night by Walter Hughes, Secretary of the National Confectioners' Association of the United States, on the eve of the organization's annual convention.
The tonnage of candy sold, he explained, decreased only about $10 \%$. but the value of sales, with candy selling for an average of $181 / 2$ cents a tor prices-showed a loss of $45 \%$. of freight rates on candy.

## World Sugar Production Declines Sharply-Decrease in Countries Parties to International Sugar Agree-

 ment.The current sugar season will probably show some depletion in the very large visible stocks that have been accumulating rapidly the last few years, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture, reporting on the world sugar situation. Under date of May 21 the Department added:
The Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimates world beet and cane sugar production in 1931-32 at 28,752,000 short tons, a decrease of $3,225,000$ short tons from the preceding year. This was the smallest crop since 1927-28. Practically all European beet sugar producing countries except Russia expect smaller acreages in 1932 than in 1931, and cane sugar countries which are adherents to the International Sugar Restriction Agreement are planning to continue limiting production as in 1931-32, says the bureau. cane sugar crop.
The decrease in world production this season is accounted for almost entirely by the nine countries-Germany, Czechslovakia, Poland, Hungary, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Cuba, Java, and Peru-which are parties to the International Sugar Agreement. All with the exception of Yugoslavia are mportant sugar exporting countries. Total 1931-32 production in these countries is estimated at $9,848,564$ short tons compared with 12,712286 countries is estimated at $9,848,564$ short tons compared with $12,712,286$
short tons in 1930-31. Germany shows the greatest decrease, with a 931-32 crop placed at 1,734,200 short tons compared with $2,808,076$ the preceding season.
The bureau says that the 1931-32 sugar season opened with the heaviest accumulation of visible world sugar stocks on record, but that "with the indicated decrease in sugar production in 1931-32 it seems likely that stocks will be considerably reduced by the end of the season, provided exports do not fall below the indicated quota.

## Jamaica Loses Sugar Tariff Plea.

According to a Kingston (Jamaica) cablegram May 17 to the New York "Times" Sir R. E. Stubbs, Governor, informed the Legislature that day that he had received a telegram from Sir Philip Cunliffe-Listers, Secretary of State for the Colonies, stating that he and Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, declined to receive a deputation from Jamaica to discuss the British preference tariff on sugar, which is regarded at Jamaica as inadequate.

Yarn and Cloth Business of European Cotton Mills Poor.
The cotton mills of Europe are finding yarn and cloth business poor, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. Mill activity is being maintained at the present rate largely on the basis of orders booked earlier in the year. The Exchange Service under date of May 24 said:
It is not yet clear that this situation is resulting in an appreciable decline in mill operations, but England says that there is some tendency to reduce operations and Germany says that unless yarn and cloth markets improve, curtailment may be extended in some directions in the near future. Buyers are operating almost universally on a hand-to-mouth basis. Export trade is generally less satisfactory than domestic business. Forwardings of American cotton to British and Continental mills this past week were much smaller than in recent previous weeks, but this was doubtless due in large part to holidays in Europe.

Decline in Exports from United States to Orient. Exports of cotton from this country to the Orient have dwindled to small proportions after running phenomenally large most of the season, but forwardings to mills of the Orient have continued large as the heavy exports of past
months have continued to move from Oriental ports to Oriental mills, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. Statistics on consumption by the Orient are now reflecting the actual spinning of these large supplies of the American staple. The Exchange Service May 17, said:

Japan cables that consumption by Japanese spinners is being maintained at a high rate, and will doubtless continue at this level for several months. Sales of yarn and cloth during the past two or three weeks have been above
production, and mill margins are sufficient to warrant a continuance of production, and mill margins are sufficient to warrant a continuance of bigh production of goods.

Report That Japan Plans Rule of Silk Industry-Consolidation of Manufacturer and Elimination of Traders Sought by Japan-World Control Foreseen.
The following from Tokio, May 24, is from the New York "Evening Post"
Startling plans for socialization of the raw silk industry have been announced by the Japanese Government and bills are being drafted for submission to the Imperial Diet, which convened to-day.

The scheme, which proponents argue would place the Japanese Government in control of the silk markets of the world, is divided

First, filatures would be placed under a license system.
Second, silkworm egceards would be handled only by the
Third, all middlemen operating between the reelers and exporters would be bought out and their places taken by a new company to be formed by the Government.

See Winter Passage.
The trade expresses doubt that it all will be ready for submission to the Diet this month. It expects to see introduction of the bill setting up the Dicense system and believes tbat the remainder of the plan, if it keeps out of bureaucratic pigeonholes, will come before the legislature this winter.
Establishment of the license system for filatures would follow much the same lines as the present bank law. This set minimum capitalization for country banks, for small city banks and for big city banks, and insisted that banks must either raise their capitalization to the legal levels or go out of business.
The Government would license the 3,700 machine-equipped fliatures operating at present, but would stipulate that licenses be revoked for all filatures which do not have 100 or more basins by a certain date. The filatures are not in good financial position. This is the part of the plan which seems assured of early enactment into law.

Buy out Traders
At the end of November 1931, there were 40 raw silk traders in Yokohama who were not exporters and 26 in Kobe. There were also eight traderexporters in the two silk cities. The Government argues that these men have been losing money and that the good will of their businesses cannot be worth much. Accordingly, it would buy them out and prevent them, by law, from ever setting up as silk traders again.
To take their place, it would set up a company with $100,000,000$ yen capitalization, the money to be supplied half by the Government and the remainder by the reelers and the trade a 5 dividend.
The company would operate as a commission house, but would be under no control as to when, where or at what price it sold the silk entrusted to its care. Reelers who held shares in it would be expected to market all
Reference to the abandonment by Japan of the silk control plan was made in these columns April 30, page 3179 and a further item bearing thereon appeared in our issue of May 14 , page 3564 .

Raw Silk Export Duty and Tax Removed in China.
To aid the silk industry, the export duty on all raw silk shipped from China and the special tax on all yellow and white silk exported abroad from the Chinese provinces of Kiangsu and Chekiang have been removed with effect from May 18, it is made known in a report to the Department of Commerce from Trade Commissioner A. Viola Smith, Shanghai. The announcement by the Department adds:
The following are the former export duties (stated in Haikwan taels per picul): Silk, raw, reeled from doupions. 7.50 ; silk, raw, white (including re-reeled and steam filature), 15,00 : silk raw, wild (including filature), 7.50 ; silk, raw, yellow (including re-reeled and steam filature), 10.50; silk waste (including cocoon strippings and silk yarn waste), $5 \%$ ad valorem.
The special tax on Kiangsu and Chekiang silk was $\$ 30$ local Cbinese currency per picul, the proceeds of which were used for the Kiangsu and Chekiang silk improvement loan.
(Picul equals $1331 / 2$ lbs. Haikwan tael varies with the prices of silver; at present, approximately $\$ 0.34 \mathrm{U}$. S.)

Break in Cotton at Liverpool with Suspension of Hornby, Hemelryk \& Co.
A cable dispatch from Hornby, Hemelryk \& Co. of Liverpool was read from the rostrum of the New York Cotton Exchange on May 26, announcing their suspension of payments. It said:

Regret that, although solvent, we feel it our duty to suspend payments."
Hornby, Hemelryk \& Co. are members of the Liverpool Cotton Exchange, the New York Cotton Exchange and the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange. Members of the last Exchange were notified that all contracts with the firm must be closed as provided in the by-laws of the Exchange.
Liverpool advices May 26 to the "Wall Street Journal" said:
A bad break in the market here for American cotton followed suspension of payments by Hornby, Hemelryk \& Co., cotton brokers established n 1875. July cotton at Liverpool opened at 4.81d. a pound, broke to 4.10

considered it solvent, but directors feared that the liquid assets were insufficient to meet further market differences. Hornby, Hemelryk \& Co. are members of the New York Cotton Exchange, but the firm's ofices are at Liverpool.

The same paper reported the following from London: Hornby, Hemelryk \& Co. is one of the largest firms of raw cotton merchants and brokers in Liverpool. It is understood that the difficulties which led to the firm's suspension of payment arose through its financial position on the Continent, where it was unable to make collections. It is fully expected here that the firm will be in position to meet all liabilities.

## Opening of Fall Rug Lines at Unchanged Prices.

Spring prices on rugs and carpets were reaffirmed in New York on May 23 by manufacturers opening Fall lines, according to the New York "Times" of May 24, from which we also quote as follows:
Attendance at the opening was light compared with previous years, but buyers expressed greater confidence in the stability of prices and indicated that they would be ready to make commitments later in the week. The producers' action in adhering to Spring quotations and selling terms,
store store representatives said, would overcome the uncertainty felt by the
trade when it was first announced that some of the mills would wait until Aug. 1 before showing Fall patterns.
The added emphasis on high-lighted patterns in low-end axminster, velvets and other rug weaves was the outstanding feature of the opening. These types were shown in a snall way at the last opening, but this season practically every producer stressed the weave by which a "washed" effect is imparted to rugs through the use of varying shades of yarn.
A majority of the mills, headed by the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company, Inc., held official openings yesterday. These included A. \& M. Karagheusian, Inc., Karastan Rug Mills and the Parker-Wylie Carpet Company, showing products of the Parker-Wylie Manufacturing Company, the Alva Carpet and Rug Company and the Artloom Rug Mills.
W. \& J. Sloane, selling agents for Alexander Smith \& Sons Carpet Company, the Pennsylvania Carpet Company, the Firth Carpet Company and other mills showed new rug patterns, although their regular Fall showings are scheduled for August.

In its issue of May 26 the same paper stated:
Floor coverings buyers, visiting the market to view fall lines at the trade opening now in progress, are purchasing limited amounts of merchandise for immediate delivery. A nurber of store representatives went home yesterday morning, spending only one day in canvassing the market. Those who departed early, however, plan to return in August, when the second opening is scheduled, and will place commitments for Fall needs at that time. Orders yesterday consisted chiefly of calls for low-end axminster rugs in high-lighted patterns.

## Activity in the Cotton Spinning Industry for April 1932.

The Department of Commerce announced on May 20 that, according to preliminary figures compiled by the Bureau of the Census, $31,945,750$ cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on April 30 1932, of which $23,409,246$ were operated at some time during the month, compared with $24,818,008$ for March, 25,189,748 for February, $25,013,750$ for January, $24,637,864$ for December, 24,860,684 for November and 26,668,536 for April 1931. The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was $5,194,900,425$. During April the normal time of operation was $253 / 4$ days (allowance being made for the observance of Patriot's Day in some localities), compared with 27 for March, 24 2-3 for February, $251 / 2$ for January, 26 for December and $241 / 4$ for November. Based on an activity of 8.93 hours per day, the average number of spindles operated during April was $22,591,680$, or at $70.7 \%$ capacity on a single shift basis. This percentage compares with 90.1 for March, 92.5 for February, 84.5 for January, 79.3 for December, 85.8 for November and 94.1 for April 1931. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 163 . The total number of cotton spinning spindles in place, the number active, the number of active spindle bours and the average hours per spindle in place, by States, are shown in the following statement:

| State. | Spinning Spindes. |  | Active Sptndle Hours for Aprla. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { In Place } \\ & \text { April } 30 \text {. } \end{aligned}$ | Active Dur- ing | Total. | Arerape per spindle in ptace. |
| Cotton-gro | 19,131,154 | 16,596,850 | 4.121,881.832 | 15 |
| New England St | $\begin{array}{r} 11,470,920 \\ 1,343,676 \end{array}$ | 5,979,474 | 936,784,379 <br> $136,234,214$ | $\begin{aligned} & 82 \\ & 101 \end{aligned}$ |
| Alabama | 1,850,162 | 1,669,396 | 453, 728,931 | 245 |
| Connec | 1,066,936 | 634,912 | 103,444,968 |  |
| Georgia | 3, 9811,530 | ${ }^{2,810,618}{ }_{642}$ | 699,749,126 | 106 |
| Massachuse | 6,175,664 | 3,046,538 | 433,151,654 | 70 |
| Mississipp | ${ }^{210,768}$ | ${ }_{745}^{132,440}$ | 38,355,834 | 82 |
| New Jerse | 1, 1972,380 | - ${ }_{217,128}$ | - $\begin{array}{r}134,505,432 \\ 39296,976\end{array}$ | 106 |
| New York | 626,488 | 315,316 | 49,591,751 | 79 |
| North Carolina | 6,192,322 | 5,273,982 | 1,164,322,201 | 188 79 |
| Rhode Island, | 1,939,402 | 5,271,276 | ${ }_{1,395}^{15,069,536}$ | 245 |
| Tennessee. | 615,444 | ${ }_{5}{ }^{2} 10.168$ | 151,389,990 | ${ }_{24}^{246}$ |
| Texas. | ${ }_{678}^{28,100}$ | 184.270 583.652 | $37,504,769$ 141,108,472 | ${ }_{208}$ |
| All other | 761,830 | 383,686 | 145,739,900 | 126 |
| United Statos | 31,945,750 | 23,409,246 | 5.194,900.425 | 163 |

## Negotiations for German-French-Belgian Rayon Cartel

 Abandoned.Negotiations for the formation of a rayon cartel embracing producers of viscose in Germany, France and Belgium have been abandoned, it is stated, in a report to the Commerce Department from Assistant Trade Commissioner George W. Berkalew, Paris. In anouncing this, May 23, the Department said that according to the report, it is considered possible that negotiations may be resumed in the near future, but there is a likelihood that French and Belgian interests may advance proposals which will further complicate the situation.

## Petroleum and Its Products-Seek Higher Prices for Mid-Continent Crude As Progress Is Reported in Unifying Curtailment Sentiment in California.

Independent producers in the Mid-Continent area are concentrating upon a new effort to boost the price of crude oil 15 c . per barrel, it is reported in Texas. The top price of $\$ 1.00$ per barrel now in force has served to stabilize the market to a great extent, it is pointed out, and there is no reason, according to the sponsors of the new move, why crude should not demand a still higher price as the consuming season reaches its high summer marks.

The Continental Oil Co., of Ponca City, Okla., has taken the initiative in the last two advances, and it is said on good authority that the same company is now considering leading in another advance. Further support is given the move by the fact that curtailment sentiment in California is being unified to a great extent, and that a real co-operative movement is now under way to secure an equitable ruling which would apply to all fields. California crude production mounted to a daily average of 517,481 barrels during April, as compared with 502,449 barrels daily in March. Much of the added production resulted from the completion of 24 new wells.

Proponents of curtailment are now using Government figures to prove that curtailment really adds to the ultimate field recovery, as statistics are now available showing that with unrestrained production, not more than $15 \%$ recovery is realized, while under curtailment regulations recovery reaches as high as $50 \%$ over a stated period.

The situation in Pennsylvania is declared to be satisfactory in a summary prepared by Ralph T. Zook and read at the annual Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Conference held this week. He declared that "consumption of Pennsylvania oil has been greatly increased. Refinery runs, drilling and crude oil production are being regulated to meet market demands, lubricating stocks have been reduced and crude oil inventoried is only sufficient to insure a healthy, working arrangement. Improvement in the oil industry to a great extent will be determined by an advance in general business conditions. The Pennsylvania industry is tied up with the oil products of other parts of the country to a single industry, and in general must share the fortunes of that industry. Its excellent statistical position and regulations assures quick reflection of any improvement in either general business or the oil industry as a whole."
No price changes were reported in any of the producing centers this week
No definite agreements or decisions have as yet been announced as a result of the "world conference" of producing interests now being held in New York.


REFINED PRODUCTS-BELIEVE RETAIL PRICES IN METROPOLITAN AREA WILL BE MOVED UP TO LAST WEEK'S LEVELS-MORE INTEREST SHOWN IN KEROSENE-BOOK-
ING HEATING OIL BUSINESS FOR FUTURE DELIVERY. effective as of last Saturday, May 21, by the Standard Oil Co. of New York throughout New York City, was met by other marketers in this area. However, it was generally believed here yesterday that the prices will revert either to the former levels or will undergo an advance of two or three cents per gallon before the Decoration Holiday business.
The sharp cut brought the tank wagon price down to $6 \frac{1}{2}$ c. for gasoline delivered, while the tank car quotation remained at $63 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. The reduction was brought on by aggravated price-cutting among retailers in different parts of
the city, Ibut,mostipronouncedjini Brooklyn. In that borough some stations had been offering gasoline from seven to eight gallons for a dollar. The action of Socony made eight for a dollar the official price, including the three cent State tax.

Buyers have been operating more freely in the gasoline tank car market, buying ahead at present price levels. There is a strong feeling that the tank car structure will be adjusted upwards in anticipation of further increases in crude oil prices, now being agitated in the Mid-continent area.

Demand for grade C bunker fuel oil has been lagging, but the price has held steadily at the 75 c . per barrel level. Mor interest is being shown in 41-43 water white kerosene, but mostly for future delivery. The price of this refined product still ranges from $51 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. to 6 c . per gallon, tank car at refinery.

Diesel oil business has quieted considerable, and what contracts appear in the market are being closed on the present basis of $\$ 1.50$ per barrel, refinery
Chicago reports indicate that jobbers have been buying heavily this week in anticipation of a good holidy week-end business. Prices hold firm in that territory.

Price changes follow:
May 21. - Standard Oil Co. of New York announces $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. reduction in gasoline tank car prices at Boston and Providence, making new price $65 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. at these points; and $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. reduction at Portland, Me., new price there being 7c.
May 24 .- Standard Oil Co. of Ohio reduced gasoline 1c. a gallon in Hancock County, to meet competitive conditions.


International Oil Conference in New York-Sessions Postponed Until June 1 to Draft New Plans.
The international oil conference seeking to place the industry on a stable basis through adoption of an orderly marketing and production plan, apparently has reached an impasse, although leaders still are optimistic concerning the final outcome. said the New York "Evening Post" of last night (May 27), from which we also quote:
Thus far the conference has split into two groups-the Nationals, consisting of the major oil producers on one hand, and the Russians.
Charles E. Arnott, President of the Socony Vacuum Corp.. who issued the call wnich brought delegates from the four corners of the earth, said to-day no further progress had been made in the conference and that Nationals
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It is reported that the National group has made a definite offer to the Soviet delegates concerning the amount of Russian oil they will take each Soviet delegates concerning the amount of Russian oily they wifrer has not
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When the conferences started last week, daily meetings were held, but When the conferences started last week, daily meetings were hon, buw prior to to-day, there was a meeting on Tuesday and there will be none ow
until next Wednesday. It is believed the opposing delegations, in the until next Wednesday. It is believed the opposing delegations, il more meantime, will attempt to draft plans amo
Representing the Russians are K. Riaboval, Chairman, and Philip Rabinovich and R. N. Friedman. Mr. Arnott heads the National group, which consists of J. B. A. Kessler, joint manager director of the Royal Dutch shell group: R. I. Watson of the Burmah Oil Co., Ltd.: W. Fraser of the Anglo Persian Oil Co. H. F. Sheets, Vice-President of Socony-Vacuum Corp., and J. A. Moffett, Vice-President of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

The conference was referred to in these columns May 21, page 3719 .

## Governor Murray of Oklahoma Restores Martial Law

 in Oil Fields.Associated Press accounts from Oklahoma yesterday (May 27) stated:
Martial law in Oklahoma oil fields, lifted a week ago, has been clamped down again by Governor William H. ("Alfala Eill") Murray to prevent the courts from interfering by injurction with enforcement of proration. Other than to denounce Acting Governor Robert Burns for lifting martial Wilcox Oil \& Gas Co.. a bitter foe of proration, filed a petition in the

Supreme Court seeking a writ of prohibition to restrain the State Corpora-
tion Commission from enforcing proration tion Commission from enforcing proration.
Burns's, late yesterday, Governor Murray rescinded Acting Governor military rule, declaring it was the duty of the Governor to enforce the law Military law, Governor Murray often has declared, is necessary to pre vent setting aside of proration rules by injunction and to maintain the price of crude.

The Governor first invoked it last August.
The lifting of State control over the oil fields was noted in our issue of May 21, page 3720 .

## Crude Oil in Montana Rises to $\$ 1.05$ a Barrel.

From the "United States Daily" we take the following from Helena, Mont., May 24:
An increased demand for crude oil in Montana has sent the price in the Lands and Investments, I. M. Brandjord.
"This is about the highest price commanded for petroleum in the United States," he said.

## Further Decline in Crude Oil Output.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended May 21 1932, was 2,225,350 barrels, as compared with $2,237,400$ barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 12,050 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended May 231931 of 2,437,150 barrels per day, the current figure represents a decrease of $\frac{111,800}{}$ barrels daily. The daily average production east of California for the week ended May 211932 was $1,721,850$ barrels, as compared with $1,717,900$ barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 3,950 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production, by districts:


The estimated daily average gross crude oil production for the MidContinent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West and Arkansas for the week ended May 21 was 1, Texas, North Louisiana pared with $1,359,600$ barrels for the preceding wis barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover of 4,950 heavy oil, was $1,331,050$ barrels, as heavy oil, dec . 4,950 barrels barrels, as compared with $1,336,000$ barrels, a decrease of 4,950 barrels.
current week, compared with the pools in the various districts for the follow:

| Oklahoma- | $\begin{aligned} & \text {-Weeks Ended- } \\ & \text { May } 21 . M a y ~ \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | Southwest Texas- | -Weeks Ended- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bowlegs..... |  | 12,800 | Chapmann-Abbot. |  |  |
| Bristow-S | 11,400 | 11,400 | Darst Creek. | 17,700 | 18,950 |
| Burbank | 11,250 | 11,100 | Lultng | 7,100 | 7,100 |
| Carr City | 11,550 | 11,900 | Salt Fla | 9,550 | 9,350 |
| Earlsboro | 14,450 | 13,950 | North Loutstana |  |  |
| East Earlsbor | 13,550 | 13,050 | Sarepta-Carterville | 0 | 0 |
| South Earisbo | 2,900 | 3,000 | Zwolle | 6,800 | 6,800 |
| Konawa | 5,050 | 4,800 |  |  |  |
| Little R | 19,400 | 17,750 | Smackover, Hght. | 2,950 | 2,950 |
| East Little R | 2,150 | 2,200 | Smackover, heavy | 3,600 | 23,600 |
| Maud. | 2,150 | 2,100 | Coastal Texas- |  |  |
| Misslo | 7,550 | 7,250 | Barbers Hill. | 1,850 | 19,100 |
| Oklahoma | 99,550 | 116,250 | Raccoon Bend | 4,800 | 5,200 |
| St, Louls-Pea | 19,000 | 20,400 | Refuglo Cou | 9,450 | 9,700 |
| Searight | 3,800 | 3,050 | Sugarland. |  | 9,900 |
| Seminole- | 11,600 | 11,450 | Coastal Lout |  |  |
| East Semino |  | ,100 | East Hackb | $2,550$ | $7,650$ |
| Ritz | 12,350 | 13,350 | Wyoming |  |  |
| Sedgwic | 13,050 | 13,150 | Salt Creek | 2,500 | 21,000 |
| Voshell. | 6,250 | 6,400 | Montana |  | 21,000 |
|  |  |  | Kebln-Sunbu | 3,350 | 3,350 |
| Hutchinson Coun | 13,300 | 13,500 | Hobbs HI |  |  |
| North Tezas- |  |  | Balance Lea | 4,050 | 4,400 |
| Archer County | 10,900 | 10,800 | Californta |  |  |
| North Young County | 6,350 | 6,250 | Dominguez | 00 | 31,000 |
| Wilbarger County | 9,900 | 9,800 | Elwood-Gole | 16,800 | 16,600 |
| West Central Texas- |  |  | Hungtinton | 23,700 | 24,300 |
| South Young County | $3,550$ | 3,550 | Inglewood. | 13,600 | 13,800 |
| Crane \& Upton Countle | 22,200 | 22,200 | Long Beach | 56,000 | 81,600 |
| Ector County | 4,400 | 4,400 | Midway-Suns | 49,800 | 50,200 |
| Howard County | 23,450 | 22,100 | Playa del Rey | 18,600 | 18,900 |
| Reagan County | 23,400 | 23,300 | Santa Fe Sprl | 64,000 | 66,500 |
| WInkler County | 31,500 | 31,700 | Seal Beach. | 13,200 | 13,100 |
| Yates- | 66,000 | 65,900 | Ventura Av | 29,600 | 29,900 |
| Balance Pecos County. East Central Texas- |  | 2,700 | Pennsylvan Allegany | 7.200 | 20,00 7,700 |
| Van Zandt County-... | 50,450 | 50,350 | Bradford | 28,750 | 30,700 |
| East Texas- |  |  | Kane to | 7,150 | 7,300 |
| Rusk Co.: Jolne | 107,600 | 105,600 | Southwestern Pe | 3,000 | 3,450 |
| Kilgore | 103,450 | 103,300 | Southeastern Oh | 5,600 | 5,800 |
| Gregg Co.: Longvlew | 127,050 | 124,000 | West Virginia. | 11,300 | 11,850 |

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 ystem of distribution necessary to dellver gile it might appear to some that hese quantities repre consum found stocks of this product the industry tself and thos closely connected with it have always generally industry their existence. The report for the week ended Aug. 221931 was the first time that defin te 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 infor mation 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. 221931 statistics covering stocks of gasoline east of California reflected stocks held at refineries only, while for the past several years Cali-
fornia gasoline stocks have included, and will continue to include, the fornia gasoline stocks have included, and will continue to include, the total inventory of finished gasoline and engine distillate held by report-
ing companies wherever located within continental United States that ing 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 Terminats" Fioutes End of Week. |  |  | Gasoline "in Transit" Ftoures End of Week. |  |  |
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|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 21 \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 14 \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 23 \\ 1931 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 21 \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} M a y 14 \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} M a y 23 \\ 1931 . \end{gathered}$ |
| East Coast | 10,181,000 | 9,906,000 | 9,228,000 | 1,450,000 | 2,183,000 | 2,161,000 |
| Appalachlan Ind., Ill, Ky | 2,412,000 | 372,000 | 3, 300,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 <br> 78 | - $\quad$-1,000 |
| Okla., Kan., Mo.- | 920,000 | 2,928,000 | 1, 70,000 |  | 78,00 | 000 |
| Texas | 180,000 | 161,000 | 177,000 |  |  |  |
| Louisiana-Ark | 405,000 | 381,000 | 349,000 | 28,000 | 71,000 | 32,000 |
| Rocky Mountain. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total east of Calif. | 14,531,000 | 14,114,000 | 11,334,000 | 1,488,000 | 2,342,000 | 2,251,000 |
| Texas Gulf | 146.000 | 109,000 | 149,000 |  |  |  |
| Loulsiana Gulf | 352,000 | 326,000 | 316,000 |  | 61,000 | 32,000 |

## Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

Reports compiled by the American Petroleum Institute for the week onded May 21, 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 $2,364,400$ 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, $44,703,000$ barrels of gasoline, and $125,546,000$ barrels of gas and fuel oil. Reports received on the production of gasoline by the cracking process indicate that companies owning $95.6 \%$ of the potential charging capacity of all cracking units, manufactured $3,396,-$ 000 barrels of cracked gasoline during the week. The complete report for the week ended May 21 1932, follows:
CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS, GASOLINE STOCKS AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS, WEEK ENDED MAX 211932

| District. | Per Cent Potential Capacity Report- ing. | Crude Runs to Stills. |  | a Gasoline Stocks. | Gas and <br> Fuel Oil Stocks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| East co | 100.0 | 3,17 | 71.5 | 6,387,000 | 6,211,000 |
| Appalachian .-......-. | 91.8 | 756,000 | 78.6 | 1,760,000 | 1,005,000 |
| Ind., Illinois, Kentucky | 98.9 89.6 | 2,147,000 | 71.1 | 6,545,000 | 4,122,000 |
| Okla, Kan | 89.6 91.3 | 1,722,000 | 56.5 | 3,995,000 | 3,335,000 |
| Louisian | 98.9 | 1,149,000 | 75.9 | $8,064,000$ 1,853 | 8,959,000 |
| Rocky Moun | 89.4 | 300,000 | 29.8 | 2,046,000 | 4,726,000 |
| Californt | 96.7 | 3,239,000 | 52.3 | 14,053,000 |  |
| Ill | 5.1 | , |  | 44,703,000 | 125, |
| Daily averag |  | 2,364,40 |  |  |  |
| week May Dally average. | 95.1 |  | 64.4 | 44,7 | 000 |
| Total May 23 Daily avera | 95.7 | $\begin{array}{r} 17,092,000 \\ 2,441,700 \end{array}$ | 68.4 | b44,806,000 | 128,555,000 |
| c Texas Gulf Coast | 99.8 | 3,366,000 | 90.5 | 6,451 |  |
| c Loulsiana Gull Coast. | 100.0 | 802,000 | 77.7 | 1,703, | 3,894,000 |
| 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 endecd May 211932. <br> Note.-All figures follow exactly the present Bureau of Mines definitions. Crude oil ruis to stills include both foreign and domestic crudes. In California stocks of heavy crude and all grades of fuel oll are included under heading "Gas and fuel ofl stocks." |  |  |  |  |  |
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## Copper Price Steadies After Selling Down to 5.25 c.

 Delivered-Zinc Higher."Metal and Mineral Markets" in its issue of May 26, reports as follows:

## Copper Inquiry Improres.

The feature in the market was the news that came out of Washington late on Monday that the Senate approved an import tax on copper in the
revenue bill of 4 c . per pound. The vote was 45 for the tax and 22 against
the proposal. Those in favor of a tariff now feel that they have scored an important advantage in the fight for protection and believe that the tax has more than an even chance of remaining in the bill. The revenue measure, after the Senate completes its job, will go back to the House. Most operators belleve that a tax on copper, in time, will spell higher prices for the metal, oven though stocks in the hands of producers are forward material showed general improvement, especially yesterday after it became known that some operators who offered copper quite freely early in the period at 5.25 c ., a new all-time low, raised their price to 5.375 c . delivered basis. In fact, all of the business reported yesterday was booked on the 5.375 c . basis. Large producers were virtually out of the market. The present world agreement would naturally come to an end with a tariff on copper, and whether a new agreement would result from the changed conditions appears most uncertain. Great Brit. Wheuld in all probability soon follow with an in news of the tariff developments in this country was cabled abroad
Statistically, the market for copper has been barely holding its own During April, according to private reports, stocks of refined copper actually increased slightly, owing chiefly to the slow movement of the metal into consumptive channels. Curtailment in output is making further progress, but against the decline in production the industry has had to face an extremely dull market for copper products. Producers believe that production will fall steadily over the summer period, and, tariff or no tariff, copper is slowly moving into a better position. Prospects of currency inflation are being given serious attention by producers as well as consumers
Export business was dull throughout the week. The total sales by the group since the first of the month amounted to about 6,600 short tons The special price of Copper Exporters was reduced during the week to 5.50 c . c.i.f. basis. Independent sellers sold copper abroad at prices ranging from 5.30 c . to 5.45 c ., c.i.f. European ports.

## Zinc Excited.

The firmer tone that developed late in the previous week brought out a fair inquiry from consumers. Offerings at the lower range soon disappeared, and prices were bid up rather sharply, especially in the last two days. The with a strong possibility of a complete shutdown in ore operations in the Tri-State district, at least over the summer period. Early in the week Prime Western zinc sold as low as 2.30 c . per pound, St. Louis; yesterday Prime Western zinc sold as low as 2.30 c . per pound, St. Louis; yesterday
a fair quantity sold at 2.875 c ., near-by delivery. Late in the day it was said that scattered lots could have been picked up at slight concessions chiefly through second-hands.

## Steel Production Again Declines to $24 \%$ of Capacity Prices Unchanged.

Prices of finished steel products for the third quarter are now under consideration and announcements may be made within the coming week, announces the "Iron Age" of May 26. A few advances are in prospect, perhaps on automobile body stock and some other special finishes of sheets and on hot-rolled strip steel, but most of the current prices probably will be reaffirmed for the next quarter. The "Age" continues:
Although all of the steel companies realize the need of more income, there appears to be a difference of opinion as to the expediency of attempting at this time a general advance in steel prices, which, if not successful, might jeopardize the stabilization movement inaugurated at the beginning
of the present quarter.

Conviction that pric
branch of the industry should be advanced is strongest in the flat-rolled branch of the industry, prices of sheets and strip having suffered the most bile body sheets, the declines have ranged from $\$ 20$ to $\$ 40$ a ton as compared with a few years ago. Makers of bars, shapes and plates seem to be inclined toward mere reaffirmation of current prices. In these products there is a fairly encouraging prospect for increased volume, particularly if a Government relief program is adopted that involves new construction work.
Most of the consumers of steel seem to be no more than mildly interested in third quarter prices, having so little work in view, but the Chrysler corporation has issued an inquiry for that period and will take bids June 6. Another automobile manufacturer is asking for prices on steel for 10,000 of a new series of small cars on which production will be started in June or July.

The automobile outlook is fairly promising in the light car field, but unsatisfactory in the medium-price and quality groups, where production will be pared down almost to the vanishing point by some companies. Production of the Ford Motor Co., however, has expanded with unexpected rapidity, the daily output having been stepped up to 3,500 cars, with 4,500 a day scheduled for June. This month's automobile output may pass 200,000 units, which would make it the best since July 1931. The June output is estimated at not less than 225,000 . Chevrolet and Plymouth are expected to continue present schedules through June. Next month's output will be very largely dominated by these three producers. Ford's acceleration of production may bring heavier steel commitments very soon. A fairly large purchase is expected within a few days.
Structural steel has taken a little spurt in the past week, with lettings of about 18,000 tons, including 12,000 tons for Long Island RR. grade elimination at Valley Stream, L. I. This amount is small, however, when compared with the steel building projects pending. To this has been added 18,200 tons, of which 9,000 tons is for a New York Central viaduct on the West Side, New York, and 2,500 tons for subway construction in Newark.
Railroads are doing very little buying, but the financial relief that is being afforded through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is expected to pave the way for some orders from the carriers. Several roads are scrapping a large number of locomotives, indicating that a demand for new motive power may precede that for cars.

Improvement in the oil industry is expected to bring some gain in steel orders from that source. Some business in tanks is already taking shape. Farm implement manufacturers are busier on repair work
There have been ucts, buts iose holding their recent improvement, but tin plate specifications products are are being held back and mill mill of the United States Steel Corp in pla and rails. The Ensley rall bama, having cost furnaces and five open-hearth furnaces.
Larger steel output in some districts has not been enough to balance losses elsewhere, ingot production for the entire country having declined to $24 \%$ from $25 \%$ last week. Although the Pittsburgh district is at $20 \%$ to $24 \%$ from compared with $18 \%$ last week, and output at Detroit and Cleveland is
being maintained, losses have occurred in West Virginia and at Birmingham and Buffalo. The Birmingham rate has been cut from about $48 \%$ to $25 \%$

There have been no important changes in prices, although scrap markets contine are unchanged at 2.08 en a gross ton for steel scrap. A comparative table follows


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| 1932 | . 814.81 | Jan. 5 | \$14.06 | May 17 |
| 1931 | 15.90 | Jan. 6 | 15.79 | Dec. 15 |
| 1930 | - 18.21 | Jan. 7 | 15.90 | Dec. 16 |
| 1929. | - 18.71 | May 14 | 18.21 | Dee. 17 |
| 1928 | - 18.59 | Nov. 27 | 17.04 | July 24 |
| 1927 | - 19.71 | Jan. 4 | 17.54 | Nov. 1 |
| 1926 | 21.54 | Jan. 5 | 19.46 | July 13 |
| 1925 | 22.50 | Jan. 13 | 18.96 | July |



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| 1932 | \$8.50 | Jan. 12 | \$7.41 | May 17 |
| 1931 | 11.33 | Jan. ${ }^{6}$ | 7.62 | Dec. 29 |
| 1930 | 15.00 | Feb. 18 | 11.25 | Dec. 9 |
| 1929 | 17.58 | Jan. 29 | 14.08 | Dec. |
| 1928 | 16.50 | Dec. 31 | 13.08 | July ${ }^{2}$ |
| 1927 | 15.25 | Jan. 11 | 13.08 | Nov. 22 |
| 1926 | 17.25 | Jan. 5 | 14.00 | June |
| 1925 | 20.83 | Jan. 13 | 15.08 | May |

'Steel" of Cleveland in its regular weekly summary of iron and steel conditions, on May 23 stated:
Structural steel requirements have expanded measurably, both in orders and active inquiry, lending needed reinforcement to the automobile industry in its almost single-handed support of the steel markets.
Including 12,000 tons for Long Island railroad grade crossing elimina tions, last week's structural awards totaled 19,798 tons, largest since late March. Its loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will enable the Pennsylvania railroad to release about 50,000 tons of its eastern electrification.
Over 10,000 tons for various projects should be placed this week in the New York district. Three Federal projects, up for bids at Washington in June, call for 35,000 tons. The largest river barge award in months at Pittsburgb is for 12 , requiring 2,200 to 2,400 tons of plates and shapes.
In the aggregate, steel needs of the automobile industry continue to gain. This is largely due to Ford, expected to close this week on material for a June schedule which will be substantially larger than the May one. Detroit and northern Ohio mills thus far have bee
Cusiness; other districts may now share it.
Chevrolet probably will curtail somewhat in June. Some automobile manufacturers will build up stocks next month in anticipation of a midummer shutdown. June certaily develop the heaviest automobile depends on Ford
Thends on Ford
The price situation commands greater attention. Barring some weakness in narrow hot-rolled strip, finished steel prices have been rather well列 everal dollars and perhaps heavy finished stee ne.
But weakness in raw materials is persistent, and may become a threat. Pig iron at Pittsburgh and Youngstown is off 50 cents. Scrap also is weaker at Pittsburgh and Chicago, though more steady at Buffalo and Detroit, By -product coke is off 50 cents at Chicago; Connellsville foundry coke is 5 cents easier. Warehou
As a result of these adjustments, the iron and steel composite of "Steel" is off six cents to $\$ 29.58$ and the scrap composive 21 cents to $\$ 6.92$. Meanwhile, the finished steel composite is unchanged at $\$ 47.62$.
Due largely to automotive specifications, Cleveland district mills ex panded their operations six points last week to $38 \%$. A rise of eight points at Buffalo more tban offset a slight decline at Pittsburgh, giving last week a steel rate of $251 / 2 \%$, the highest since the week ended March 12. Buffalo mills will retrench this week, while Pittsburgh may come back, indicating little change but a possible slight recession.

## Coal Trade at the Head of the Lakes Abruptly Cur-

 tailed in April, Due to Warmer Weather-Deliveries Continue Below Corresponding Period Last Year. With the coming of milder weather in April, the coal trade at the head of the Lakes was abruptly curtailed, reports the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. Not only were deliveries of both anthracite and bituminous coal substantially less than in the month preceding, but they also fell considerably short of those in the corresponding month of last year. The movement of anthracite was particularly sluggish, the total tonnage of hard coal delivered during the month being $31.7 \%$ less than in March and $43.2 \%$ less than in April 1931. Bituminous deliveries, although $35.1 \%$ less than in the previous month, came within $4.2 \%$ of the tonnage delivered in the same month a year ago.The first coal shipments of the current season arrived at the Duluth-Superior docks in April, but the tonnage was not large. Moreover, in view of the substantial carry-over
remaining in the hands of the dock operators, it is probable that shipments from the lower lake ports throughout the season will be held at moderate levels. The Bureau further reports as follows:

## Bituminous Stocks.

A further reduction of 635,665 tons was reported in the commercial reserves of bituminous coal at the head of the lakes during April. This brings the total stocks in the hands of the dock operators to $4,388,132$ tons, which is 268,950 tons more than the amount in storage on the same date of last year. Of the total quantity on hand on May 1, 3.078,245 tons Lake Michigan. Lake Superior operators and $1,309,887$ tons by those on Lake Michigan.

## Anthracite Stocks.

Stocks of hard coal have also declined during the past month and on May 1 amounted to 503,873 tons. In comparison with a month ago, this is a decrease of 15,424 tons, but is 69,909 tons more than the quantity on hand on May 1 1931. Both the Lake Superior and Lake Michigan operators reported a reduction in their reserves of anthracite on May 1, but the decine was most pronounced at the Lake Superior docks, where stocks ell from 299,826 tons on April 1 to 289,953 tons on May 1, a decrease of 9,873 tons. The commercial docks on the west bank of Lake Michigan reported a total of 213,920 tons of anthracite remaining in storage on May 1, a decrease of 5,551 tons when compared with the amount of hand a month ago
stocks, RECEIPTS AND DELIVERIES AT COMMERCIAL DOCKS ON Lake superior and michigan, April 1932, in net tons.


## Report on Foundry Operations in Philadelphia Federal

Reserve District by University of Pennsylvania.
"The tonnage of steel castings produced during April in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District by firms reporting to this Department," says the Industrial Research Department of the University of Pennsylvania, "increased nearly $25 \%$. The gray iron and malleable iron branches of the industry," continues the Department, "however, suffered losses of 11 and $28 \%$, respectively." The Research Department further reports:
The volume and value of shipments decreased both in the iron and steel foundries, but the average price remained about the same. Both groups, likewise, had a smaller tonnage of unfilled orders at the end than at the beginning of the month.

| No. of Firms Report- tng. tho |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1932 . \end{aligned}$ | Per Cent Change from Mar. 1932. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per Cent } \\ \text { Change } \\ \text { from } \\ \text { April } 1931 . \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 31 | Capacity (short tons) | 11,072 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 31 | Production (short tons) | 1,417 | $-13.2$ | -45.3 |
| 30 | Gray fron (short tons). | 1,248 | - 10.8 | -44.0 |
|  | Jobbing (short tons) | 977 | -12.4 | -44.2 |
|  | For further manufacture (short tons) | 271 | -4.8 | -43.2 |
| 34 | Maileable iron (short tons) | 169 | -27.6 | -53.2 |
| 30 | Shipments (short tons) Value | $\begin{array}{r}1,618 \\ \hline 1807\end{array}$ | -4.6 | -35.7 |
|  | Value <br> Unfilled orders (short tons) | \$180,762 | $-5.3$ | $-41.7$ |
| 18 | Unfilled orders (short tons) Value.............. | 378 $\mathbf{\$ 6 8 . 8 6 2}$ | -15.7 +01.6 | -19.0 -1.1 |
|  | Raw stock: |  |  |  |
| 27 | Pig fron (short tons) | 2,381 | $-1.9$ | $-16.7$ |
| 26 | Scrap (short tons) | 1,291 | +7.8 | -15.8 |
| 26 | Coke (short tons) | 381 | -16.9 | -40.5 |

## Gray Iron Foundries.

The production of gray fron castings in 30 foundries during April was nearly $11 \%$ less than in the previous month and $44 \%$ less than in the same month of last year. The decrease was mainly in castings for jobbing work which was over $12 \%$ less than in March, while the tonnage of castings used in further manufacture within the foundries declined less than $5 \%$. The declines in activity from a year ago were practically the same in both classes of work. From the experience of other years, a decrease in outpur was to be expected. The percentage of decrease, however, was larger than usual. Since 1926 the decreases never exceeded $8 \%$ in the corresponding period with the exception of 1928, when the decline was over $14 \%$
The tonnage of castings produced by foundries located in Philadelphia continued to decline. The activity in plants operating in the balance of ${ }^{\text {f }}$ this Federal Reserve District was only two-thirds of that in March, thus losing the slight gains of the two previous months. Five of the eight plants reporting increased activity are located in Philadelphia.
Shipments of iron castings during Aprit continued to decline although at a slower rate than the contraction of production. The decreases were about $5 \%$ in both tonnage and value. The average price per pound was but slightly less thn a month ago and about half a cent a pound less than in April of last year
The tonnage of unfilled orders on hand at the end of April was over $\mathbf{1 5 \%}$ less than at the beginning of the month. This would be expected since deliveries were nearly maintained with a greater decrease in production. The value of unfilled orders increased about $10 \%$.
Stocks of pig iron on hand were practically the same as at the end of last month, those of scrap were more, and the amount of coke on hand was less. All raw materials in stock at the end of April were less than a year ago.


Malleable Iron Foundries.
The tonnage of malleable iron castings produced in four foundries during April was over $25 \%$ less than in the previous month. The precipitous
decline in activity since last October brings the volume castings to the lowest point cober the stud was Steel Foundries.

| No. of Firms Report ing. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { April } \\ & 1932 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per Cent } \\ \text { Changere } \\ \text { from } \\ \text { Mar. } 1932 \end{gathered}$ | Per Cent Change from April 1931 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 | Capacity (short tons) | 8,630 | 0.0 |  |
|  | Production (short tons) - | 1,279 | +23.6 | -51.1 |
|  | Jobbing (short tons) | 1,229 | +27.4 | -46.0. |
|  | For further manufacture (short tons) -- | 50 | -28.6 | -85.4 |
| 8 | Shipments (short tons) | $\begin{array}{r}1,054 \\ 8149 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | -13.4 | -54.7 |
| 7 | Unfilled orders (short |  | -13.2 -8.0 | -55.0 |
|  | Value. | \$249,864 | -8.2 |  |
|  | Raw stock: <br> Pig Iron (short ton | 186 |  |  |
| 6 | Scrap (short tons). | 4,031 | -16.0 | -47.1 +5.1 |
| 6 | Coke (short tons) | 247 | -1.4 | -38.8 |

The output of steel castings during April in eight foundries was $23.6 \%$ more than in the previous month. In spite of this substantial gain in activity, the total production was only about half of that produced in the same period of last year and about one-quarter of the a verage monthly production in 1926. The gain in activity was confined to the production of castinge for jobbing work which increased over $27 \%$. The volume of castings produced for further manufacture within the plants has almost reached the vanishing point.
Deliveries of steel castings. however, did not keep pace with the increased output. Compared with the shipments of the previous month, the total deliveries made in April declined by approximately $13 \%$ in tonnage and value. The average price of steel castings was practically the same as a month ago and a year ago. The increased spread between the current average prices of iron and steel castings as compared with those prevailing a year ago still pers'sts.

Unfilled orders on hand at the end of April showed a decrease of $8 \%$ in volume and value as compared with those reported a month ago. In spite of the decline, the total reported is still in excess of the orders unfilled a year ago.
Stocks of pig iron and coke at the end of the month were practically the same as at the close of March while the tonnage of scrap on hand was less. Compared with the corresopnding period of last year, the tonnage of pig iron and coke in stock was less, but that of scrap was more.

## Decrease Reported by Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank in Employment in Pennsylvania Anthracite Collieries-Wage Payments Increased 19\% from

 March to April.Anthracite employment showed a decline of $5 \%$, while wage payments increased $19 \%$ from March to April, according to the indexes compiled by the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank from reports received by the Anthracite Bureau of Information from 159 collieries employing about 96,000 workers and having a weekly payroll of $\$ 2,800,000$. The gain in the amount of wages paid indicates an increase in operating time.
The employment index in April was 68\% of the 1923-25 average or $18 \%$ lower than a year ago. The payroll index was 62, showing a drop of $3 \%$ from April 1931. Comparisons follow:

|  | Emploument. |  |  | Wage Payments. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1930. | 1931. | 1932. | 1930. | 1931. | 1932. |
| Jamuary | 105.6 107.8 | 88.3 87.1 | 74.2 693 | ${ }^{923.1}$ | 75.8 | 52.1 |
| March... | 83.3 | 79.9 | 71.7 | 103.7 67.1 | 79.8 55.7 | 48.6 51.9 |
| Aprll. | 84.8 | 82.9 | 68.1 | 63.9 | 63.8 | 51.9 61.8 |
| May | 92.3 | 78.3 |  | 85.8 | 64.6 |  |
| June | 89.5 | 74.2 |  | 73.2 | 56.5 |  |
| August. | 90.3 81.7 | 63.4 65.5 |  | 72.6 68.2 | 45.6 478 |  |
| September | 91.9 | 77.8 |  | 78.2 | 550 |  |
| October. | 96.2 | 84.4 |  | 102.3 | 77.3 |  |
| Novemher | 94.7 | 81.2 |  | 83.2 | 62.3 |  |
| December | 96.5 | 77.7 |  | 85.0 | 66.4 |  |

## Production of Bituminous Coal and Pennsylvania Anthracite Continues to Fall Off.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, production of bituminous coal and Pennsylvania anthracite is still on the decline, amounting to $4,328,000$ net tons and 767,000 tons, respectively, during the week ended May 14 1932. This compares with a total output of $4,475,000$ tons of bituminous coal and 968,000 tons of anthracite during the preceding week and $6,783,000$ tons of bituminous coal and 875,000 tons of anthracite during the corresponding period last year.

During the calendar year to May 141932 there were produced $117,154,000$ net tons of bituminous coal as against $145,938,000$ tons during the calendar year to May 161931. The Bureau's statement follows:
beehive coke.
Production of beehive coke during the week ended May 7 is estimated at 11,000 net tons, the same figure as for the preceding week, and the lowest
n years. Cumulative output since the beginning of the year amounts to 328,200 tons, indicating a decrease of $46.2 \%$ from that for the corresponding period in 1931.

| Regton | Week Ended- |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 1932 \\ t o \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{\text {c }}^{1931}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | May 7 | April 30 | May 9 |  |  |
|  | 1932. | 1932. | 1931. | Date. | Date.a |
| Pennsylvania- | 8,100 | 8,900 | 18,600 | 274,200 | 474,800 |
| West Virginia | 800 | 500 | 3,000 | 20,000 | 63,100 |
| Tennessee and Virginia | 1,700 | 1,200 | 2,700 | 23,100 | 54,700 |
| Colo., Utah \& Wash | 400 | 400 | 900 | 10,900 | 17,400 |
| United States tota | 11,000 | 11,000 | 25,200 | 328,200 | 610,000 |
| Daily average | 1,833 | 1.833 | 4,200 | 2,984 | 5,545 |

a Minus one day's production first week in January to equalize number of days
the two years.
The total production of by-product coke in the month of April amounted to $1,883,391$ net tons. The daily average rate for the month was 62,780 decreased from 87,400 tons in March to 56,000 . Beehive coke production daily average, this decrease was 33 to 56,000 tons in April. Based on the BITUMINOUS COAL.
Production of bituminous coal continues to decline. The total output during the week ended May 14, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at $4,328,000$ net tons. This is a decrease of 147,000 ons,for $3.3 \%$ from the preceding week, and compares with $6,783,000$ tons produced during the week in 1931 corresponding with that of May 14.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Estimated United States Production of Bituminous Coal (Net Tons). } \\
& \hline 1932
\end{aligned}
$$

Week Ended
A pril 30 April 30 _.........
Day 7 average
May 7 _.........
Daily average.
Day 14 b....-
Daily average.

|  |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Week. |  |
| $4,717,032$ |  |
| 786,000 | 1 |
| $4,475,000$ | 1 |
| 746,000 |  |
| $4,328,000$ | 1 |
| 721,000 |  |

Week.
6,193
$1,422,000$
$1,710,000$
$1,115,000$
$6,783,000$
$1,131,000$ $31-\overline{\text { Cal. Year }}$
to Dape.a
$132,440,000$
$13,286,000$
$139,155,000$
$1,277,000$
$145,938,000$
$1,269,000$ a Minus one day's production first week in January to equalize number of days
The total production of soft coal during the present calendar year to May 14 (approximately 115 working days) amounts to $117,154,000$ net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent calendar years are given below
1931..

.-............ | $145,938,000$ | net tons |
| :--- | :--- |
| $179,511,000$ |  |
| net tons | 1929. |
| 1928 |  | $\qquad$ 196,385,000 net tons

180,170,000 net tons As already indicated by the figures above, the total production of soft
figures are available- amounted to $4,475.000$ net tons. The following table apportions the tonnage by States and gives comparable figures for other recent years:


## PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRAOITE

The total production of Pennsylvania anthracite during the week ended May 14 is estimated at 767,000 net tons. Continuing the abrupt decline which started May 1, this shows a decrease of 201.000 tons, or $20.8 \%$. from the output in the preceding week. Production during the week in 1931 corresponding with that of May 14 amounted to 875,000 tons.

| Week Ended- | Daily |  |  | Daily |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week. | Average. | Week. | Average. |
| April 30 | 1,415,000 | 235,800 | 1,695,000 | 282,500 |
| May 7 | 968,000 | 161,300 | 1,021,000 | 170,200 |
| May 14 | 767.000 | 127.800 | 875.000 | 145,800 |

## Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks
The daily average volume of Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding during the week ending May 25 as reported by the Federal Reserve banks was $\$ 2,005,000,000$, an increase of $\$ 61,000,000$ compared with preceding week and $\$ 1,115$,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1931. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:
On May 25 total Reserve bank credit amounted to $\$ 2,048,000,000$, an increase of $\$ 60,000,000$ for the week. This increase corresponds with an increase of $\$ 22,000,000$ in member bank reserve balances and decreases of $\$ 67,000,000$ in monetary gold stock and $\$ 9,000,000$ in Treasury currency, djusted, offset in part by a decrease of $\$ 39,000,000$ in money in circulation.
Holdings of discounted bills increased $\$ 6,000,000$ at all Federal Reserve banks, only minor changes occurring in the amounts held by the individual Federal Reserve banks. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market declined $\$ 3,000,000$, while holdings of United States bonds increased $\$ 16,000,000$, of Treasury notes $\$ 1,000,000$ and of Treasury certificates and
bills $\$ 42,000,000$

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 311930 issue of the "Chronicle" on page 3797.
The statement in full for the week ended May 25, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 3940 and 3941 .
Changes in the amount of Reserve bank credit outstand ing and in related items during the week and the year ended May 251932 were as follows


## Returns of Member Banks in New York City and Chicago-Brokers' Loans. <br> 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 $\$ 21,000,000$, the amount of these loans on May 251932 standing at $\$ 393,000,000$, a new low record for all time since these loans were first compiled in 1917. Loans "for own account" decreased during the week from $\$ 367,000,000$ to $\$ 350,000,000$ and loans "for account of out-of-town banks" from $\$ 41,000,000$ to $\$ 37,000,000$, while loans "for account of others" remain unchanged at $\$ 6,000,000,000$. The amount of these loans "for account of others" has been reduced the past 28 weeks due to the action of the New York Clearing House Association on Nov. 5 1931 in restricting member banks on and after Nov. 161931 from placing for corporations and other than banks loans secured by stocks, bonds and acceptances.
CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

New York.



Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank-

| Loans on secur. to brokers \& dealers; |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| For own account .......... | $350,000,000$ | 367,000,000 | 1,191,000,000 |
| For account of out-ot-town banks | 37,000,000 | 41,000,000 | 207,000,000 |
| For account of others | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 | 176,000,000 |
| Total | 393,000,000 | 414,000,000 | 1,574,000,000 |
| On demand | 294,000,000 | 315,000,000 | 1,234,000,000 |



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 May 18:
The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reportings member banks in leading cities on May 8 shows decreases for the week of $\$ 35,000,000$ in time deposits and $\$ 49,000,000$ in Government deposits, and increases of $\$ 36,000,000$ in reserves with Federal Reserve banks and of $\$ 5,000,000$ in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.
Loans on securities declined $\$ 10,000,000$ in the Boston district, $\$ 9,000,000$ in the Chicago district, $\$ 6,000,000$ in the New York district and $\$ 27,000,000$ at all reporting banks. "All other" loans declined $\$ 8,000,000$ in the Chicago district, $\$ 7,000,000$ each in the $N$
Holdings of United States Government securities declined $\$ 67,000,000$ in the New York district, $\$ 6,000,000$ each in the Boston and Philadelphia districts and $\$ 51,000,000$ at all reporting banks, and increased $\$ 21,000,000$ in the St. Louis district and $\$ 14,000,000$ in the Chicago district. Holdings of other securities increased $\$ 9,000,000$ in the New York district and $\$ 4,000,000$ at all reporting banks.
Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from the Federal Reserve banks aggregated $\$ 180,000,000$ on May 18, the principal change for the week being an increase of $\$ 7,000,000$ at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Franciseo.
A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending May 18 1932, follows:

| Loans and investments-tot | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 181932 . \\ -19,037,000,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Increase }(t) \text { o } \\ \text { May } 11 \text { \& } 1932 . \\ \text { \& } \\ -103,000,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { or Decrease }(\rightarrow) \\ \text { ince } \text { May } 201931 \text {. } \\ -3,671,000,000 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loans-total | 11,661,000,000 | -56,000,000 | -3,244,000,000 |
| On securitie All other. | $\begin{aligned} & 4,950,000,000 \\ & 6,711,000,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -27,000,000 \\ & \text { - }_{29,000,000} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \overline{-2,031,000,000} \\ & -1,213,000,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Investments-tot | 7,376,000,000 | -47,000,000 | -427,000,000 |
| U. S. Government securities Other securities. | $\begin{aligned} & 4,093,000,000 \\ & 3,283,000,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -51,000,000 \\ +4,000,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +146,000,000 \\ -573,000,000 \end{array}$ |
| Reserve with F. R. banks Cash in vault | $\begin{array}{r} 1,718,000,000 \\ 207,000,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +36,000,000 \\ -1,000,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -116,000,000 \\ -16,000,000 \end{array}$ |
| Net demand deposits Time deposits Government deposits | $\begin{array}{r} 11,134,000,000 \\ 5,674,000,000 \\ 320,000,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -12,000,000 \\ & \mathbf{Z}_{45,000,000}^{39,000,000} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -2,623,000,000 \\ -1,735,000,000 \\ +256,000,000 \end{array}$ |
| Due from banks <br> Due to banks. . | $\begin{aligned} & 1,233,000,000 \\ & 2,756,000,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -2,000,000 \\ -31,000,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -491,000,000 \\ -914,000,000 \end{array}$ |
| Borrowings from F. R. Banks.- | 180,000,000 | $+5,000,000$ | $+152,000,000$ |

Stock of Money in the Country Increased \$5,541,576 in April.
The Treasury Department at Washington has issued the eustomary monthly statement showing the stock of money in the country and the amount in circulation after deducting the moneys held in the United States Treasury and by Federal Reserve banks and agents. It is important to note that, beginning with the statement of Dec. 31 1927, several very important changes have been made. They are as follows: (1) The statement is dated for the end of the month instead of for the first of the month; (2) gold held by Federal Reserve banks under earmark for foreign account is now excluded, and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is now included; and (3) minor coin (nickels and cents) has been added. On this basis the figures this time, which are for April 30 1932, show that the money in circulation at that date (including, of course, what is held in bank vaults of member banks of the Federal Reserve System) was $\$ 5,464,626,961$, as against $\$ 5,459,085,385$ on March 311932 and $\$ 4,652,414,437$ on April 30 1931, and comparing with
$\$ 5,698,214,612$ on Oct. 311920 . Just before the outbreak of the World War, that is, on June 30 1914, the tatal was only $\$ 3,459,434,174$. The following is the statement:


- Revised flgures.
a Does not Include gold bullion or forelgn coln other than that held by the Treas-
ury. Federal Reserve banks and Federal reserve agents. Gold held by Federa ury. Federal Reserve banks and Federal reserve agents, Gold held by Federal
Reserve banks under earmark for forelgn account is excluded, and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is included.
$o$ These amounts are not included in the total since the money held in trust against old and silver standard silver creasury notes of 1890 is included under gold coln and bullion and standard silver dollars, respectively. Treasury notes of 1890 should be deducted from this total before combining it with $d$ This total Includes $\$ 35,409,821$ gold deposited for the redemption of Federal
deserve notes ( $\$ 995,870$ in process of redemption), $\$ 29.518,773$ lawful money de Reserve notes ( $\$ 995,870$ in process of redemption), $\$ 29,518,773$ lawful money deposited for the redemption of National bank notes ( $\$ 16,165,851$ in process of re-
demption, including notes chargeable to the retirement fund), $\$ 1,350$ lawrul money daposited for the retirement of additional cireulation (Act of May 30 1908), and $\$ 16,804,221$ lawful money deposited as a reserve for postal savings deposits.
Atlanta, money in circulation Includes any paper currency held outside the con-
$f$ The med
tinental limits of the United States.
Note.-Gold certificates are secured dollar for dollar by gold held in the Treasury sllver dollars held in the Treasury for thetr redemption fir dohlar by standard secured by a gold reserve of $\$ 156,039,088$ held in the Treasury. That reserve fund may also be used for the redemption of Treasury notes of 1890, whtch are also secured dollar for dollar by standard sllver dollars held in the Treasury; these notes
are belng cancelled and retired on recelpt. Federal Reserve notes are obllzations of the United States and a first lien on all the assets of the Issuing Federal Reserve Bank. Federal Reserve notes are secured by the deposit with Federal Reserve agents of a Hke amount of gold or of gold and such discounted or purchased paper
as is ellgible under the terms of the Federal Reserve Act. or, untll March 3 1933, of direct obilgations of the United States if so authorized by a majority vote of the Federal Reserve Board. Federal Reserve banks must maintain a gold reserve of at least $40 \%$, Including the gold redemption fund which must be deposited with the Lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for retirement of all outstanding Federal Reserve bank notes, National bank notes are secured by United States bonds except where lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for their retirement. A $5 \%$ fund is also mainof National bank notes secured by Government bonds.


## Gold and Silver Imported Into and Exported From

 the United States, by Countries, in April 1932.The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has made public
its monthly report (figures subject to revision), showing the imports and exports of gold and silver into and from the United States during the month of April 1932. The gold exports amounted to $\$ 49,509,170$, of which $\$ 24,526,766$ went to France and $\$ 18,706,863$ to Netherlands. The imports were $\$ 19,542,812$, of which $\$ 7,288,526$ came from Canada, $\$ 3,329,404$ from Mexico and $\$ 2,013,195$ came from Japan. Below is the report:
GOLD AND SILVER EXPORTED FROM AND IMPORTED INTO THE
UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES.

| Countries- | $\frac{\text { GOLD. }}{\text { Total. }}$ |  | SILVER. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Refined Bulion. |  | Total (Incl. Coin). |  |
|  | Exports. | 1 mports. | Exports. | Imports. | Exports. | Imports. |
|  | Dollars. <br> 669.000 <br> $24,526,766$ <br> $3,345,434$ <br> 100,726 <br> $18,706,863$ |  | Ounces. | Ounces. | Dollars. | Dollars. |
| ance |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 33,057 \\ & 99,892 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 62 \\ 68 \\ 556 \\ 900 \end{gathered}$ |
| ${ }_{\text {Itarma }}^{\text {Ger }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Netherlands |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poland \& Danzi |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United Kingdom | $\begin{array}{r} 115,000 \\ 2,022,197 \\ 21,934 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 100,362 \\ 7,288,526 \end{array}$ | 120,939 | $\begin{array}{r} 400,490 \\ 4,400 \\ 2,400 \end{array}$ | $92,228$ | $\begin{array}{r} 143,412 \\ 78,970 \end{array}$ |
| Costa Ric |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Guatemal |  | $\begin{aligned} & 24,264 \\ & 26,426 \\ & 23,626 \\ & 23,628 \end{aligned}$ | --.---- | $\begin{array}{r} 281,306 \\ 3,838 \end{array}$ | --..-.- | 244,5641,315 |
| Honduras |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Panama. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Sala }}$ Mexico |  | [ $\begin{array}{r}180 \\ 3,329.404 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 2,090,095 |  | $20,700$ | $\begin{array}{r} 132 \\ 930,094 \\ 3,829 \end{array}$ |
| Jamalca |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trinidad |  | 3, ${ }_{4}$ | --.....- 2 ,090,095 |  | -...... |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Other }}$ Criba-. |  | 64,09 |  |  |  |  |
| Dominica |  |  |  |  | 77\% 77.6 |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Dutch }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,325 \\ & 16,409 \end{aligned}$ |
| Colombia |  | ${ }^{7,230}$ |  |  | ….... |  |
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| Urugu |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Venezuela |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,00,00 \\ 158,395 \end{array}$ | ------- | ------7. |  | ----15i |
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| China |  |  |  |  | 1,274,585 | $\begin{array}{r} 238,020 \\ 38,565 \end{array}$ |
| Hong K |  |  | 400,473 |  | 113,134 |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Japan }}{ }_{\text {Jatili }}$ |  |  |  | 24,752 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 7,364 \\ 3,595 \\ 1,379 \\ 1,32 \end{array}$ |
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## British Government Paid $£ 90,000,000$ in Unemploy-

 ment Benefit Last Year.The unemployment fund absorbed nearly $£ 90,000,000$ from the British Treasury in the fiscal year 1931-32, it is stated in a report to the Commerce Department from Trade Commissioner Roger R. Townsend, London. The fund disburses all insurance contributions received from employers and employees as well as from the exchequer, according to the Department, which on May 20 further reported:
A total amount of $£ 144,000,000$ was distributed from the Treasury for unemployment benefits, health insurance and widows', orphans' and old age pensions during the year.
The national health insurance fund received $£ 6,362,000$, while payments
respect to contributory pensions schemes (widows' in respect to contributory pensions schemes (widows', orphans' and old
age) amounted to $£ 10,000,000$. Payments for old age pensions totaled age) amounted to $£ 10,000,000$. Payments for old age pensions totaled
$£ 37,900,000$.
Expenditures of the various local poor law funds are not included in the above figures, and it was explained that no grant is paid from the Ex -
chequer directly in aid of such funds. chequer directly in aid of such funds.

## British Floating Debt Increased over $£ 17,000,000$ in Past Financial Year.

The British national accounts for the financial year ended March 311932 show an increase of $£ 17,630,000$ in the total floating debt outstanding as compared with the end of the financial year 1931, it is made known in a report to the Department of Commerce from Trade Commissioner Roger R. Townsend, London. The Department May 19 likewise said:

The principal items of expenditure that account for this increase were
ven, in reply to a question in Parliament, as foll given, in reply to a question in Parliament, as follows:
Payments of accumulated interest on savings certificates in
excess of the provision for that purpose in the permanent
excess of the provision for that purpose in the permanent debt
 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Payments to the depreciation fund for } 5 \% \text { War Loan_-...--..-- } & 1,370,000\end{array}$
The total floating debt outstanding on March 311932 amounted to £611,955,000, composed of $£ 604,455,000$ in Treasury bills and $£ 7,500,000$ In ways and means advances by public departments; at the end of the preceding financial year, Treasury bills amounted to $£ 569,825,000$ and advances
by public departments to
$£ 24,500,000$. During the past by public departments to $224,500,000$. During the past financial year
there was thus an increase of $£ 34,630,000$ in Treasury bills outstanding and a decrease of $£ 17,000,000$ in ways and means advances. No ways and means advances by the Bank of England were ourstanding at the end of elther year.

Move to Let Great Britain Buy Silver Reserve-Tories Urge Plan in House of Commons to Protect Sterling -Proposal Lost - Treasury - Secretary Assures House Nation Will Not Return to Gold "While Prices Behave As Now."
From its London correspondent the New York "Times" reported the following May 25:

A move to permit the Treasury to purchase silver as well as gold to protect sterling was made to-day in the House of Commons. Although
it was defeated, it was championed by two strong leaders of the Conserva-
tive party tive party.
The proposal came in the form of an amendment to the finance bill
introduced by L. S. Amery former introduced by L. S. Amery, former Dominions Secretary, and seconded by Sir Robert Horne, former Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr. Amery explained that the amendment was permissive, not mandatory, so it would
not commit the country to any far-reaching scheme of bimetallism. He not commit the country to any far-reaching scheme of bimetallism. He urged it so that the Government might have power to protect sterling against fluctuations in silver as well as gold, and said such a provision Far East.
In a discussion over a sentence in the finance bill providing that the account for stabilizing exchange be abolished six months after the gold standard is resumed, several members indicated they wanted assurance that Britain never would return to gold under any circumstances. The objection to the bill's provision was that it implied the Government expected to return

## Elliot Gives Assurance.

Walter Elliot, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, assured the House that the Government had "no intention whatever of going back to the Elliot added, "at any annousle riter This was not cheered.
Mr . Amery predicted the silver question would arise soon on an international basis and certainly at the Ottawa-Imperial Conference. He said Britain should go there with a free hand to do what was required.
Sir Robert Horne said it would be a good thing if Britain could get rid of its gold mentality and begin to think seriously in terms of the new situation.
ing the year the American Senate passed unanimously a resolution askcording tosident to call an international currency conference and, acfrom America information, when a tentative suggestion of that kind came enthusiastically.
"Since then thẹ question has progressed in America much further. The Coinage Committee of Congress, quite independent in its composition, for it hasn't a single representative of the silver States, recently reported in favor of a conference of nations interested in the restoration of the price level of commodities through the stabilization of international exchanges and declaring for the utilization of silver as well as gold to that end. As no ultimate solution of the problem can be reached by action of this country alone-it requires the co-operation of other countries, particularly the United States-I suggest provision shall be made in the bill to enable the Government to go forward without committing us to any action contrary to our wishes.
Sir Edward Hilton Young on behalf of the Government asked that the amendment be withdrawn, adding that the request did not mean that the Ministry intended to prejudge the issue raised, which undoubtedly will be discussed at Ottawa. He explained that the stabilization account had been devised for a specific purpose and it would be more useful to the Government in its original form than with the proposed changes.
Thereupon Mr. Amery offered to withdraw the amendment, but the opposition refused to allow that, so the amendment was negatived.

## Advocates Paper Currency.

J. W. Hills, Conservative, said that Britain was still only one step removed from the gold standard because the exchange value of the pound was expressed only in terms of dollars and francs and the whole effort of the Treasury was devoted to keeping British currency stable in terms of the gold currencies of the United States and France. He wanted Britain to disregard gold entirely and adopt an unrelated paper currency managed with reference to commodity prices and based on the stability of the British Empire, attracting to its ambit other countries with currencies already linked to sterling.
Josiah $O$. Wedgewood moved to amend the bill by the addition of a on the ground it would dreasury from buying any gold. This was opposed account, thereby impairing its usefulness in protection of sterling against fluctuations. The amendment was lost by a vote that gave the Government a majority of 301 .
F. J. Lisman Holds Bimetallism Impractical-Credit Structure Would Have Been Wrecked 40 Years Ago by Silver Inflation Except for Stand of President Cleveland.
Bimetallism is impracticable and any attempt to make people accept silver for monetary purposes at an artificial ratio to gold would only result in a premium on gold, according to F. J. Lisman, who points out that virtually all of the agitation for silver comes from the seven silverproducing States. Mr. Lisman says:
"There is much talk about other or better standards of value than gold, but they have not been found. If some country should try to substitute something else, it could be usable only if everyone were willing to take this substitute in exchange for whatever goods or services are sold-whether this substitute be silver, platinum, or currency based on land credits, wheat or pig iron. If everybody is not willing to accept it, then it is not a proper means of exchange. It does not look as though anybody would take any of these things.
"Whenever an attempt is made to force people to accept something contrary to their desire, it results merely in a premium for the desired
article. article.
"Silver is an unimportant commodity with an important sentimental value which is greatly accentuated and exploited for political purposes. The decline in the price of silver has been parallel to that of other commodities, but during the past few years has been temporarily accentuated by governmental action due to the impoverishment of Europe by the largely a by-product, and the governmental blunder in India. Silver is be given play which will ultimately bring the best results to all. be given play which will ultimately bring the best results to all.
"The entire credit structure of the United States would have been wrecked about 40 years ago by silver inflation if we had not had courageous wrecked about 40 years ago by silver
Grover Cleveland in the Presidency.
"Five important countries of Europe-France, Belgium, Greece, Switzerland, and Italy-tried bimetallism for a whole generation and gave it up because the world price of silver declined relatively to gold. If the most
important conmercial nations were willing to coin and maintain silver at a fixed ratio to gold, they could undoubtedly hold the price of the two metals at the agreed upon ratio for as long as they are willing to stand together in this practice. If for any reason the production of either metal
should increase disproportionately to the other, the countries not directly should increase disproportionately to the other, the countries not directly benefited by such increased production would surely insist on changing the arrangement with consequential violent upheavals of many financial structures. The mere and probab
would be unsettling to business.
"Many experienced mining men are of the opinion that our planet has been so thoroughly prospected for gold that the discovery of new important gold fields is very unlikely. They fear that with the increasing demand as gold is nominally always selling at the same price, a theoretical rise in as price of gold means an actual decline in the price of everything else, the price of gotial great losses to the trading classes and business depression
"But mankind has never yet succeeded in providing very far for future generations. By endeavoring to fly from dangers or contingencies which we generations.
realize, we are compelled to face new problems and risks not previously conceived. Artificially to boost the price of anything brings about unfavor
able kickbacks. We have very recent evidence of this in many directions. For inflation purposes, paper is more serviceable than silver and does not nvolve payments of bonuses to particular countries or sections."

## Bank of England's Gold Purchases.

From its London Bureau the "Wall Street Journal" of May 21 says it is learned from authoritative quarters that the purchases of gold recently made by the Bank of England were acquired directly from the Bank of France. The message adds:
It is clear that the purchases were made possible by the new exchange fund plan as otherwise it would be technically impossible for the Bank to fund plan as otherwise it at the present high sterling rate

Money Accumulating on All the Markets-British Treasury Bills Now 1\%-Same Rate for Monthly Loans at Paris.
A London cablegram May 18, is quoted as follows from the New York "Times"
All indications point to continuance of very easy money on this market. This is in line with the official policy, but it also reflects the present tendency or London to become a receiving centre for large amounts of idle internationa. funds. Recently the gilt-edged market of the Stock Exchange has been absorbing much money in financing its greatly increased activity, but any reduction of credit supplies due to this ca
hrough release of money from official quarters.
This is done by means of purchase of bills in the open money market. The rates at which these bils are bought are very low; consequently, there is no possiblity of any advance in market discount rates. The Treasury is now issuing bills at less than $1 \%$, while only
A Paris message (May 20) to the same paper said:
The extreme money plethora is ilhustrated by the fact that loans on defense bonds, which constitute the principal means of employing liquid resources, are now made at $1 \%$ for one month and $13 / 4 \%$ for three. The outstandiny features of the Bank return as of May 13 were the decrease of $632,000,000$ in circulation and $1,544,000,000$ in private deposits.
On the other hand, the Treasury deposits lost $2.063 .000,000$ in consequence of obta'ning subscription to the $3,000,000,000$ of Treasury bonds within 24 hours.

## British Press Doubts That Settlement on War Debts

 Can Be Reached at Lausanne Conference-Extension of Moratorium Until after United States Election Thought Possible.The London correspondent of the New York "Times" stated on May 22 that with a unanimity of opinion that is rarely to be found on political or financial questions, the British press is agreed that the tactics of Prime Minister MacDonald at the Lausanne conference will be to secure an extension of the Hoover moratorium on war debts until the American elections. The cablegram went on to say:

It is believed here that after the elections in the United States, when the questions of war debts may be taken out of politics, an arrangement will be possible under which France would be reconciled to the loss of German reparations payments.
It is agreed that-any settlement between Germany and the creditor Governments on reparations would need to be contingent upon the attitude taken by the Unted States on the war obligations. slice it is taken for granted now that America cannot forgive any part or the war debts

## British Gold Purchases.

The city is puzzled by the action of the Bank of England last week in purchasing $£ 3,000,000$ gold. It is supposed that the gold is to be carried in the equalization fund, but the operations of this fund are not being published. There was a large quantity of gold received last week from India and from Africa, but its destination was not disclosed.
There are reports that the Bank of England subscribed $£ 8,000,000$ of the $£ 33,000,000$ French internal loan. The purpose was supposed to be to secure some interest return on that portion of the funds handled by the equalization fund which is invested in francs.
In view of the disturbed conditions both on the Continent and in America many bankers fear that operation of the fund will lead to heavy losses. This possibility is offered as an argument against the efforts made to stabilize sterling by manipulation of ioreign exchanges instead of through the creation of a fixed buying and selling price for gold.
As the Ottawa conference approaches fear is widely expressed that Great Britian has more to lose than to gain by a system of Empire customs agreements. This feeling is intensified by reports from Argentina. Brazil, and Uruguay outlining joint measures which they propose to take in order to combat the Dominions. As half a billion pounds are invested in Argentina by British nationals to countries outside the Dominions.

As to the Lausanne conference, scheduled for June 16 London advices May 11 to the New York "Times" had the following to say:
As the British Foreign Office has received informal intimations from all the Governments concerned that June 16 is acceptable to them for the opening of the Lausanne conference, the British Government, acting under a mandate, will forthwith issue formal invitations for the meeting to convene on that date.
The principal Governments that will receive summonses are France, Italy, Germany, Belgium and Japan, as being, together with Britain, primarily concerned with German reparations. Countries with lesser stakes involved which also will be invited are Czechoslovakia, Rumania,
Jugoslavia, Poland, Portugal, and Greece. Invitations will be sent to Hungary and Bulgaria to participate in the conference when it discusses non-German reparations.
In accepting the date suggested by Britain the other countries have also implied their approval of the tentative British proposal that the conference divide its work into three stages, covering German reparations, other reparations and general questions.
The "general questions" referred to in this provisional agenda were defined by the British Foreign Office last February as "other economic and financial difficuties which are responsible for or may pro'ong the present world crisis.
It will be remembered that this June session was decided upon last January, when the Lausanne conference planned for that month was abandoned because of the general realization that nothing could then be accomplished. There is no greater expectation now that anything definite can be achieved next month, but it is considered more advisable to meet and adjourn than have another postponement.
The only certainty with which all are going to Lausanne is that Germany is not going to resume payments after the Hoover moratorium expires July 1. Beyond that is nothing but uncertainty. There is no plan. So there is the best authority for believing that the delegates after admitting to one another that more time is needed, will adjourn.
The formal resolution of adjournment is not likely to contain any reference to the Presidential election whole siruation, and it will be the of delay, but that is the crux of the whole situation, and it will be the thing for which Lausanne will really have to wait.

## London Preparing "Exchange Fund" Gold Purchases Made in Program of Stabilizing Sterling Market Treasury Backs Bank of England.

The Bank of England's official and unexpected purchases of about $£ 3,000,000$ gold from the open market continue to arouse discussion said a London wireless message May 19 to the New York "Times" which went on to say:
There is no question that these operations were directly connected with the establishment by the Government of an "exchange equilibrium account," for which $£ 150,000,000$ is to be assigned and which is intended to provide funds, not only for purchase of sterling exchange when necessary, but also for purchase of gold. The recent purchases were obviously in the nature of "special operations," and the actual arrangement made by the Bank of England and the Treasury for managing the exchange fund is likely to remain a matter of conjecture. Further purchases of gold by the Bank are expected from time to time.
It is not thought that the Bank of England made these purchases from gold just arrived in the open market. No large quantities have lately become avalable in that quarter. During the past 10 weeks, however, imports of gold have exceeded exports by more than $£ 13,000,000$, and it is supposed to be from the amounts thus accumulated, chiefly from South Africa and India, that the Bank made its purchases.
It is assumed that the Bank paid at least approximately the market price for gold; but since this price is 28 shicings per fine ounce higher than the statutory price at which own account-a difference of neary one then these prices will be made the loss represented by the In that case all the loss will be borne by good out of the exchange fu. the Bank buys gold it is be borne by the Treasury. An mes and that policy appears to have been pursued sponding amount in notes, on the present occasion.
the Bank rate will be reduced to $2 \%$ in due course. has already discounted such a fall in the official rate.

Great Britain's proposed "Exchange Equalization Account" was referred to in these columns April 23, page 2994 and May 14, page 3556.

## Liquid Resources Abundant in Paris-Private Banks Leave Balances at Bank of France Drawing No Interest.

Under the above head an account May 20 to the New York "Times" said:
After being for some days in very bad shape, the Bourse recovered fairly rapidly on Thursday, owing to a better impression concerning the new government; but it weakened again on Friday. Political uncertain
still too great for any upward tendency to become clearly estabished.
While the gold reserve of the Bank of France rose $312,000,000$ francs in the week cove The reserve ratio rose from $71.51 \%$ to 71.91 . Interest $467,000,000$. Nee market give no adequate notion of the extracrdinary rates one lidid resources now existing. The banks are in fact supered to mantain large sums on deposit at the Bank of France without obliged to maintain large sums on deposit at the Bank or France withousinterest, because they cannot find employment for them elther in discounting bils or merely cheapen the money rate without actually improving marke, banks prefer placing what they can their own position. As a ceaving the rest to remain idle.
The statement that technical currency inflation exists in France through the large note issue of the bank is admitted to be true; but since the surplus the large represents capital and not income, it appears to have no stimulating curfect on consumption or prices. It is commonly remarked, also, that the great increase in money circulation as compared with the pre war figure is partly accounted for by the increase in French territory through the acquisition of Alsace-Lorraine.
The Bank of England's gold purchases confirm the opinion held here for some time that Great Britain will return to the gold standard. Aban-
donment of gold payments is not considered in itself to have improved Great Britain's economic position. The large reduction in England's balance of foreign payments, shown by the foreign trade statemens for March and April, was mostly due to restriction of imports arising from by the depreciation of sterling, have hardly benefited perceptibly.

## Hoarding in France Changes Its Form-Small Depositors Not Now Frightened Over Solvency of Banks, But Distrust Markets.

Paris advices May 20 to the New York "Times" said: The increase of $4,400,000,000$ francs in French bank note circulation, as compared with a year ago, raises again the question how such an amount of additional currency can remain in circulation when the volume of French business has shrunk and real requirements for use of currency have proportunately diminished. Hoarding by individuals is usually, given as the explanation, but the hoarding is not all in the usual form. On occasion, during the past 12 months, the French people have withdrawn currency from their banks through fears of the solvency of the banks, but that at the Bank of France indicate that people have been bringing bank notes at the Bank of France in
As regards personal hoarding, however, it must be remembered that As regards personal hoarding, however, it must be remembered that
payment by check is very little used in France, and that from time impayment by check is very little used in France, and that from time immemorial individuals, particularly country people and even small tradespeople, have had the habit of keeping on hand large sums or cash in coin Just now it is undoubledly increased because doubtful investors are afraid to buy securities and are to buy securities and are keeping their money idle.

Paris Gold Coin Demand Reviving-American Eagles Selling for $\$ 24.50-$ Bankers Confident of Dollar's Inherent Strength.
From the Paris bureau, the "Wall Street Journal" of May 21, reported the following:

Dealers in gold coins report indications of a revival of business in American eagles, which are now priced at a rate of $\$ 24.50$. Amsterdam apparently is the main source of supply. Recent imports bear the date of 1932, which is taken to indicate that the supply of older eagles is exhausted.
Sovereigns are much more scarce, but recent arrivals are aiso dated 1932. It is understood that the question of putting French gold coins into circulation has been considered recently, but is unlikely to take place, although it would have the effect of lessening the drain on the United States.
The foreign exchange market remains narrow, especially for dollars. Forward discount on dollars is 6 to 8 centimes for one month and 15 to 18 centimes for trree months.
Europe continues to be unfavorably impressed by the confusion in Congress. Bankers are satisfied that the dollar is perfectly able to resist pressure, but are inclined to be anxious over the American campaign tending toward devalorization, the exact strength of which is not clear. It is alleged that weakness in the doilar arises at least as much from American as from European selling.

There is a steady undertone in the demand for stering, especially from America through Paris. The Bank of England continues to hold the rate
down. It is reckoned here that the latter has already acquired $£ 12,000,000$ down. It is reckoned here that the latter has already acquired $£ 12,000,000$ gold.

Changes at Bank of France Year's Gain of Gold Has Caused Great Increases in Loanable Resources.
Comment as follows, from Paris, May 20, is from the New York "Times"

A survey of the present Bank of France returns gives an idea of the changes in the money situation here. The Bank's gold holdings have increased within the year about $23,000,000,000$ francs, or about $\$ 900,000,000$ but foreign exchange holdings have been reduced $15,500,000,000$ francs. This
difference of $7,500,000,000$ francs has naturally determined a corresponding difference of $7,500,000,000$ francs has naturally determined a corresponding liabilities have risen $9,750,000,000$ in the year.
It must be noted, however, that a year ago the Treasury and the Caisse d'Amortissement deposits, which represent money practically withdrawn from the market, aggregated $10,800,000,000$ and private deposits 11,100,000,000 , whereas to-day the private deposits total stands at $22,000,000,000$ and the Treasury and the Caisse deposits only at $5,000,000,000$.

## German Bank Shares to Be Declared Void If Not Surrendered in Time in Germany for Exchange for New Certificates.

Owing to the world-wide credit crisis, which reached an acute stage in July of last year, the leading German banks, with the assistance of the Golddiskontbank, as previously related in these columns, have readjusted their capital structure by drastic and courageous reductions. The new balance sheet figures, as compared with the old ones, are shown in a table covering the last three years, issued by the New York and Hanseatic Corp. For the purpose of exchange, shares of Deutsche Bank, Commerz-Bank, Barmer Bank-Verein, and Adca may be presented to New York and Hanseatic Corp., while Hallgarten \& Co. have been appointed official agents for the exchange of Dresdner Bank and Danat shares. As the old shares will be declared void if not surrendered for exchange in Germany by or about July 15 (no time limit set yet for Deutsche Bank and Adca), holders of such German certificates are urged to present them at the above offices as early as possible.

* Allgemeine Deutsche Credit-Anstalt (ADCA) (Leipzig).-Under plan of capital readjustment of this bank an amount of $22,000,000$ reichsmarks was canceled from a total of $40,000,000$ reichsmarks capital and the remanng $18,000,000$ reichsmarasital was then_increased_to $20,000,000$ reichsmarks
by the issuance of new shares in the amount of $14,000,000$ reichsmarks, taken over by the Goldiskontbank. The Reich has placed, and the Free State of Saxony will place, larger amounts of Treasury notes at the disposal of the Adca, which are being used to build up a surplus of $6,000,000$ reichsmarks and considerable hidden reserves. The Adca will take over all assets and liabilities of Anhalt-Dessauische Landesbank (capital and surplus $6,400,000$ reichsmarks). Holders of 3,000 reichsmarks par value of Adca old shares are to receive 1,000 reichsmarks par value of new shares. Barmer Bank-Verein Hinsberg, Fischer \& Co. (Duesseldorf)-Under plan of merger of this bank and the Commerz-und Privat-Bank, title of whicn is to be Commerz-und Privat-Bank A. G., capital of the Barmer Bank has been reduced to $12,500,000$ reichsmarks by the cancellation of $23,500,000$ reicnsmarks treasury stock. Remaining $12,500,000$ reichsmarks is to be exchanged on a share-for-share basis for new Commerz-Bank shares. For each 1,000 reichsmarks of Barmer Bank held, shareholders are to receive 1,000 reichsmarks of new Commerz-Bank shares.
Commerz-und Privat-Bank A. G. (Berlin).-Under capital readjustment plan of this bank, $37,200,000$ reichsmarks treasury stock of the old capital of $75,000,000$ reichsmarks was sold to the Reich at $100 \%$. The entire old capital was then reduced in the ratio of $10: 3$ to $22,500,000$ reichsmarks and thereafter increased by $57,500,000$ reichsmarks to $80,000,000$ reichsmarks, of which the Golddiskontbank took over $45,000,000$ reichsmarks at $115 \%$. The remaining $12,500,000$ reichsmarks are to be used for exchange of Barmer Bank-Verein shares. Premiums amounting to $6,250,000$ reichsmarks and $23,250,000$ reichsmarks German Treasury notes contributed gratis by the Reich have been used to establish a new surplus of $30,000,000$ reichsmarks. Holders of 1,000 reichsmarks par value of old shares of Commerz-und Privat-Bank are to receive 300 reichsmarks par value of new shares. (Further details of exchange are under Barmer Bank-Verein Hinsberg, Fischer \& Co.) (Duesseldorf).
Darmstaedter und Nationalbank (Danat) (Berlin).-As a result of merger of this bank and the Dresdner Bank, outstanding shares of both institu tions are being exchanged for new stock of the Dresdner Bank. Holders of 1,000 reichsmarks par value Danat shares will receive 300 reichsmarks par value of new Dresdner Bank shares. Of the old captal shares in the amount of $35,000,000$ reichsmarks were canceled, the remaining 25,000,000 rechsmarks are to be exch ank shares required for this purpose will be furnished gratis by the Reich.
Deutsche Bank und Disconto-Gesellschaft (Berlin). - Under plan of readjustment of capital structure of this bank, $33,000,000$ reichsmarks treasury stock was offered to private syndicate at $115 \%$ and the balance of 180,000 , 000 reichsmarks was reduced in the marks. Holders of 5,000 reichsmarks par of 5 to 2 to $2,000,000$ reichs2,000 reichsmarks par value of new shares.
Dresdner Bank (Berlin).-Under plan of capital readjustment of this bank, $33,333,000$ reichsmarks common stock kept in treasury was canceled. The remaining $66,667,000$ reichsmarks common shares were reduced in the ratio of 10 to 3 to $20,000,000$ reichsmarks. Of $300,000,000$ reichsmarks preferred shares held by the Reich, $100,000,100$ reichsmarks were canceled and the remaining 199,999,900 reichsmarks converted into common. Holders of 1,000 reichsmarks par value of old shares will receive 300 reichsmarks par value of new Dresdner Bank shares.

Germany Said to Be Negotiating for Extension of Time on $\$ 90,000,000$ Credit.
The New York "Sun" of last night published the following from Paris, May 27:

Negotiations have begun between the Reichsbank and foreign central banks for another extension of the former's $\$ 90,000,000$ credit obtained banks for another extension of the former's $\$ 90$
last summer during Germany's financial crisis.
Participating in the conferences are representatives of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Bank of France, the Bank of England and the Bank for International Settlements.
The Reichsbank loan previously had been extended to June 4. While the Bank of France is not opposed to renewing the French share of the loan, amounting to $\$ 22,500,000$, the French bank is insisting on different terms, in view of Germany's refusal to pay further reparations.
It is understood the French will agree to renewal on the condition that Germany amortize $20 \%$ of the debt.

The "Sun" added:
The credit was reduced from $\$ 100,000,000$ to $\$ 90,000,000$ on March 4 as a condition, said to have been imposed mainly at the instance of the Bank of France, of renewal for three months. A demand for a $20 \%$ reand foreign exchange, which have not yet shown any appreciable advance over March levels.

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and probably will tutions, which does acted upon next week by directors of the local insticredit is due.

## Germany to Decree New Taxes to Aid Jobless-Average Monthly Dole in $6,000,000$ Homes $\$ 13$.

In a Berlin cablegram May 20 to the New York "Times" it was stated that despite the Government's assertion last December that the limit of taxation had been reached, new taxes will be introduced next week in another emergency decree that will again force all Germans to tighten their belts for the sake of the public finances, depleted by expenditures for unemployment. The cablegram continued:
The dole will be reduced to an average monthly amount of $\$ 13$, which will henceforth be the means of subsistence of $6,000,000$ Germans and their families, and a new tax will be levied upon each citizen gainfully employed.
The decree, which is now before the Cabinet, is necessary to raise the more than $3,000,000,000$ marks (about $\$ 715,000,000$ ) necessary to support an average number of unemployed of $5,900,000$ in 1932 and help the municipalities that bear most of this burden and are threatened with financial collapse.
It is hoped the new revenues will cover the deficit of the municipalities, which was $350,000,000$ marks last year and it is estimated it will be 750,000 ,000 by the end of the current fiscal year.
The decree will also contain a program for the creation of additional work, to be financed by a domestic lottery loan.

The "Times" of May 21 commenting on the above said: Under the emergency decree issued Dec. 8 1931, the German Government resorted to what was then described as the last taxation reserve by increasing the turnover tax on business from .85 to $2 \%$. Previous decrees had heavily increased the income and other taxes.
A German earning $\$ 2,000$, with a wife and one child now pays an annual income tax of $\$ 215$.

Berlin Discussing U. S. Policy on Gold-Believes Any Change Would be Disastrous to World-The "Open-Market Policy."
From Berlin May 20 a wireless message to the New York "Times" stated:
The Ameriean currency policy is being discussed as an important influence on the course of events in Germany. Apparently sharing the idea prevalent in Europe that the Congressional attitude is dangerous, the bulletin of the Berlin Handelsgesellschaft Bank remarks that, since the dollar
has for a decade past been the world standard for measuring the value of gold, any conceivable amendment of the gold standard by America would introduce incalculable factors of uncertainty into the whole world's currency position.
England's experience, adds the Handelsgesellschaft, proves that abandonment of the gold standard is an unsuitable means for advancing world prices. It expresses the positive opinion that if its abandonment by America could be imagined, that action would cause a new deflation process, not only in countries which still adhere to the gold standard but in countries already on a paper basis.
The official Institute for Studying Trade Fluctuations expresses the opinion, in its current bulletin, that America's experience so far proves that little actual improvement can be obtained by measures applied directly to the money market. It recognizes that the open-market policy of the Federal Reserve may have checked insolvencies of banks and increased their available resources. It does not see, however, that the Reserve Bank policy has as yet had any tangible effect in reanimating industry.

## German Mark Now Stands Above Parity in Rate on All Gold-Paying Countries.

Advices as follows from Berlin May 20 are from the New York "Times"
Although the foreign trade returns for April show a heavily diminished export surplus, the immeditae outlook for the reichsmark's stability seems to have improved. At Berlin dohar exchange continues, as it has done mrates of gold-paying countries on Berlin have sunk, and in foreign goldcurrency countries as a whole the mark quotes above par.
This improvement in the mark seems to be partly due to fear of inflationist measures in gold countries, which has led to selling of dollars and other gold currencies in Berlin. But the improvement is also partly due to the spread of the practice of invoicing in reichsmarks and to the shortage of marks abroad, due to the German prohibition against export of marks. Furthermore, the Government's latest reduction of the ratio of foreign currency allowed to importers has begun to take effect. These factors all explain the considerable increase in the Reichsbank's exchange reserve as reported.
The banks, however, are not inclined to ascribe much importance to this new firmness of the mark. They still hold that the ultimate course of the currency will depend on the foreign trade balance and the decision arrived at in July regarding the debt question.

Cereal crops are reported as greatly improved during the last fortnight. There is now a possiblity of an early harvest with a record yield. These expectations led to a sharp fall on Thursday in July wheat on the Berlin grain exchange.

## Amsterdam Lays Large Dutch Withdrawals of Gold

 from U. S. to Misgiving Over Attitude of CongressGold Shipments Said to Insure Maintenance of Standard in Holland, Belgium and Switzerland.The Amsterdam correspondent of the New York "Times" had the following to say under date of May 19:

The persistence of dollar exchange at a point favoring gold imports to this market from America and the resultant large shipments from New York to Amsterdam during recent weeks-about $\$ 50,000,000$ since the beginning of April-are ascribed by the market to the misgiving which seems to prevail in this country regarding the attitude of the United States toward the gold standard. The attacks on dollar exchange have been directly stimulated by the proceedings of the American Congress, especially its slowness and hesitation in restoring budget equilibrium. From a purely market point of view, the recent gold imports from America are explained by the low quotation of dollar exchange. Notwithstanding the large gold shipments, this rate remains at 246.375 , or much below the gold parity of
248 .
Further gold engagements from New York, amounting to some mil-
lions, are expected before the gold parity is restored. There is a conlions, are expected before the gold parity is restored. There is a considerable bear position outstanding in dollars, which is demonstrated by the important discounts on Poreign exchange. These range from
120 Dutch cents per $\$ 100$ to 190 to 220 for three months' contracts.
120 Dold holdings. of the Netherlands Bank on May 17 were $937,000,000$ guilders, as against $703,000,000$ on Sept. 21, when England went off the gold standard. As against this increase of $234,000,000$ guilders, or $\$ 94,-$ 000,000 , foreign bills held by the bank have fallen in the same preiod from $231,000,000$ guilders to $88,000,000$, a decline of $143,000,000$ guilders, or $\$ 57,200,000$. One result of this large return of money previously loaned idle capital.
One year Treasury bills have recently been discounted here at $13 / 4 \%$. There is also a large amount of foreign money offering in this market; that development also being in the main ascribed to feeling about the dollar, which has been diverting liquid funds to this country. The gold movements have been generally encouraged by the extremely low interest rates elsewhere.
Partly in consequence of the gold received from America, it is now recognized that no danger exists to maintenance of the gold standard in Holland, Switzerland or Belgium. The general comment is, however, that in the other smaller European countries the gold standard is only nominally which are leading in the European fight for maintenance of gold.

Netherlands Plans Issue-Proceeds Will Be Used to Refund $150,000,000$ Guilder Maturity.
The Netherlands Government will offer for subscription on June 2 an internal 250,000,000-guilder $5 \%$ issue at par, according to advices received here by A. P. von Hemert, New York representative of De Twentsche Bank, N. V., of Amsterdam. The New York "Evening Post" of May 25 in reporting this said:
Part of the proceeds will be used to refund the $150,000,000$-guilder $6 \%$ Kingdom of Netherlands bonds, series B, which are quoted on the New York Curb Exchange and have been called for payment on July 1, it is under-
stood. Payment on subscriptions to the new loan will be due July 1 . Coupon dates have been fixed

Hungarian Stock Market (Budapest) Closed for 10 Months-Situation Little Improved in Central European Country-Bounty on Wheat and Rye To be Discontinued June 30.
Budapest's stock market has been closed for more than 10 months now, an arresting symbol of the rather disquieting economic and financial condition in Hungary, due mainly to the increased strangulation of foreign trade, prospects of an unbalanced budget without recourse to further inflation, the straits of agriculture, and the depressed state of industry, all of which lack any visible signs of improvement for the first quarter of 1932, according to a cable to the Commerce Department from Acting Commercial Attache George Wythe, Budapest. Conditions were further indicated in the following issued by the Department May 20.
The Government is concentrating its efforts on temporary measures to bridge the difficult summer months with prospects that the next agricultural crop will bring relief, it was stated.
United States firms have immobilized in Hungary about $\$ 1,749,000$, it is estimated, representing collections of commercial accounts which are impossible to transfer from the "blocked" accounts, and which cannot be disposed of even in Hungary, without the permission of the National Bank, which has resorted to these measures because of the difficult financial problems.
The note circulation of the National Bank amounted to $374,000,000$ pengos on March 31, the statutory reserve $123,200,000$, the bill portfolio $407,200,000$, and the gold cover $29 \%$, as compared with note circulation of $422,794,000$ on Dec. 31 1931, reserve $101,990,000$, bill portfolio 440 ,850,000 , and the cover $34.5 \%$.
On Jan. 20, the discount rate was reduced from 8 to $7 \%$ owing to the
present abnormal and controlled present abnormal and controlled credit situation. Considerable agitation has occurred in favor of further reductions, but this is not possible until satisfactory arrangements have been made with foreign creditors. According to a recent statement by the Finance Minister the Government is now endeavoring to convince foreign creditors that the existing rates of interest must be reduced.
Hungary's agricultural situation is in a particularly difficult situation, owing to the short crops of last season, and to the rapid decline of export markets. All of her principal foreign markets are restricting imports of agricultural products, especially livestock, which during the last two years has been Hungary's most profitable class of exports.
Various measures are being adopted by the Agrarian bloc in Parliament to improve the purchasing power of the rural population. The bounty on wheat and rye will be discontinued on June 30, however, but it is proposed
to relieve agriculture by abolishing the ground tax and reducing other asto relieve agriculture by abolishing the ground tax and reducing other as-
sessments in the farming communities. A price examination commission was created, and on March 31. prices of various essential farm supplies were reduced from 8 to $24 \%$.
The Government appropriated $20,000,000$ pengos to aid farmers with their crops this spring, through the Central Banking Corporation and the National Credit Corporation at $81 / 2 \%$ interest. Steps were also taken to relieve the heavy burden of the agriculturists.
Industry is sharply depressed, iron, steel and machinery industries being sharply afrected, working about one fifth of capacity, with further reduction expected in a few months.
Insolvencies rose by $15 \%$ during the first quarter of this year, as compared with the same period a year ago.
(Pengo equal to about 17.49 cents, U. S. par.)

## Rumania's Prohibition Against Transactions in Foreign Exchange.

The Department of Commerce on May 20 issued the following announcement regarding the above:
Rumania has prohibited all transactions in the sale or purchase of foreign bank notes, coins, checks, drafts and balances, except through the National Bank, according to official confirmation of recent reports received by the Commerce Department in a cable yesterday from Commercial Attache Sproull Fouche, Bucharest.
Foreigners may transfer bank balances, the cable stated, presumably within the country. Banks have a right to settle foreign debts from balances abroad. The lei (Rumanian currency) may be exported only on authority of the National Bank; and export of foreign currency is prohibited.
A reference to Rumania's restrictions on foreign currency appeared in our issue of May 21, page 3734.

## Central Bank of Turkey to Issue Silver Coins.

The following from Paris, May 23, is from the New York "Times"
The Central Bank of Turkey will soon issue silver coins to replace the nickel counters now in use.
The issue will be in denominations of 5,10 and 25 piastres and $£ 1$ Turkish.
It was originally intended to issue only silver coins of $£ 1$ value.
Arabic numerals will be replaced by Latin characters, another step in the Westernization of Turkey.

Czechoslovakian Government Offers to Restore Nobleman's Land-Drop in Agrarian Prices Lowers Demand for Farmers.
The following Prague cablegram, May 24, is from the New York "Times"
The Czechslovak Government, departing from its policy of confiscating the estates of nobles and dividing them among Ozech farmers, has offered to restore a 75,000 -acre farm to Prince Francis of Liechtenstein on the payment of $\$ 500,000$ to the Moravian farmers' co-operative society.
A similar offer has been made in connnection with the 50,000 -acre estate of the Schwarzenbugs in Bohemia.
The slump in agrarian prices, which has greatly lowered the demand for land, is believed to be one of the reasons for the change in policy.

## Bonds of Finland Drawn for Redemption

The National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agent, is notifying holders of Republic of Finland $51 / 2 \%$ external loan sinking fund gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1958, that $\$ 125,000$ principal amount of these bonds have been drawn for redemption at par on Aug. 1 1932. Such drawn bonds will be paid at the head office of the bank upon presentation on and after the redemption date from which date interest on the drawn bonds will cease.

Funds Received for Payment of June 1 Interest on German Consolidated Municipal Loan.
Chase Harris Forbes Corporation, as paying agents, announces that funds have been received to make the June 1 1932 interest payment on the outstanding $\$ 15,850,000$ German Consolidated Municipal Loan, $6 \%$ bonds, due June 1 1947.

Funds Available for Payment of July 1 Interest on Republic of Colombia 6\% External Sinking Fund Bonds Due 1961.
Hallgarten \& Co. and Kidder, Peabody \& Co., Fiscal agents for the $\$ 25,000,000$ Republic of Colombia $6 \%$ external sinking fund gold bonds dated July 1 1927, due Jan. 1 1961, announce that they have received funds for the payment of of coupon interest due July 11932 on all outstanding bonds of that issue.

## Panama Gets $\$ 100,000$ Loan-Borrows from National City Bank to Pay Salaries.

The following special correspondence from Panama, May 18, is from the New York "Times":
The Panama Government has negotiated a loan for $\$ 100,000$ with the local branch of the National City Bank to run for a period of four months with interest at $7 \%$, the money to be used to pay salaries of Government employees and take care of other pressing local bills.
The loan will be repaid at the rate of $\$ 25,000$ a month and Government revenues collected at Colon will be devoted to the payments at that rate, the Government retaining the balance, if any, each month.

## Partial Payment of Bank Interest to Be Made on Three Peruvian Loans.

J. \& W. Seligman \& Co. and the National City Bank of New York, fiscal agents of the Republic of Peru, are notifying holders of Peruvian National Loan $6 \%$ bonds, first and second series, that, on and after May 26, they will be prepared to make a partial payment of interest on the June 11931 coupons of the first series bonds at the rate of $\$ 4.46$ for each $\$ 30$ coupon, and on the April 11931 coupons of the second series bonds at the rate of $\$ 15.70$ for each $\$ 30$ coupon and $\$ 76.40$ for each $£ 30$ coupon. The further notice (May 25) said:
J. \& W. Seligman \& Co., as fiscal agents of the Republic of Peru 7\% bonds (Tobacco Loan), 1959, and Province of Callao (Peru) $71 / 2 \%$ bonds. are notifying the holders thereof that, on and after May 26, they will be prepared to make a partial payment of interest on the Sept. 11931 coupons of Tobacco Loan bonds at the rate of $\$ 17.94$ for each $\$ 35$ coupon, and on the Jan. 11932 coupons of Province of Callao bonds at the rate of $\$ 32.50$ for each $\$ 37.50$ coupon.
Substantially all the funds which are now being distributed to the holders of Peruvian National Loan and of Tobacco Loan bonds were deposited by the Peruvian Government for the service of such bonds prior to the issuance on May 291931 of a decree suspending temporarily the payment of service charges on the entire public debt of the Republic. The funds which are being distrubuted to the holders of Province of Callao bonds represent the available balance of a reserve fund established when the bonds were issued, as additional security for payment of the service of the bonds.
When the decree of May 291931 was issued, it was hoped that economic and political conditions would improve sufficiently to permit payment in full on the coupons against which part of the required funds had already been deposited. However, in Peru, as elsewhere in the world, economic conditions became progressively more unsatisfactory after the issuance of this decree, and last January a law was promulgated extending indefinitely the moratorium for the payment of service charges on the external debt. The niscal agents in Lima and will do their utmost they are continuing to maintain an office in Lima and will do their utmost to protect bondholders' interests.

New York Stock Exchange Notices Regarding Peruvian Bonds Dealt in "Flat."
On May 25 the following notices were issued by the New York Stock Exchange:

Republic of Peru.
Peruvian National Loan, 6\% External Sinking Fund Cold Bonds, First Series, Due 1960-Interest. NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Committee on Securities.
Referring to the ruling of the Committee on Securiti May 251932. 1931, SEC-223. me mate payment of $\$ 4.46$ per $\$ 1,000$ bond will 1931, on

Republic of Peru
Peruvian National Loan, 6\% External Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, First Series, due 1960:
The Committee on Securities further rules that the bonds be quoted ex-interest $\$ 4.46$ per $\$ 1,000$ bond on Thursday, May 26 1932; that the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "Flat" and to be a delivery after May 26 1932, must carry the June 1 1931, coupon stamped as to payment of $\$ 4.46$ per $\$ 1,000$ bond and subsequent coupons. Such coupons must be securely attached and bear the same serial number as the bond.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

## Republic of Peru

Peruvian National Loan, 6\% External Sinking Fund Gold Bonds,
Second Series, Due 1961-Interest.
May 251932.
Referring to the ruling of the Committee on Securities dated Mar. 30 1931. SEC-183.

Notice having been received that payment of $\$ 15.70$ per $\$ 1,000$ bond will be made beginning May 26 1932, on account of the interest due April 1 1931, on

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## Republic of Peru

Series, due 1961:
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Republic of Peru
Secured 7\% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Due 1959-Interest.
May 251932.
Referring to the ruling of the Committee on Securities dated Sept. 1 1931, SEC-293.
Notice having been received that payment of $\$ 17.94$ per $\$ 1,000$ bond will be made beginning May 26 1932, on account of the interest due Sept. 1 1931, on

## Republic of Peru

Secured $7 \%$ Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due 1959:
The Committee on Securities further rules that the bonds be quoted ex-interest $\$ 17.94$ per $\$ 1,000$ bond on Thursday, May 26 1932; that the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "Flat" and to be a delivery after May 6 1932, must carry the Sept. 1 1931, coupon stamped as to payment of 17.94 per $\$ 1,000$ bond and subsequent coupons. Such coupons must be securely attached and bear the same serial number as the bond.

## Payment of Overdue Interest on Bonds of State of Minas Geraes.

The National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agent, is notifying holders of State of Minas Geraes $61 / 2 \%$ secured external sinking fund gold bonds, due March 1 1958, and secured external gold loan of 1929 , series $\mathrm{A}, 61 / 2 \%$ bonds, due Sept. 1 1959, that upon presentation on and after June 61932 of interest coupons due March 11932 of each of the above issues, there will be paid to bearer, on account of the amount due thereon, the sum of $\$ 6.56$ with respect to each $\$ 32.50$ coupon and $\$ 3.28$ with respect to each $\$ 16.25$ coupon.

Receipt of Funds Announced for Payment of July 1 Interest on Outstanding Bonds, Series A, of El Salvador Issued Under Loan Contract-Republic Defaults on Two Other Charges.
Manufacturers Trust Co., successor to Chatham Phenix National Bank \& Trust Co., as fiscal agent under the loan contract between the Republic of El Salvador and Minor C. Keith, dated June 24 1922, and supplementary contracts, has received funds sufficient to pay the interest due July 11932 on the outstanding bonds of series A issued under said loan contract, and has also received a remaining sum of $\$ 81,900$ which it will apply to the purchase of bonds of series A as provided in Article XII of said loan contract.

From the New York "Evening Post" of May 25 we take the following:
The Republic of E1 Salvador will default in the payment of service due July 1 on its series B $7 \%$ sterling bonds and series C $7 \%$ dollar bonds. it was announced to-day.
Funds are on hand with the Manufacturers Trust Co. to pay the interest and sinking fund due July 1 on the Republic's series A $8 \%$ customs lien sinking fund bonds, but payment of service due Jan. 1 next is doubtful, according to a statement issued to-day by the law firm of Guggenheimer \& Untermyer.
The series A bonds have a prior lien which will enable the Manufacturers Trust to pay the interest, the statement points out. A protective com-
mittee, headed by Montgomery Schuyler, is acting for the bondholders,
with Manufactur
myer as counsel.
Until shortly after the recent revolution in E1 Salvador," the attorneys' statement said, "the customs service of the Republic was administered by W. W. Renwick, fiscal representative for the fiscal agent, who remitted monthly to the fiscal agent in New York amounts sufficient to defray the service of the loan contract for all three series of the bonds. The revolutionary Government has taken over the customs receipts and declined to permit transmittal thereof to the United States.
"Unless the revolutionary Government sees fit to remit funds, it 1 doubtful whether the Jan. 11933 installment of interest on the series A

## All Banks in Mexico Called Upon to Maintain Reserves

 with Bank of Mexico-Branches of Foreign Banks Included in Decree.Press advices from Mexico City May 20 said:
Pending enactment of a general banking law of executive nature and in order to accelerate the creation of the Bank of Mexico as a reserve unit
as provided in the Presidential decree issued April 12, Secretary of as provided in the Presidential decree issued April 12, Secretary of
Treasury Pani has issued a decree calling upon all banks to maintain certain reserves with the Bank of Mexico.
One of the principal provisions which will become effective immediately requires all foreign banks operating in Mexico to invest an equivalent of at
least $6 \%$ of their capital and reserves in Series B shares of the Government. least $6 \%$ of their capital and reserves in Series B shares of the Government-
controlled Bank of Mexico. Further provisions are made that $5 \%$ controlled Bank of Mexico. Further provisions are made that $5 \%$ of all
national currency deposits shall also be deposited with the Banco de national
Mexico.

A copyright cablegram May 20 from Mexico City to the New York "Herald Tribune" stated:
Determined immediately to set Governmental machinery in motion to bring to completion the plans to create a Federal Reserve System centered about the Bank of Mexico and at the same time quashing recurring charges of purposely delaying the founding of the new system, Alberto J. Pani,
Secretary of the Treasury, to-day caused an executive presidential decree Secretary of the Treasury, to -day caused an executive presidential decree to be issued ordering both forei
ciated with the Bank of Mexico.
This is the first concrete step taken in carrying out provisions of the original law of April 12 which provided for reorganization of the Bank of Mexico as the nucleus of a reserve system. That the new amendatory law becomes effective immediately is highly regarded by foreign bankers, who state that it marks the beginning of a modern reserve which heretofore has not existed in Mexico. Without changing the sense of the original law of April, the new law merely clarifies and amplifies certain provisions. It also acts as an executive writ in setting the new reserve system in motion.
The first article of the new law or decree provides that all institutions receiving deposits from the public at thirty days or less, thereby excluding certain savings banks, must become associated immediately with the Bank of Mexico. To become an affiliate of the new system, all banking institutions must subscribe to series B shares of the bank in an amount not less than $6 \%$ of their capital. Series A shares constituting $51 \%$ of the capital of the Bank of Mexico are held by the Federal Government. In this manner the Government retains absolute control of the bank and the new reserve system. The remaining $49 \%$ consisting of Series B shares are subscribed to by foreign and national banks within the country.
Certain restrictions are placed on foreign banks as they are denied the right to receive savings deposits, act as trustees, issue cash or mortgag bonds, shares, deposit certificates or collateral bonds. With the exception of receiving savings deposits and, at times, serving as estate trustees, for eign branch banks in Mexico seldom engage in other activities denied them in this particular article of the law. To permit these banks ample time to settle matters falling under this provision the new law allows them three months time to liquidate all such pending affairs. Like officials in many Latin-American countries, Mexican Treasury officials look with a certain amount of doubt upon accounts of foreign currency carried in oreign branch banks, as they see in this a manifest skepticism on the part of depositors as to the stability of the national currency.
Foreign currency accounts also serve, in their opinion, as a ready means for speculators to manipulate foreign exchange which has long been a foreign currency deposits in foreign branch banks, stating that these deporeign currency deposits in foreign branch banks, stating that these deposits must be covered by "cash in gold at its corresponding equivalent or in the opinion of national banking commission banks of first class standing the cash on hand or deposits to which this clause refers must be kept at a minimum amount to be determined by the national banking commission."

Criticism of Federal Farm Board by President Carey of Chicago Board of Trade-Says Exchange Could Dis pose of Government Wheat at Advancing PricesChairman Stone of Farm Board Defends Operations of Grain Stabilization Corporation.
In response to inquiries of newspaper correspondents, James C. Stone, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, had the following to say on Sunday, May 22:

Newspaper reports of statements of Peter B. Carey, President of the Chicago Board of Trade, in regard to methods of disposal of the stock of the Grain Stabilization Corporation, indicate an attitude towards liquidaion of these stocks strictly in conformity with the long-established view point of Board of Trade members. They look upon themselves as middle men, entitled by custom to take a heavy toll from American wheat producers for so-called services which consist chiefly in the pocketing by themelves of the largest in the present derressed situration to this Every suggesassistance has contained, as its chief element, a their tendering aid, either by buying at prices ridiculously below the thase or for commissions on huge volume.
Liquidation of the stocks of the Grain Stabilization Corporation under the plan announced June 30 1931, has proceeded in such a manner that American wheat prices have been maintained at substantially 5 to 15
 ing critics explain to the public how and why this has happened.
The crop outlook to-day leads qualified observers to conclude brighter days are in prospect for our wheat producers. Winter wheat reports in.
dicate low production. Spring areas do not promise excess supplies. No wonder the speculatively inclined seek wheat stocks on the bargain counter. The Grain Stabilization Corporation has none to offer on that basis.
Wheat is the only great major commodity which for the last five months has shown a definite upward trend. Its influence under the present favorThat opportunity will may well lead other commodities to higher ground. sentin manipulation. manipulation. The recent disclosures as to the operations of brother hands. The torders in such hands. The orderly method of distributing as demand arises will be continued.
The public shouldn't be fooled by such attacks on the Farm Board as those of Mr. Carey. Their purpose is not to help in the present situation but to prevent the farmer organizing his business so that he, in a measure,
In a criticism of the "so-called farm leaders," Peter B. Carey, President of the Chicago Board of Trade, stated on May 21 that six members of his organization could dispose of all the Farm Board's wheat for cash "at a steadily advancing price." Associated Press dispatches from Chicago May 21 reporting this added:
"There is a tremendous demand for American hard wheat right now," he declared. "I could appoint a committee of six of our members who in a short time and with absolutely no drain on the taxpayer could and would the ine or all
"I believe wheat sheuldection on the general condition of the country." forced by Congress to desist have so far resulted in have so which the farmer of this destroying the free, open, liquid grain markets which the farmer of this country has hitherto enjoyed," he said. "Such interference with normal business as is now contemplated by the Jones bill, the McNary bill and the Strong bill, make only for more bureaucracy, more Federal employees and lower prices
on the commodity exchanges or put additional farm to regulate trading effect.

Text of Bill Signed by President Hoover Making Debentures of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks Eligible for 15-Day Loans by Federal Reserve Banks to Member Banks.
Last week (page 3738) we referred to the signing of the bill (on May 19, not May 20) by President Hoover whereby debentures of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks are made eligible for 15 -day loans from Federal Reserve banks to members of the Federal Reserve System. As we have heretofore noted, the bill passed the Senate on April 25, and it was passed by the House on May 16. Referring to the passage of the bill by the House on May 16, a Washington account on that date to the New York "Times" said:

Its principal features, Representative Steagall, Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, told the House, are as follows

Intermediate Credit Banks may accept drafts or bills of exchange issued or drawn by such banks when secured by warehouse receipts or shipping documents covering staple agricultural products.
Federal Reserve banks are authorized to purchase and sell in the open market, either from or to domestic banks, firms, corporations, or indi-
viduals, acceptances of Federal viduals, acceptances of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks.
In the event of an impairment of the paid-in capital of any Federal
Intermediate Oredit Bank, the Farm Loan Board Intermediate Credit Bank, the Farm Loan Board may determine and assess the amount thereof against the other Federal Intermediate Credit
Banks. Banks.
Any Federal Reserve bank may make advances to its member banks on their promissory notes for a period not exceeding 15 days at rates to be established by such Federal Reserve banks, subject to the review and determination of the Federal Reserve Board, provided such promissory notes are secured by such notes, drafts, bills of exchange or bankers' acceptances as are eligible for rediscount or for purchase by Federal Reserve banks under the provisions of this Act, or by the deposit or pledge of bonds or notes of the United States, or by the deposit or pledge of debentures or other such obligations of Federal Intermediate Oredit Banks which are eligible for
tion 13 (a) of this Act.

Discussing the amendment authorizing Intermediate Banks to accept drafts or bills of exchange, the committee report said it would make it in funds at the prevailing acceptance rate and would open an additional channel through which agricultural producers in receive financial aid in marketing their products.
作 den of Pennsylvania, former Ohairman of the Banking and Currency Committee.
"If you want to go ahead and weaken the American dollar," he said, Onen go ahead.
Only 40 minutes of debate was allowed under suspension of the rules, and no amendments were offered. It was the first time this s
bill has been passed under suspension without a record roll call
"We are always suspicious of anything from the Banking and Ourrency and telephoned to the Federal Reserve Board and to the Treasury They both said the bill was all right, so that's why it is going by so easy."

Before the House, on May 16, Representative Steagall, indicating the purport of the bill, said:
It comes before the House with a unanimous report from the Committee on Banking and Currency, with possibly one exception. The bill has passed the Senate, and if it is proper to say so, I may add, without any objection from the members of the Banking and Currency Committee of that body or from the membership of that body at large. It represents an effort of
farm organizations and members of the House to enlarge the service rendered to agriculture by the Intermediate Oredit Banks. The first four sections to agriculture by the Intermediate Credit Banks. The first four sections
relate to the Federal Farm Loan Act. The first section permits Intermediate Credit Banks to purchase acceptances secured by warehouse receipts or documents covering farm products. This would give the banks the benefit of the accepted rate of interest, which is usually lower than interest paid on debentures of the banks.

Section 2 provides for assessing all the banks to take care of any possible
mpairment of the capital of any one of the impairment of the capital of any one of the 12 banks. This is only a simplification of methods for doing what must be done under existing law. as to require the accumulation of surplus equal to capital before paying as to require the accumulation of surplus equal
Section 4 only provides in detail for transfer of funds from one of the banks to another to meet any obligation for which each of the 12 sections.
These are two provisions which amend the Federal Reserve Act; and in view of the fact that the gentleman from Pennsylvania has just assented to my statement, I shall limit my remarks to the two sections to which I have referred. The first of these is Section 5
The Federal Reserve banks are permitted under existing law to rediscount the very kind of paper, notes, drafts, or bills of exchange that are provided for in this bill if offered by member banks.
The Federal Reserve banks may rediscount for the Intermediate Credit Banks this same class of notes, drafts, bills of exchange, if purchased by the Intermediate Credit Banks.
The purpose of the amendment is to permit Federal Reserve banks to rediscount the same notes, drafts, bills of exchange held by Intermediate Oredit Banks covering loans and advances made directly by Intermediate Oredit Banks to agricultural corporations and banks and other financial institutions to which Intermediate Credit Banks are permitted to make
It is simply a piece of lost machinery in the Intermediate Credit Banks that we are attempting to supply.
I will say that with possibly one exception I have not heard of anybody who is opposed to that provision of the bill.
debentures and obligations of the Intermediate Credit Banks may use them for rediscount for 15 -day loans by the Federal Reserve banks. These obligations are secured by every one of the 12 Intermediate Credit Banke The stock is owned by the Government of the United States, $\$ 60,000,000$ of it, and half of that stock is now held in the Treasury for the support of the obligations of the Intermediate Credit Banks.
These obligations the Intermediate Credit Banks.
They are as sound and desirable purch now from Federal Reserve banks. They are as sound and desirable as commercial paper, which the banks are permitted to accept for advances under existing law. They are secured by the entire 12 banks, and the Government owns the capital in those banks. The provision would make these securities more desirable by

Tbe following is the text of the bill as signed by President Hoover, May 19 :

0 amend Title II of the Federal Farm Loan Act in regard to Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and for other purposes.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Section 202 (a) of Title II 1031), is hereby amended by substituting a semicolon for the peri. 8 , Sec. end of clause (3) and adding thereto the following new matter: "and to accept drafts or bills of exchange issued or drawn by any such association when secured by warehouse receipts and/or shipping documents covering staple agricultural products as herein provided."
Sec. 2. Section 205 of Title II of the Federal Farm Loan Act, as amended (U. S. C., title 12, ch. 8, sec. 1061), is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new matter: "In the event that there shall be an impairment of the paid-in capital of any Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Farm Loan Board, at such time or times as it deems advisable, may determine and assess the amount thereof against the other Federal Intermediate Credit Banks on such equitable basis of apportionment as it shall
prescribe. Each bank against which such an assessment is made shall, prescribe. Each bank against which such an assessment is made shall,
out of its surplus and /or to an extent up to $50 \%$ of its net earnings, in out of its surplus and /or to an extent up to $50 \%$ of its net earnings, in accordance with the terms of such assessment, pay the amount thereof as
soon as possible to the bank having the impairment. In such event paysoon as possible to the bank having the impairment. In such event pay-
ments into the surplus fund and payments of the franchise tax prescribed by this chapter shall be determined on the basis of the net earnings remaining after providing for the payment of any such assessment."
Sec. 3. Section 206 (b) of Title II of the Federal Farm Loan Act, as amended (U. S. C., title 12, ch. 8, see 1072), is hereby amended (effective Jan. 1 1932) by striking out the first two sentences of said section and subtituting therefor the following new matter. "After all necessary expenses of a Federal Intermediate Credit Bank have been paid or provided for, the net earnings shall be paid into a surplus fund until it shall amount to $100 \%$ of the subscribed capital stock of such bank, and thereafter $50 \%$ of such earnings shall be paid into the surplus. Whenever the surplus thus paid in shall have been impaired it shall be fully restored before payment of the franchise tax herein prescribed. After the aforesaid requirements of this section have been fully met and, except as otherwise provided in this Act, $50 \%$ of the net earnings shall be paid to the United States as franchise tax.
Sec. 4. Section 207 of Title II of the Federal Farm Loan Act, as amended (U. S. O., title 12, ch. 8 , sec. 1081), is hereby amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and substituting a colon together with a proviso as follows: "Provided, That in view of the liability of all Federal intermediate credit banks for the debentures and other such obligations of each bank under this Act, the banks shall, in accordance with rules, regulations, and orders of the Federal Farm Loan Board, enter into adequate agreements and arrangements among themselves by which funds shall be transferred and/or made available from time to time for the payment of all such debentures and other such obligations and the interest thereon when due in accordance with the terms thereof."
Sec. 5. The second paragraph of Section 13 (a) of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended (U. S. C., title 12, ch. 3, sec. 349), is hereby amended may also, subject to regulations and limitations Federal Reserve Bank may also, subject to regulations and limitations to be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Board, discount notes payable to and bearing the indorsement of any Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, covering loans or advances II ef Farm Loan the provisions of Section 202 (a) of Title II of the Federal Farm Loan Act, as amended (U. S. C., title 12, ch. 8, sec 1031), which have maturities at the time of discount of not more than drafts, or bills of exchange eligible for rediscount by Federal Reserve drafts, ${ }^{\text {Banks." }}$

Sec. 6. The seventh paragraph of Section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended (U. S. O., title 12, ch, 3, sec. 347), is hereby amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma and adding thereto the words "or by the deposit or pledge of debentures or other such obligations of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks which are eligible for purchase by Federal Reserve Banks under Section 13 (a) of this Act."

Norbeck-Steagall Act Making Debentures of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks Eligible for Loans by Federal Reserve Banks Completes Co-operatives' Credit Circle-Widens Liquidity by Making Drafts Good for Loans.
The following (Associated Press) from Washington May 23, is from the New York "World Telegram"
By making dratts and bills of exchange eligible as collateral for loans at Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, the Norbeck-Steagall bill signed by the President gives farm co-operatives their first complete circle of credit.
Heretofore, acceptance of warehouse receipts and shipping dociments Heretofore, acceptance of warehouse receipts and shipping documents
covering staple agricultural products stopped at the covering staple agricultural products stopped at the Credit Banks. There
was a limit to the funds they would procure on short time maturity, and no matter how many more the co-operatives held, the amount of their loans was gauged by the funds available to these banks.
Now the Intermediate Credit Banks may rediscount co-operative paper with the Federal Reserve banks and constantly replenish their resources. The last gap will be closed in the circle of credit.

Adds to Rediscount Field.
The bill also makes debentures of the Intermediate Credit Banks eligible collateral for loans from Federal Reserve banks to members of the Federal Reserve system. That is a member State or National bank may purchase Credit Bank debentures with the assurance that Federal Reserve banks will accept them as security for 15 -day loans.
This added liquidity is calculated to make debentures more attractive to commercial banks, increase their sale and lower the interest at which the debentures are sold.
It is through the sale of their debentures that Intermediate Credit Banks obtain the funds which they lend to local credit corporations and livestock loan companies which discount the individual farmer's notes.

## Brought Reduced Interest.

Assurances by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation that unless the public bought more freely it would enter the market for Oredit Bank Debentures, characterized by Andrew Mellon, former Secretary of the Treasury, as "high grade investments," are accredited with considerable influence in reducing the interest rate on the May 15 sale of these securities to $3 \%$.
In some instances the interest rate has run as high as $5 \%$, further increasing the lending charge to agriculture. It is the belief of Federal Farm Loan Board officials that enactment of the bill may further reduce the intere
Intermediate credit is a type of credit advanced by the 12 Federal Intermediate Credit Banks to local lending institutions such as agricultural credit corporations, livestock loan companies and State and national banke, based upon the notes of farmers and stockemen whose financial statements and collateral security entitle them to credit.

Biggest Oredit Year.
During 1931 the Credit Banks discounted paper for, or made loans to approximately 450 financing institutions, including 144 agricultural credit corporations, 28 livestock loan companies and 23 commercial banks which previously had not established loan and discount relations. The total number using these facilities to date is 987 .
The total credit extended by the 12 banks in 1931 was $\$ 122,733,361-$ the largest volume for any year since organization of the system and exceeding the total for 1930 by $\$ 13,686,295$.
warehouse loans to farmers' co-operative marketing organizations on pooled warehouse agricultural commodities aggregated $\$ 145,260,386$ which was the largest volume of such credit ever granted by these banks.

## Charles R. Dunn on Effect of Enactment of Bill Making Debentures of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks Eligible fory 15-Day Loans by Federal Reserve

 Banks to Member Banks.Commenting upon President Hoover's signing of the bill on May 19 making the debentures of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks eligible for 15 -day loans by the Federal Reserve Banks to banks which are members of the Reserve System, Charles R. Dunn, Fiscal Agent for the Intermediate Credit institutions who directs their public financing from New York, said onMay 21:
"This is a long hoped-for step in the right direction, as it will not only facilitate the future financing of the Intermediate Credit Banks, but will also cut the cost of borrowing by the farmer who pays as high as $9 \%$ under existing conditions. It was an oversight that the debentures were not made eligible when the bill creating the Intermediate Credit Banks was passed in 1923."
Short-term financing is engaged in by the Intermediate Credit Banks monthly and although the Reconstruction Finance Corporation offered to subscribe for any unsubscribed portion of the debentures offered in recent months, that has not been necessary owing to the public demand for the debentures that has existed up to the present. The banks expect to enter the market the first of next month with a large offering. The signing of the bill by President Hoover was noted in our issue of May 21, page 3738. It is proper to state however that the date the bill was signed is May 19, not May 20, as previously reported.

## All But One of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks Reduce Interest to Farmers' Co-operative Associa-tions-Action Results from Enactment of NorbeckSteagall Bill.

All but one of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks have reduced their interest charges recently to farmers' co-operative marketing associations and to financing institutions offering eligible agricultural paper to them for
discount, as a result of the passage of the Norbeck-Steagall bill through Congress and its signatures by President Hoover, May 19 according to an announcement issued May 24 in behalf of the Intermediate Credit Banks. The announcement also says:

All but one of the banks are charging $41 / 2 \%$ interest whereas in March the rate reached the unprecedented level of $51 / 2 \%$ in 10 of them. The Norbeck-Steagall bill makes these debentures eligible for $\mathbf{1 5}$-day loans from Federal Reserve Banks to members of the Federal Reserve System and will broaden the market for these securities and make it possible to float them at a lower
upon them instantly.
The effect of placing these amendments to the Federal Reserve and Agricultural Credits Acts upon the statute books was felt in the market even before the bill was passed by both Houses of Congress, and shortly after the bill passed the house, hay 16 the carly tupres were selling at a marked premium. More recent issues bore $3 \%$ interest and prospects are excellent for a lower rate of
Although the passage of the Norbeck-Steagall bill cured a temporary situation in which banks and other big institutions sought to keep themselves much more liquid than normally and therefore invested in very iquid securities, the passage of the bill provides for all time for a more desirable debenture. The bill further strengthens and broadens the activities of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks in that they have another source of funds, namely the authority to sell acceptances of drafts and bills of the acceptance market frequently is lower than the debenture market, the banks periodically should be able to sell acceptances bearing a lower rate of interest than their debentures. This is rather important to these institutions since approximately one-half of their business is lending to farmers' o-operative marketing associations, taking warehouse receipts representing taple agricultural commodities stored in acceptable warehouses or shiping documents covering staple agricultural commodities.
The Norbeck-Steagall Act further perfects the Agricultural Oredits Act which created the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks by amending it to make it possible immediately to assess all of the banks to take care of any impairment of capital of any one of the 12 banks-a mere simplification of the method delineated in the original law. It further strengthens the banks by requiring accumulation of surplus equal to capital before paying earnings into the United States Treasury as a franchise tax
It also authorizes, with the acquiescence of the Federal Farm Board, the ransfer of funds from one bank to another for the payment of obligations or which each of the 12 banks is responsible. Another rather important change made by this act permits Federal Reserve Banks to discount notes payable to and bearing the endorsement of any Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, covering loans or advances made by such bank which have a ma turity at time of discount of not more than 9 months, when secured by notes, drafts or bills of exchange eligible for rediscount by Federal Reserve Banks. This means that Federal Reserve Banks may now discount for Federal Intermediate Oredit Banks notes payable representing direct loans or advances by the latter Banks to farmers' co-operative marketing associations when they have a maturity of not more than 9 months.

Crop Production Loans of $\$ 63,902,000$ Approved by Department of Agriculture to 504,442 Farmers.
With the period for application for crop production loans his year ended May 15, the Department of Agriculture has approved $\$ 63,002,000$ of loans to 504,442 farmers all over the country, and has now passed upon all but a few thousand of the applications, according to an oral statement, May 19 by Henry S. Clarke, in charge of the loan office for the Department. We quote from the "United States Daily" of May 20, which further said:
The remaining applications cannot bring the total much above $\$ 65$, $000,000^{\circ}, \mathrm{Mr}$. Clarke said, and the final total will be about that figure The following additional information was provided
The loans have averaged $\$ 126.68$ each. They are due Nov. 30, and rganization of collection forces already has begun. The loans are secured by the growing crops which they financed.
Meanwhile, between 400 and 500 men have been placed in the field by the Department to check up on farmers who received loans and insure that the crops pledged as security actually are planted and properly cared for These men will range over the country, visiting the farmers and inspecting heir growing crops.
The decline in number of applications for loans near the close of the period for applications is believed to indicate that the need for loans has been about fully met. There will remain available to the loan office about $\$ 10,000,000$ of unexpended funds, from which expenses will have to be paid The balance would be available in case any outstanding disaster such as lood, tornado, or other natural phenomenon shou
Numerous requests for continuance of the loans have reached the office occurs after every loan operation, but no sound reason for continuin lending operations has been presented, in view of the fact that the law restricts loans to financing crop production and practically all crops already have been sown.
The loan funds came from $\$ 50,000,000$ of the Reconstruction Financ Corporation's original capital, set aside by Congress for the purpose, and from expansion of that capital by issuance of securities by the Corporation. This expansion was authorized up to a total of $\$ 200,000,000$, but only $\$ 25,000,000$ in addition to the original $\$ 50,000,000$ of capital has yet been made available for farm loans, and this has been more than sufficient to meet the need.

## As a Spur to Farm Workers Russian Soviet Abolishes State and Local Taxes on Sales Other Than Under State Contracts.

Associated Press accounts from Moscow, May 21, said:
As a further spur to the workers on the collective and private farms to engage in private trade and thus increase food supplies in the city and timulate form production, the Soviet Government decreed to-day the abolition of all State and local taxes which heretofore have been assessed against these groups if they sold their products outside of State contracts.
The new order was issued by the Executive Committee of the Com munist party and the Council of People's Commissars. It applies not only
to the sale of surplus bread and meat, such as was authorized by an order a few days ago, but also to the sale of chickens, eggs, dairy products, vegetables, fruit and other farm commodities.
The sale of such produce by peasants peddling in the streets has been permitted for some time, but to-day's was the first organized effort to encourage the practice on a large scale. In effect, it completes the liberalization of the whole agricultural policy of the Soviet Union.
The decree provides that individual peasants must sell at open market prices so as to compete with illegal private traders and speculators, and the collectives must charge prices not exceeding the average received in the Government's commercial or high-priced stores.
This was expected to keep food prices somewhat high still, but it was considered certain that it would improve the general supply availabl for purchase by the people, especially the supply of eggs, vegetables and fruit, shortages of which has been felt for some time

## New York Stock Exchange Widens Rules for Listings-

 Companies Must Agree to Publish Annual Reports at Specified Dates-Paramount Publix and Pan American Petroleum First Companies to Face Latest PolicyThe New York Stock Exchange has sought to obtain early publication of annual reports of companies whose share are listed on the Exchange by getting definite agreements, when applications are made for listing additional securities, that reports will be published not later than specified dates. This was noted in the New York "Times" of May 27, which further said:

The new policy was revealed in the applications for the listing of stock [May 17] of the Paramount Publix Corporation and the Pan American Petroleum and Transport Co., which were approved by the Exchange on Wednesday

The Paramount Publix Corporation agreed to publish the balance sheet and income account of the previous year at least once in each year, and to submit it to stockholders at least 15 days in advance of the annual meeting, but not later than 14 weeks after the end of the fiscal year of the corporation.

The listing application of the Pan American company contained a similar provision under which the company agreed to issue its report not later than 15 da
fied date
Hitherto the Exchange's formal listing agreement contined no clause requiring companies to issue their reports not later than a certain date. apply for the listing of additional securities.

## New York Stock Exchange Notice Regarding New Ruling on Bond Sales-Sellers Must Be Notified

 of Flat Price on Defaulted Issues.The New York Stock Exchange amplified on May 23 its recent ruling on changes in limited selling orders on bonds on which interest payments have been defaulted. The original ruling stated that when the basis of trading in bonds changes from "and interest" to "flat," limited selling orders should be raised in price by the amount of the accrued interest.

This week's notice of the Stock Exchange follows:

## NEW YORK STOOK EXCHANGE.

May 231932.
To the Members of the Exchange:
Referring to Circular C-4915, dated May 4 1932, which reads as follows: When the basis of trading in bonds changes from 'and interest' to 'flat': limited selling orders should be raised in price by the amount of the accrued interest.
"This should be done by the member in the Bond Crowd to whom the order has been entrusted for execution, and confirmed immediately to his principal," the said change in the price of limited selling orders should be made at the same time that the change in the basis of trading. pursuant to the ruing of the dorlice securties in the particular case. becomes effective. This cbange in price is intended to protect the interests of sellers who may not be aware that the basis of trading is being changed.

The party who has originally given the order to sell should be immediately notified of the change in the basis of trading, and informed that his order to sell at a price "and interest" is no longer valid and bas, for his protection been replaced by an equivalent order on the "flat" basis, pending his further instructions.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.
Odd Lot Trading on New York Stock Exchange on New Basis-Differentials Fixed at $1 / 8 \%$.
Regarding exchange in the basis of odd lot trading on the New York Stock Exchange, the following notice was issued on May 26 basis
All stocks, irrespective of price or par value, will be traded in on both buying and selling orders at $1 / 8 \%$ from sales or on the bid and offer as formerly, but to that price there will be added in the case of your buying orders only, the amount of the cost to us of tre stamp taxes involved.
The changing rates of taxation on stock transfers imposed by the Stete and Federal Governments lead us to believe this method to be the most equitable and fair to all concerned. Very truly yours,
V. C. BROWN \& Co.
OARLISLE MELLICF \& CO.

DeCOPPET \& DOREMUS,
JACQUELIN \& DeCOPPET,
TEFFT \& CO.
Noting that the present is the second change made within a few months, and that it provides that instead of setting up fixed differentials to care for the increase in State and

Federal transfer taxes the amount of the taxes would be added to the cost of odd lots bought, the New York "Journal of Commerece" of May 27 said:
Upon the recent passage of the State tax of 4c. a share on stocks of $\$ 100$ par or no par to be paid by the seller, against the former tax of 2 c . a share. the odd lot firms, being dealers and hence subject to the tax, raised the
differentials between the floor prices for 100 -share lots and the price of differentials between the floor prices for 100 -share lots and the price of odd lots. Since the tax scaled down with the par value the differentials changed. Since the tax scaled down with the par value, the dirferentials were adjusted to cover the taxes on broad pardyalue divisions. The in-
equalities which arose from the placement of fixed differentiais on different par values below the fixed limits led to the change.
The earlier change was referred to in our issue of March 5, page 1678.
D. M. McKeon Suspended by New York Stock Exchange for One Year.
Daniel Manning McKeon, an independent floor broker with offices at 71 Broadway, this city, was suspended by the New York Stock Exchange for the period of one year on Thursday of this week, May 26. The announcement of the suspension was made from the rostrum of the Exchange by Richard Whitney, President of the New York Stock Exchange, at 10.20 o'clock Thursday morning and was as follows:
"A charge and specification having been preferred under Sections 4 and 7 of Article XVII of the Constitution of the Exchange against Daniel Manning McKeon, a member of the Exchange, said charge and specification were considered by the Governing Committee at a meeting held on May 25 1932, said Daniel Manning McKeon being present.

The substance of the charge and specification was that on April 28 1932, said Daniel Manning McKeon made offers to sell securities for the purpose of upsetting the equilibrium of the market, and bringing about a condition demoralization in which prices would not fairly reflect market values, and thereby was guilty of acts inconsistent with just and equitable principles
of trade. of trade.

Although said offers were not accepted and did not cause a decline in prices, said Daniel Manning McKeon was found by the Governing Committee guilty of said charge and specification and was suspended for one year.
Yesterday's New York "Herald Tribune," in reporting the matter, said in part as follows:
Mckeon was a private trader and was admitted to membership March 1 1929. He made his office with Drysdale \& Co., but was not a member of that firm. He declined to make any comment.
Athough reputed to be a fairly active trader, he was not identified with any particular issues, and the Exchange officials would not make public the names of stocks which, it is alleged, he tried to depress.
The Stock Exchange began a thorough inquiry into practices of short seling is the first time in the bear market that disciplinary action has been made public. It has been rumored once or twice that certain members sold their seats in a hurry as a result of the inquiry, but there has been no other suspension. There have been numerous cases of members being called upon to explain their operations on the long as well as short side of the market.

## New York Curb Exchange Suspends Samuel S. Campbell.

Samuel S. Campbell, of the firm of S. S. Campbell \& Co., 74 Trinity Place, this city, has been suspended from regular membership of the New York Curb Exchange for failure to meet obligations, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of May 25.

## Taylor Wilson \& Co., Inc., Cincinnati Bond House, in Receivership.

On petition of the stockholders a receiver was appointed for Taylor Wilson \& Co., Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, bond house, in Common Pleas Court, that city, according to Cincinnati advices on Thursday, May 26, to the "Wall Street Journal." The dispatch added:
Edward G. Taylor, President, stated the depressed bond market brought on the action. L. I. Levi has been appointed receiver.

## J. Nevin Roberts and Walker P. Hall, Former Partners

 in the Defunct Brokerage Firm of Roberts \& Hall, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Sentenced to One Year Each in Ohio State Penitentiary-Appeal to Be Filed. Judge Thomas H. Morrow, in the Criminal Court at Cincinnati, Ohio, this week sentenced J. Nevin Roberts and Walker P. Hall, former partners in the failed Cincinnati brokerage house of Roberts \& Hall, to serve one year each in the Ohio Penitentiary, following their conviction recently on two counts of an indictment charging them with having converted securities in their possession belonging to a customer. Cincinnati advices to the "Wall Street Journal", on May 25, from which the above information is obtained, furthermore said:Judge Morrow pronounced a sentence of one year upon each of the two counts upon which the brokers were convicted but ordered that the sentences ${ }^{7}$ be filed. Roberts \& Hall failed in December 1929

Our last reference to the affairs of this firm, the failure of which was noted in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 41930 , page 51, appeared in our issue of May 25 1931, page 2813.

Inquiry by Senate Committee into Stock Exchange Trading-Profits of $\$ 5,000,000$ Reported Realized in Alleged Pool in Common Stock of Radio Corporation of America-John J. Raskob, W. F. Kenny, Nicholas F. Brady and T. J. Regan Reported Participants-Operator Tells of Guiding the Market, Illustrating Method Used by Deals in Kolster.
A brief reference to the resumption of the hearings in Washington on May 19 of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee into Stock Exchange trading appeared in our issue of May 21, page 3740. Indicating that profits of almost $\$ 5,000,000$ realized from an alleged pool in common stock of the Radio Corporation of America, which operated for one week in March of 1929 with an original investment of $\$ 12,683,000$, were described before the Committee on May 19, the Washington advices on that date to the New York "Times" said:
Senator Glass compared the pool operations with the playing of a card game with a card up your sleeve.
From this pool Nicholas F. Brady, Thomas J. Regan, W. F. Kenny and John J. Raskob, the four heaviest participants, realized $\$ 291,710$ each in return for original commitments of $\$ 1,000,000$ each, according to records gathered by William A. Gray, Committee counsel, which were verified by Thomas E. Bragg, one of the two managers of the pool. Walter P. Chrysler, the Fisher brothers, Charles M. Schwab, Percy A. Rockefeller, and J. A. Stillman were lesser participants.
Mr. Bragg, although ill in Florida while the pool was being operated, testified that he received one-fourth of a commission of $\$ 547,119$ as comanager.

## Division of the Commission.

Bradford Ellsworth, the other manager of the pool, who is sought by the Committee, received the same commission as Mr. Bragg, the latter said, and the brokerage firm of M. J. Meehan \& Co.. agents for the pool, received half of the commission, in addition to $\$ 500,000$ paid them in egular brokerage commissions.
Mr. Gray presented brokerage records showing that during the week in which the pool was operated, from March 12 through March 201929, it bought and sold $1,493,400$ snares, with a total cash turnover of s141.424,328 . This represented $12 \%$ of the outstanding Radio stock, he said.
Outstanding points in to-day's testimony included:
Evidence from brokerage records that in this pool operations stocks were bought and sold for the alleged purpose of creating an active market
Testimony by George F, Breen, a prominent trader themselves.
Testimony by George F. Breen, a prominent trader, that the rise and scribing the selling of 250,000 shares of Kolster Radio common.

## Brokers Are Questioned.

Mr. Gray returned from a fortnight of investigations in New York City to lay before the Committee, as ne said, "evidence that managers of pools manipulated stocks." During a long day of battering cross-examination he strove to prove his point through questioning, based on voluminous exhibits, not only of Messrs. Bragg and Breen, but of John L. Weeks an original partner in Luke, Banks \& Weeks, brokers, and two members of the Meehan company, James P. McConnochie, managing partner, and Esmond O'Brien, youthful floor specialist in Radio common, who nas held that position in the Meehan firm for eight years, although he now is only 33.
Mr. O'Brien was questioned especially about his execution of the Radio pool orders for the Meehan firm while it also was the registered specialist in that stock, a practice which Richard Whitney, President of the Stock Exchange, had teatified, violated Exchange rules. Mr. O'Brien said, in effect, that the rule was involved only when the broker, through his confidential information, held an advantage but that in the active market obtaining at the time, this advantage did not exist.
Mr. Weeks described a pool operation in General Asphalt stock, started in 1929, which cost its sponsors several millions of dollars due to the market Tre.
The full Banking and Currency Committee listened with attentive interest throughout the testimony. The hearings will be continued to-morrow.

## Meehan Has Sailed for Europe.

When the Committee members expressed a desire to question Mr. Meehan. Mr. McConnochie said that "on the advice of three physicians" he had left for Europe "a few nights ago."

> "Just when did he sail?" asked Mr "Last night," replied the witness.

Mr. Gray told the Committee that he had informed Mr. Meehan he need not appear immediately, conceding that the 40-year-old broker is in ill health, but that he had no idea that Mr. Meehan would sail for Europe. Mr. McConnochie estimated that he would be gone about two months.
Mr. Gray began his questioning of Mr. Bragg, who had appeared once before to testify regarding his association with Percy A. Rockfeller in other operations, by saying he would describe the Radio pool as "a typical pool operation."
The pool, it was shown, was organized March 7, began operations March 12, concluded operations March 19 and was wound up March 30.
During its life Radio went from 79 on March 4 to a high of $1091 / 4$ on March 16: it dropped back to 101 on March 19, then fell into the 90 s and on March 19 closed at $961 / 4$. Trading was in the "new" Radio stock listed on the Exchange but not yet actually issued, which was to be traded for then current stock at the ratio of five shares for one. The original stocls had had a phenomenal rise from $\$ 8$ to $\$ 10$ to about $\$ 500$ a share.

## Three Brokerage Houses Used.

Three brokerage nouses were used by the pool-M. J. Meehan \& Co., the managing brokers; W. E. Hutton \& Co., and tne Block-Mahoney Co. An element of mystery entered into the pool records with the discovery that $\$ 92,000$ was distributed among individuals including J. P. Tumulty, dentified as the former Secretary to President Wilson, and Eddie Dowling, Actor and Director.

In listing the names of the persons to whom were paid varying sums out of the pool by Meehan \& Co., but who did not participate as pool members. Mr. Gray said he had thus far failed to discover just why these mixed payments had been made. He said the checks were being traced. The list is as follows: Eddie Dowling, $\$ 19,000$; Dr. Ash, $\$ 10,000 ;$ I. E. Lambert, $\$ 15,000$; Alice McConnochie, $\$ 20,000$ (sister of witness); F. J.
Thiel, $\$ 10,000$ (member of Meehan firm); K. Wolfe, $\$ 1,000 ;$ J. P. Tumulty, Thiel, $\$ 10,000$ (member of Meehan firm); K. Wolfe, $\$ 1,000 ;$ J. P. Tumulty,
$\$ 10,000 ;$ A. Cotter, $\$ 5,000$ (employe of Meehan), and J. McNamee, $\$ 2,000$. $\$ 10,000 ;$ A. Cotter, $\$ 5,000$ (employe of Meehan), and J. McNamee, $\$ 2,000$.
Discussing other phases of the investigation, Mr. Gray said numerous "biscussing other phases of the investigation, Mr. Gray said numerous "boosting" articles nad appeared in newspapers at the time the pool was
being manipulated. He said some steps were being taken to check divisions being manipulated. He said some steps were being taken to check divisions
of profits of pool members after they cashed in. He read from a series of articles printed in a New York financial newspaper which appeared coarticles printed in a New York financial
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The amounts pledged by individuals in share commitments, the deposits made by the participants and the division of business among the brokers made by the participants and the division. of business among the
are shown in the official Committee list. Those accounts on the list in which there is a "no deposit" notation, Mr. Bragg said, were liable for poswhich there is a "no deposit" notation, Mr. Bragg said, were liable for pos-
sible losses although no money was pledged. Other deposits were made in cash with the brokers indicated.

Committee's List of Participants.
The official Committee list follows:
PARTICIPATION IN RADIO (NEW) SYNDICATE.


| Depost. | Profu. |
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| 187,500 | ${ }_{72,927}$ |
|  | 58, 342 |
| 1,000,000 | ${ }^{591}$ |
|  | ${ }^{87,513}$ |
| ${ }_{400,000}$ | ${ }_{116,684}$ |
| 400,000 | 116,684 |
| 400,000 | 145,855 |
| 400,000 | 116. |
| 500,000 | 145,855 |
| 330,000 | ${ }_{96,264}$ |
| 100,000 | 29,171 |
| 200,000 | 58,342 |
|  | - |

On another occasion, on March 15, Mr. Gray pointed out that the Hutton company sold to the Meehan company 10,000 shares for the accounts ${ }^{\circ}$ of Mrs. Bragg and Mrs. Smith.
as wash sales made for the sole purpose of creating an artificial not appear

## Working on Another Pool.

When Mr. Gray was reading the statistics rapidly into the record Chairman Norbeck once stopped him, motioned toward the newspaper men " "Don't the press table and said:
"Did you ever personally can't put it down.
of the Radio company ?" Senator Fletcher asked with the assets or liabilites "The Radio company?" Senator Fletcher asked Mr. Bragg.
they had a good idea." This was greeted wi

This was greeted with laughter from a rather thin crowd of spectators. back up from 85 to 113 ," said Mr. Gray as he finished questioning Mr. Bragg.
Mr. McConnochie could tell little of the Radio operations, as he became a partner in the Meehan firm early in 1930, one year after the pool had been operated. For 23 years prior to that time he had been a special agent of the Treasury Department, stationed at the Port of New York. His testimony was notable for his defense of Mr. Meehan.
"I am devoted to Mr. Meehan because he is a man of very high character," Mr. McConnochie said. "He is, as you know, a very sick man."
The Commitee was surprised to learn from this witness that the broker $s$ only 40 years old.
Mr. McConnochie attempted to prove to the Committee that the fact that a firm is a specialist in a stock does not necessarily mean that it profits from activities in the stock, citing Mrs. Meehan's account to sbow she had lost \$2,700,000 in Internaitional Match stock and \$230,000 in American Steel Foundry stock despite the fact that the Meeban firm is designated as specianist in each. Te Committee considered Mrs. Meehan's account as representing the trading operations of her husband.
After Mr. McConnochie had testified that the majority of Radio stock is held by the General Electric Co. and tre Westinghouse company, Mr. Gray asked if "General Electric entered into an agreement not to sel Radio during the week the pool operated.

1 known notbing of that, forcefully replied the witness.
Asked by Senator Blaine if the Meehan firm had not conducted a pool in Radio-Keith-Orpheum stock in the latter part of 1930, Mr. McConnochie the hat time, when R-K-O offered five shares of its stock for each of 20,000 he sold the he sold the $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K}-\mathrm{O}$ preferred stock sbort against her preferred Keith-Albee-Orpheum stock, later delivered R-K-O stock after trading in he preferred stock; then bought back the common stock, and to-day holds it after sustaining a loss of about $\$ 1.800 .000$

## Specialist on the Stand.

Mr . O'Brien, the floor specialist in Radio for the Meehan company, testified that "the knowledge that a specialist has is of no vaiue to him." He added soon after this statement that an advantage would exist if buying or selling orders heavily overbalanced each other, and was greeted with unbelieving laughter when he said:
'But then, you are not allowed to use that information."
He frankly admitted that the Meeban company had traded in Radio "Ining the pool operation.

In other words," asked Mr. Gray, "as a specialist in that stock and"for the firm of Meehan \& Co., you dealt in Radio?"

Yes, replied Mr. O'Brien
"And the Meehan company has at varying times taken a long or a short position?"

Yes, sir," was the reply
Mr. Breen, whose trades appeared to the Committee to be of staggering dimensions, was the frankest of the witnesses questioned. He is not a thers, either to hold stocks at certain levels throurh cany tradins thers, markets for them ocreate markets for them
"an you guide stocks on the Stock Exchange?" Mr. Gray asked him. "Ordinarily," replied Mr. Breen.
"Yes. Anything can put up or down?"
Yes. Anything can be done if there is enough money
Mr. Gray was chiefly interested in a deal by Mr. Breen in the latter part作 eturn approximating \$19ekels, delivering to Mr. Spreckels a contracte 52.50 within a few weeks' time.

As described by Mr. Breen, the deal resulted from a desire by Mr spreckels to realize on bis great holdings of Kolster stock at a definite return. This desire on Mr. Spreckels's part erentually came to Mr. Breen's ttention. He took into partnership for this venture L. P. Fisher, Arthur W. Cutten of Chicago, and Oscar Alexander.

As the first step, Mr. Spreckels gave to Mr. Breen, on Oct. 26 1928, for one dollar, an option to buy various lots of Kolster stock, aggregating 150,000 shares, at prices ranging from 70 to 74 within periods of 10 to 90 days. On Oct. 30 Mr . Breen received an option for 100,000 more shares. Operating through Arthur W. Cutten \& Co., Mr. Breen said, he immediately set about testing the market through a series of sales and buying orders.
As his first step he sold 15,000 shares of Kolster "technically short" and then bought stock. On each day he traded both long and sbort, and on Oct. 29, when the option was only three days old, he sold 100,000 shares and bought back 30,000 at prices ranging from 74 to $791 / 2$.
He explained that "you buy when you want to sell, and you sell when there is a buying market. He disregarded changing quotations, and gave his brokers no derinite orders, he added.

In other words," interpreted Mr. Gray. "what you had to do was to go in and buy and sell regardless of price, and thus create an active market." Five weeks afl himself, obligated the exact delver the exact amount for which he reld options from Mr. Spreckels.

## Just "Buying and Selling.

During this operation the Kolster stock fluctuated between 74 and $957 / 8$ but Mr. Breen said that his and his partners' profit on the entire transaction was "less than 3 points."
"Isn't that pure rigging the market?" challenged Mr. Gray.
Mr. Gray asked why Mr. Spreckels himself had not conducted his own operation and made a greater profit
Ind."
"I should say Mr. Spreckels was lucky to get out with what he did," said Senator Couzens.
"Yes, but I think he put it all in sugar," Mr. Breen remarked.

## Asphatt Pool's Operations.

When Mr. Weeks was on the stand he described the costly Asphalt pool, and in doing so was subjected to severe cross-examination on his testimony that he operated in this stock while he was a member of the board of General Asphalt
This syndicate operation involved 150,000 shares; its participants wer invited personally to enter by Mr. Weeks, himself a director of General Asphalt, and it operated for two and a half years after coming into life on
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assessed $\$ 1,369$ or the pool originally subscribed $\$ 6,000,000$; they later wer assessed $\$ 1,369,292$, partially offset by dividends of $\$ 613,000$, and the poo
Purchases were begun when the stock was around 80 . More was pur chased at much lower prices, bringing the average cost down to $\$ 55.79$ Mr . Weeks said. The stock is selling now at very low figures.
Asphalt made by the company, Mr. Weeks interposed, was used to pave most of the streets of the capital. The committee smiled at this remark. The participants in the pool included M. J. Meehan \& Co., committed for 30,000 shares and Horatio G. Lloyd, a partner in Drexel \& Co., and Chairman of the Executive Committee of General Asphalt, who took 20,000 shares.
Other participants included Thomas Cochran, identified as a partner in J. P. Morgan \& Co., who took 35,000 shares, and S. R. Guggenbeim, who underwrote 10,000 shares.
Mr. Gray, after routine questions concerning these details, plunged into questioning of Mr. Weeks on the organization of the pool a few montbs before the reorganization of the capital structure of the company. Prior to 1929, Mr. Weeks testified, the company's capital had been represented only by bonds and preferred stock. More than $\$ 7,000,000$ was in its treasury
as earned surpitis.

## Offer to Preferred Stockholders

Then the bonds were paid off and, at Mr. Weeks' suggestion, as he ad mitted in response to questioning, the option was offered to holders of the preferred stock of turning in the stock at $\$ 110$ a share or receiving five shares of common for one of preferred.
"When you organized that pool in May, did you know this plan would be adopted?" asked Mr. Gray.
"I did not," replied Mr. Weeks.
A dividend, more than covered by earnings, was paid late in 1929, Mr Gray brought out, and diminishing dividends were paid in 1930 and 1931. However, despite the fact the dividends were decreased, earnings in 1930 and 1931 were insufficient to cover them
"Well, then, Mr. Weeks," asked Mr. Gray, "I suppose you will say that the fact that you were on the board of the company; that you organized dive pool; that you suggested the conversion of the preferred stock and that dividends were paid when the company was losing money all was just "That's right

That's right; I say it," replied the witness.
Mr. Gray presented correspondence designed to show that Mr. Weeks's below the market in order "to maintain an active Co. to sell stock at prices said that records showing sales apparently below the market, on specified days, might have represented delivery of stock previously contracted.
The first intimation of a combination operating short in the market was placed in the hearing record when Mr. Gray, in questioning Mr. McConnochie, asked for all the Meehan con pany records regarding Electric Autolite stock. Mr. Gray said he had found that Joseph E Higgins and Bradford Ellsworth, with others, had dealt short in what stock, from March 10 to March 27 1931, dealing in 94,000 shares and making a profit for the group of $\$ 35,500$.
"I have never heard of a syndicate formed to sell stock short." the winess declared.

## Senate Committee Inquiry Into Stock Exchange

 Trading-Operations in Transaction in Food Corporation Stocks Detailed by W. E. Sachs of Goldman-Sachs Trading Co.A complicated transaction involving the purchase for $\$ 23,500,000$ of a company with assets of $\$ 1,750,000$ and patents on a food-freezing process figured in the stock market inquiry by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on May 20, it was noted in a Washington account on that date, to the New York "Times" which went on to say:
The deal was described by Walter E. Sachs, President of the Goldman Sachs Trading Co., which, he testified, lost more than $\$ 12,000,000$ in backing the purchase of the General Foods Co. by the Postum Co., now the General Foods Corp.
An intimation that Mr. Sach's testimony contained only a partial picture of the operation came after the hearing when Senator Norbeck, Committee Chaurman, told newspaper men that a represenative of J. P. Morgan \& Co Whom he did not name, had told him the banking house would like to be heard. The Morgan firm figured in testimony this morning as endorsers of checks given in payment for the food-freezing company
"The Morgan people insist this is an improper picture and want to present their side. Chairman Norbeck said.
In other testimony to-day, the Committee heard John J. Levinson, a trader, explain how he had backed a brokerage account which made profits of $\$ 19,063.44$ between May 31921 , and March 1 1930, for Raleigh T. Ourtis, at that time conducting a financial column captioned "The Trader" in the New York "Daily News," Levinson said he backed Curtis's account out of friendship and a desire to help his family
However, Richard J. Connell of the New York Bureau of Securities testified that the column had been put in other hands by the newspaper, and that it had ceased to recommend the purchase of stocks after the Securities Bureau had found that in several instances the column boosted stocks while Levinson was conducting operations in them.
Several persons involved in the "bull pool" operation in Indian Motocycle stoek in 1930, including Harry Content, a broker; Norman T. Bolles, President of the Indian Motocycle Co., and Howard Hansell, an "independent speculator, who handled the flotation of 100,00 stock, also were heard to-day
The Indian pool figured in testimony before the Committee by Representative La Guardia of New York, who said that A. Newton Plummer had paid severlis publity beficial to their stock operations. Plummer ero is under indictment in New York for possession of forged securities, has been subpoenaed.

Tells of Goldman-Sachs Stock.
The Goldman-Sachs Trading Corp. aroused the curiosity of Senator December 1928, with the issuance of $\$ 100.000,000$ of capital stock, $10 \%$ of which was retained by Goldman-Sachs \& Co brokers, and $90 \%$ of which was sold to the public.
The stock was issued at 104, later split two for one, and the latter shares, once valued at 52 , now are quoted at $13 / 4$. Mr. Sachs gave the assets of the trading company, as of Dec. 31 1931, as $\$ 40,269,100$

You allowed the public to take a big loss," commented Senator Couzens. Our stockholders lost," corrected Mr. Sachs.
The food company operation, as described by Mr. Sachs, originated in mid-year of 1929, a few months after the Trading corporation was organized The Postum Co., which since has become the General Foods Corp., Mr Sachs testified, wished to acquire the old General Foods Co., which had a patent freezing process known as the "birdseye process." However, it needed capital to handle the purchase.
The Goldman-Sachs Trading Corp. thereupon bought 130.000 shares of Postum stock for $\$ 10,750,000$. With this working capital, the Postum Corp. organized Frosted Foods, Inc., as a holding company for the old General Foods Co.

Trading Company Bought $49 \%$
With the $\$ 10,750,000$ obtained in the stock sale, the Postum Co., now the General Foods Corp., bought $51 \%$ of the General Foods Co., represented by that proportion of Frosted Foods stock. The Trading Corp.. Mr. Sachs aid, paid $\$ 12,750,000$ for $49 \%$ of the stock of General Foods Co., and took $49 \%$ of the Frosted Foods stock. Thus $\$ 23,500,000$ was paid for the small company

What was acquired for this money?" asked Senator Glass
"Stock of a company with an investment of $\$ 1,750,000$ "-began Mr. Gray.
"And a process for frosting food that appeared to have great value." added Mr. Sachs.
"But the fact is," insisted Mr. Gray, "that all of the money to finance his transaction came out of the treasury of the Goldman-Sachs Trading Corp.'
It was developed later that the Trading corporation sold the Postum stock at a loss of $\$ 230,000$. It held the Frosted Food stock, after giving the Postum Co. a preference contract on dividends for the first five years, and on Dec. 311930 gave the holdings that cost $\$ 12,750,000$ a book inventory value of $\$ 1$.
One year later, on Dec. 31 1931, the Trading corporation exchanged its Frosted Foods stock for 30,000 shares of General Foods Corp. stock valued at $\$ 30$ a share, or the equivalent of $\$ 900,000$.

Tracing the Purchase Fund.
Checks for the purchase of the small company, signed by the Postum Co. and the Goldman-Sachs Trading Corp., were said by Mr. Gray, committee counsel, to have borne the endorsements of United Foods. Inc. of Canada, a Canadian bank, United Foods, Inc. of Delaware, and J. P. Morgan \& Co.
Mr. Sachs said he knew nothing of this phase of the business or of the allegation by Mr. Gray that the two Unit for the sole purpose of handing this money

We are tracing this fund," Mr. Gray announced. "We expect to be able h this transfer
He did not amplify the possible interest of J. P. Morgan \& Co. in the transaction.

## Levinson Tells of Curtis Account.

Levinson emphatically denied in his testimony that he had backed Curtis's trading account in return for articles boosting his stocks.
"I knew Curtis not as a financial writer," he said, "but as a neighbor in White Plains. I knew him and his family and I liked him. I wanted to help him buy his house."

The witness was unable to say where Curtis may be now. Mr. Gray said a subpoena server had waited at the writer's home for two nights without finding him.

Mr. Cornell, who investigated the Levinson-Curtis transactions in detail and reported his finding to the "Daily News" but did not make them public elsewhere, gave an entirely different picture of them
As an instance, he cited an operation in Celotex stock which netted Levinson and two associates a profit of $\$ 109,000$. While this trade was being conducted the "Trader", on April 27, 29 and 30 and May 2, wrote favorable reports about Celotex, Mr. Cornell testified. On May 1, 300 shares of Celotex were credited to Curtis's account and sold the same day On May 2, mailed to Curtis a check for $\$ 1,195.50$ as his profit, Mr. Cornell asserted.
Under the same circumstances, Mr. Cornell also testified, Levinson made Curtis a present of Consolidated Aircraft stock below the market quotation. It was sold immediately at a profit of $\$ 3,706.14$
"It was just frendship," insisted Levinson when recalled to testify aftere Mr. Cornell had given his testimony. "I did that for lots of friends in those days."

Indian Motocycle Transactions
The Indian Motocycle operation previously has been described in detail before this Committee, but the principals in it were called for questioning to-day.
Mr. Hansell, then operating as a broker under the firm name of Hansell \& Co., floated 40,000 shares of Indian stock, for which he paid $\$ 200,000$, following negotiations with C. E. Mitcherl, Vice-President of the cor pany. and Norman T. Bolles, President.
When asked by Mr. Gray if he had employed "a man named A. Newton Plummer to put false information in the papers," Mr. Hansell reptied:

We did not."
Mr. Hansell admitted, however, that he had paid $\$ 26,880$ to Plummer, over $\$ 16,000$ in commissions for introducing Mitchell to him and $\$ 10,000$ when Pummer threatened to sue him. Mr. Gray tried unsuccessfuliy to get him to say that Messrs. Bolles, Mitchell and Content had "chipped in" to pay Plummer.
Following a successful operation in floating the 40,000 shares of Indian stock, Mr. Hansell testified that he undertook to market 60,000 more shares, and gave an option for 25,000 of these at $\$ 7.50$ a share to Mr . Content and Lawrence R. Wilder.

Dispute New Motor Story.
Mr. Wilder later went to England and bought a new-type Diesel motor for what had been reported to be 50,000 shares of stock. Mr. Gray disputed this, charging that 21,000 shares were given to the owner of the British engine, and "the remainder divided between Bolles, Mitcheil, Wilder, Content and Hansell." This was denied by the three men who testified.

## Senate Committee Postpones Hearings Into Stock

 Exchange Trading Until June 3.It was indicated on May 25 that the next hearing in the stock-market inquiry by the Senate Banking and Currency

Committee was set for June 3 one week later than the previous tentative date for the resumption of the inquiry.

A Washington dispatch May 25 to the New York "Times" from which we quote also said:
Senator Norbeck, Chairman of the committee, said the postponement was made at the request of William A. Gray, Committee Counsel, now in New York City directing an investigation into brokerage accounts.
Mr. Gray assembled the evidence already presented in connection with the Radio pool that made a profit for its operators of $\$ 5,000,000$ in one week in 1929 and in connection with profitable sales and repurchases by the Warner Brothers of stock in their motion-picture company in 1930. Senator Norbeck declined to say whether the stock-market investigation may be approaching a termination, a belief arising from previous committee statements that efforts are being made to end the hearings by June 10 .

On March 22 Associated Press advices from Washington said:

Determined to complete before June 10, if possible, its investigation of stock market manipulation, the Senate Banking Committee has sent its corps of investigators back to Wall Street for further data.

William A. Gray, the committee's counsel, has given assurance that he will have additional cases of stock manipulation ready for presentation Friday or Saturday, and at the same time will tie up the loose ends of some cases that have shown the undercover workings of the market.
The committee wants to complete the inquiry by June 10 in order to be ready to quit if Congress does at that time. There is a strong possibility, however, that if Congress meets after the partyiconventions the investigation will be continued.

Senate Committee Inquiry into Stock Exchange Trading-H. M. Warner of Warner Brothers Pictures Said to Admit Profit of $\$ 7,000,000$ in Own Stock Deals.
By buying and selling the stock of their own company, Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc., in 1930, the three Warner brothers realized a profit of $\$ 9,251,454.50$, according to testimony presented on May 21 before the Senate Banking Committee in its investigation of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange. According to a dispatch from Washington May 21 to the New York "Times", Harry M. Warner, President of the company, admitted that he and his brothers, Albert Warner, Vice-President and Treasurer of the company, and J. L. Warner, a director, had traded in the stock, and their counsel, Samuel Schneider, testified their profits in 1930 were $\$ 7,394,459$. The Washington advices to the "Times" May 21 continued:
Further testimony was that while the three Warner brothers had lent their company $\$ 3,365,000$ in return for debentures that now pay a guaranteed return, dividends on Warner stock are now being passed.

Harry M. Warner denied that he and his brothers sold their stock at a time when they knew earnings of the company were falling or that they knew dividends would be passed, as they were later in the year.

## Estimates \$9,251,454 Profit.

William A. Gray, counsel for the Committee, who examined the witnesses, asserted that the deals made by the Warner brothers were matched n 50 or 60 other cases, of which Fox Films was one.
On the basis of an audit of the books of Schatzkin \& Co., principal brokers for the Warner brothers: by George K. Watson \& Co.. accountants for the Committee, Mr. Gray stated that the Warners had sold 305,350 shares for $\$ 16,520,986$, and later had repurchased $\$ 325,505$ shares for $\$ 7,544,481$, and had profited in 1930 through these deals by $\$ 8,976,504.50$ in cash and 21,155 shares in stock, valued at $\$ 13.50$ per share, or $\$ 274,950$, total of $\$ 9,251,454$.50.
Mr. Schneider testified that the stock sales had totaled 231,055 shares, bringing $\$ 12,850,540.50$, and that 340,400 shares had been purchased for $\$ 6,932,158.42$. He estimated the cash profit at $\$ 5,918,382.08$ and the stock increase at 109,345 shares, or, on the basis of $\$ 13.50$ a share, the equivalent of $\$ 1,476,157$, making profits of $\$ 7,394,459$. The share value of $\$ 13.50$ is an arbitrary figure, considerably above current quotations.
in which Mr. Warner testified he allegations that in these transactions, Warner, always declines in ays operated together, they took advantage of impending decines in share values that they knew were coming. Mr. Warner denied company and that the the stocks were sold to raise cash to advance to the it developed that the wales were made when prospects were bright. When it developed that the Warner brothers had lent the company $\$ 3,365,000$ on Warner stock are being passed, Senator Norbeck, Chairman of the Committee observed.
"Well, whatever your motives were, you made a pretty good guess."
When Mr. Gray began his examination of Mr. Warner he said he would show "that this man through undercover channels and by covering up his transactions sold his stock while certain journals were boosting the value before the public." When the Warners were buying, the examiner added, these newspapers made unfavorable reports on the stocks.

Brothers Acted As One.
Mr. Warner, a soft-spoken man who appeared to be about 40 years of age, testified under oath. He was obviously nervous when subjected to a barrage by news photographers. He stated that he was the son of a shoemaker and had followed that trade himself before going into motion pictures 28 years ago.
Warner Brothers was incorporated in 1925, he said, and on Jan. 1 1930, there were extant about $2,500,000$ shares of its stock, of which the brothers held 303,434.
xplained.
Mr. Schneider, who sat by Mr. Warner's side and whose testimony was accepted as Mr. Warner's own, said the Warners had dealt through several brokerage houses, including Schatzkin \& Co., their principal brokers; Goldman, Sachs \& Co.; Ira Haupt \& Co., and Ernst \& Co. They traded under numerous names in addition to their own, such as Moe Rosenberg. Harry Charons, Renraw and Brixton Trading Corp.
"Why did you deal under those names?" Mr. Gray asked.
influenced when we traded in the name of Harry or Albert Warner it to prevent others, Mr. Schneider replied, adding that the purpose
Examination of the witness py Senator couzens their said the Warners controlled the destiny of their company," revealed that they owned on Jan. 1 1930, only slightly more than $10 \%$ of the stock. However, the brothers had three of the 11 memberships in the board of directors.

## Took Debentures for Loans.

Mr. Warner testified that the Warners sold stock from January of 1930 through June of that year. Mr. Schneider gave the figures for each month which, although they differed from Mr. Gray's figures, indicated the selling and buying trends pictured by Mr. Gray.
"Did you intend to buy that stock back again ?" asked Mr. Gray, Warner replied
He then described the sales as being due to a desire to "diversify some of our stock" and to raise money for the company, adding "we wanted to have cash on hand to loan to it, a practice we had carried on since the inception of the corporation."

This money was needed for expansion activities and the brothers lent the corporation $\$ 500,000$ in May, $\$ 400,000$ in June, $\$ 2,000,000$ in July and $\$ 465,000$ in August 1930.
" 1930 ?" Mr. Gray asked adding. "and I still have them." "So, in effect." said Senator Couzens, "you

## "I never thought of it in that way," Mr. Warner rep ied.

Mr. Gray asserted that the average price received for the stock sold in the first half of 1930 was slightly above $\$ 54$ a share, while the average purchase price when buying operations by the Warners were being conducted in the latter half of the year was slightly above $\$ 23$ a share.
Mr. Gray tried to get a direct admission that the W \&ifiers knew the stock would drop in value in the fall and that they knew that on Sept. 1 the customary dividend of $\$ 4$ a share was to be discontinued.

You knew in the spring that was likely to happen?" he asked.
Not at the beginning," replied Mr. Warner. He insisted that he did not learn of bad business until "later in the year," saying.

Our business spreads throughout the world and it is impossible for us to know what it has done until Price, Waterhouse audits our books. "But you knew all through the spring of 1930 that the business of Warner Brothers was falling off," shouted Mr. Gray.

The beginning of 1930 showed the best business our company ever had done," retorted Mr. Warner. "The most money we ever made was while this stock was being sold.
Mr. Schneider stated that the company made profits of $\$ 10,000,000$ in the first half of 1930
In reply to further questioning by Senator Couzens, Mr. Warner maintained that trading such as he did was "ethical and helpful." He insisted that he "did not trade back ąnd forth."

## Senators' Comment Caustic.

I just want to get before the committee the ideals and standards of some of these officeholders whose operations affect the market," Senator Couzens said. "The officers certainly know more than outsiders and have inside knowledge of company affairs.
"He says that to buy and sell with information that other stockholders do not have is perfectly ethical. Why beat about the bush?"
"Do you think," asked Senator Townsend, "that it is a general practice for officers of companies to deal in their own stock?"
"It is done," said Mr. Warner.
"Ah," exclaimed Senator Norbeck, "you people thought that when you clipped the lambs you could take along the skin, too, and the skin would grow wool.'
This was prompted by Mr. Warner's assertion that the Warner stock has dropped far below the prices paid for it when it was repurchased

The hearings of the committee have been discontinued until next Friday or Saturday, when Chairman Norbeck expects Mr. Gray to have additional material.
The steering committee of the full committee held a private conference, following which Senator Norbeck announced-

We are planning to bring this investigation to a close by June 10. We are assuming that Congress will recess, and it is impossible to bring a complete picture to a head by June 10, but we expect to have a pretty good picture.'

Senator Norbeck said the committee hoped to keep within the $\$ 50,000$ appropriation made for the investigation, but Mr. Gray said, "we shall need more money before June 10:

## Petition in Bankruptcy Filed by Kreuger \& TollRecommended in Report by Swedish Investigating Committee-Debts Placed at $\$ 168,300,000$.

Kreuger \& Toll, the parent company of the vast interests which were headed by the late Ivar Kreuger, filed a petition in bankruptey on May 24 and applied for annulment of the provisional moratorium granted to it by the Swedish Government. We quote from Associated Press advices from Stockholm May 24, which also stated.
This action followed the adoption by Parliament of a bill amending the bankruptcy law. The purpose of the amendment was to facilitate liquidation of Kreuger \& Toll and to give creditors of the company more liquidation of Kreuger \& protection than was provided under tne old bankruptey law.

The Swedish investigating committee, in a report issued May 20, recommended that the firm be declared bankrupt. It is stated that the report revealed that Ivar Kreuger, the so-called "match king" who committed suicide in Paris on March 121932 died practically penniless, and owing \$168,300,000. From Associated Press accounts from Stockholm May 20 we quote:

A Swedish investigating committee to-day reported that fictitious assets for large sums were created on the Kreuger \& Toll books since 1924. "As regards many of the assets," the committee continued, "it is impossible to say with certainty whether they should belong to Kreuger \& Toll or to one or the other of the various companies under Kreuger's management, or possibly to his own estate.
Asserting that its investigation had shown the Kreuger \& Toll Co. has a claim of not less than $200,000,000$ kroner (currently about $\$ 37,400,000$ )
on Kreuger's estate, the report added that the committee had made an investigation of the estate itself.
The assets, apart from certain personal property, consist of various concerns. Some of them are valuable and not affected by the position of Kreuger \& moll, the report said, but even so, their total value win not amount to more than a comparatively small percentage of the personal Kreuger
pledged.
Turning to the Swedish Match Co., another of Kreguer's big concerns, the committee said it was hoped that an arrangement could be made for a standstill agreement covering the next three months "for the purpose of giving the company time to produce a plan of reconstruction whereby Swedish and foreign match interests can as far as possible be kept together." "A special administration," the committee suggested, "will control foreign and Swedish shareholders to sit as a special committee to formulate a plan of reconstruction.
The report was signed by the four men named by the Swedish Government and various officials to look into Kreuger's tangled affairs. A moratorium was declared by the Government to
investigation to prevent dissipation of the assets.

A London cablegram May 20 to the New York "Times' stated:

Bankruptcy proceedings for Kreuger \& Toll, holding company for the vast Kreuger interests, were recommended by the Swedish investigation committee in a report issued here to-night by the British protective committee.

The committee reported that it found Ivar Kreuger, who killed himself in Paris on March 12, had personal debts of $\$ 93,500,000$ in addition to indirect liabilities of $\$ 74,800,000$. The report said the investigation had shown fraudulent manipulations of the Kreuger \& Toll books for at least eight years.
"The condition of the books of Kreuger \& Toll makes it difficult to produce a definite balance sheet," the committee said, "but there will be little, if anything, for distribution to unsecured creditors."
The committee therefore recommended recall of the moratorium by the Swedish Government and a movement to have the company declared bankrupt. Special bankruptcy legislation, intended to safeguard it said.

Regarding the Swedish Match Trust, it is hoped an arrangement can be made with the creditors for a three-months' standstill agreement giving be made with the creditors for a three-months' standstill agreement giving
the company time to produce a plan for reconstruction, a special administration meanwhile controlling its affairs.

A considerable part of the Ericsson Telephone Co.'s share capital may be considered intact provided the difficulties connected with the company's cash position can be overcome, the report said.

## Two Kreuger Directors Reported Bankrupt.

United Press advices as follows from Stockholm are taken from the "Wall Street Journal" of May 26:

Kristen Littorin and Erik Sjostroem, directors of Kreuger \& Toll, have been declared bankrupt

Announcement by New York Stock Exchange Regarding Transactions in Kreuger \& Toll American Certificates.
The Committee on Publicity of the New York Stock Exchange issued the following notice May 25:

Committee of Arrangements announced this morning:
Transactions in Kreuger \& Toll American certificates below one-eighth may be made in variations of one-thirty-second, such transactions will not be printed on the tape, but will appear in daily sheet.

## Admitted to the List.

Kreuger \& Toll Co. Guaranty Trust Co. certificates of deposits for $5 \%$ secured sinking fund gold debentures, due March 11959
The New York "Sun" of May 25 said:
Selling at an unvarying price on the ticker of one-eighth, the lowest price permitted on the Stock Exchange, except in special cases, Kreuger \& Toll stocks was given a chance to find its own market. The stock Exchange announced that hereafter transactions would be permitted in variations of one-thirty-second, but that such sales would not appear on the tape. After this announcement was made no further one-ighth sales were seen. The bankruptcy of the company on account of the fraudulent deals of the late Ivar Kreuger and some of his associates seems to have wiped out anything of value underlying the stock. Much of the buying doubtless is of the short covering variety, or for wall paper purposes.
It is difficult to list stocks on the Exchange, unless everything appears to be regular; but the authorities usually let a stock hang on to the bitter end. It would be interesting to know how many bought the stock even after much of the irregularities and general crookedness were known, on
the assumption that there might be some value in it. Sales were reprorted the assumption that there might be some value in it. Sales were reprorted
from the floor at one-thirty-second.

## Short Sales on New York Curb Exchange Totaled 58,535 on May 16.

The New York Curb Exchange, on May 24, announced that the short position in all securities as of May 161932 totaled 58,535 shares, as compared with 57,258 shares on May 21932 , an increase of 1,277 shares. During the period covered in the compilation $1,440,140$ shares were dealt in.

The low record since the Exchange began to issue figures on the short interest was 53,258 shares on Dec. 15 1931, and the high record was 129,542 shares on Sept. 231931.

## C. B. Hazlewood of First National Bank of Chicago Sees Need of New Plan of Bank Management in Rebuilding of Banking Business.

Speaking before the convention of the Missouri Bankers' Association, in session at Excelsior Springs, Mo., May 17,

Craig B. Hazlewood, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Chicago, declared that a new plan was essential to the rebuilding of the banking business. He said, in part:
Banking has for the past three years been passing through such a storm as has not been seen for 40 years, a storm such as has previously been
experienced by only the oldest inhabitants of our officers' platforms. It experienced by only the oldest inhabitants of our officers' platforms. It
has overwhelmed many banks. But from every situation bad, some gain must come. The gain for the profession of banking how bad, some gain must come. The gain for the profession of banking is the
increased skill that is accruing to those bankers who increased skill that is accruing to those bankers who are bringing their
institutions safely through this financial storm. They will be better institutions safely through this financial storm. They will be better bankers
than they have ever been. It is not extravagant to prophesy that some than they have ever been. It is not extravagant to prophesy that some of them will be better bankers than this century has yet produced.
That conditions will change there is no doubt. They may get worse
before they get better, but the foundation has been laid through continued before they get better, but the foundation has been laid through continued
and drastic deflation of the prices of materials and inventories, the and drastic deflation of the prices of materials and inventories, the
elimination of waste and extravagance, and the reduction of the excessive costs of manufacturing, merchandising and all forms of personal and public service. There will come a time when we will look back to this period as the "bad years" period. In the wisdom of our experience we will advise our successors against the excesses which led up to these present-day conditions, which advice they will probably ignore in another decade or two. In the meantime, there is a very positive need for every one of us to know as nearly as possible the exact situation of our own banks.
The only course open to good banking-and may Heaven protect the man who has not learned this fact from his experience during the past monthsis to discover the losses, report them, and take them.
Many bankers adhere to the old tradition that directors should be informed about the favorable circumstances only. This, needless to say, is utterly fallacious. Unless a director can be of some assistance in times of stress, he had better be replaced with one who can be relied upon. And the banker who shields his directors from the less rosy facts of the business is taking upon himself a great deal of responsibility that he should distribute among his associates. Moreover, the director who has been shielded in this way has every right to resent the withholding of essential information, and to complain severely against what is in effect deception. The directors are entitled to full information about the affairs of their bank. They have the ultimate responsibility; they must be expected to assume it. The
board which is told of unfavorable developments board which is told of unfavorable developments only when the situation
has become serious cannot take the effective steps that it has become serious cannot take the effective steps that it almost surely would have taken had it been informed in time to prevent this very situation arising.
For a long while a good many bankers and directors acted on the assumption that examination and supervision could be relied upon to produce good banking. During this panic we have seen that idea exploded so thoroughly that it can never return to acceptance in the present generation. Examina Management is a dynamic, positive force that makes an institution out. standingent is a dynamic, positive force that makes an institution outstanding, good, fair, or poor. Examination and supervision can only warn can only close the has taken a turn in the wrong direction, and eventually Why close the doors when its warnings have been repeatedly disregarded. Whatever else we may advocate, let us never swerve fro ddministration and oneration of our institutions according to of intelligent the facts rather than by guess and hunch.
Management alone will supply the answer to whether any individual bank, now in reasonably good condition, will succeed. For individual alone can provide the loan and investment policies and management practices that will spell the difference between success and failure. If this be true, then a double conclusion is forced upon us: First, in relation to our own institution we must study our problems thoroughly, intimately, with the very best thinking at our command, aided by the best advice and judgment we can obtain frcm our directors, and borrowing from the knowledge and experience of others who have learned the lessons of wise policies, and, as well, the lessons of mistakes. The other conclusion is that we must force the attention of our neighbors and competitors to these same problems, having learned the fate of other institutions affects ourselves. We must break the isolation of self-sufficiency of the banker who thinks he has nothing to gain by conference and co-operation. We must continue our co-operative study of bank management. I have strongly recommended to the American Bankers' Association that they encourage the holding of and actually institute bank management conferences in groups of counties in each State, probably working through and with State bankers' associations. This is the real nub of the County Clearing House idea, which has been advocated for several years; and in my judgment the conference part of the program is more important than the clearing of checks and is possibly more workable than the idea of local and private examination. I commend this idea for development by your Missouri Bankers' Association.
Admittedly what I have said to you to-day is a meagre and wholly insufficient outline of the requirements of banking, but it at least indicates some of the steps we must take if the banking system is to measure up to the responsibilities which are to-day confronting it. Mistakes have been made nevitably from time to time as America has continued her remarkable economic advance, but in the end, right thinking and sound judgment have always prevailed. I, therefore, have a profound faith that we shall bring to these problems, as well, that vision, sound sense, and constructive effort that have over the decades characterized America's coonomic progress.

Program of Bank Reform Offered by R. S. Hecht of Hibernia Bank \& Trust Co. of New Orleans.
A comprehensive plan of action "to eliminate the weaknesses and add to the strength of modern American banking" was presented at Memphis, Tenn., on May 24 by R. S. Hecht, President of the Hibernia Bank \& Trust Co. of New Orleans and Chairman of the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association, in an address before the tri-State convention of bankers from Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee. Mr. Hecht said:

1. No bank, State or National, should be allowed to begin operations with capital less than $\$ 50,000$. If a community cannot support this amount of capital, it would be preferable to accent a branch from a bank in the
nearest large business centre in the State rather than to open a smaller bank.
2. Consolidations of banks should be carried out to reduce banking facilities wherever necessary to co-ordinate them with local economic needs and to eliminate weak banks and strengthen the retained institutions.
3. Branch banking within the States should be extended by the States to allow strong local innancial centre banks to extend facilities to communities lacking adequate banking facilities.
4. National banks should be given all such branch powers within the states of their domicile as are granted to State banks there. 5. Investment affiliates of all banks, both State and National, should eport to and be supervised by the bank supervisory authorities.
5. Corporate group bank organizations should be fully subject, as an operating entity, to the bank supervisory authorities, but the operations of those well conceived and administered organizations of this type which are rendering inestimable services in certain localities should not be interfered with.
6. The Federal Reserve authorities should be given and should exercise reasonable power against improper use of Federal Reserve credit for speculative purposes, but not to an autocratic extent or $n$ interference with normal banking operations.
7. A Federal liquidating corporation to hasten relief to depositors of closed banks is desirable during the period of clearing up the present emergency and its results, but the capital funds should not be forced from the banks, nor should this plan be considered or become established in any ense as a public guarantee of bank deposits
Lastly, within banking itself must be developed an increasing sense of responsibility toward its depositors and the public at large, who have a right to demand that no matter under what form or charater the bank may be operating, its first thought must ever be the continued safety of the
nstitution.
To that end bankers individually and collectively must assume the leadership in guiding banking laws toward higher standards and greater protection of the public, never forgetting, however, that fundamentally our American system of banking, as conerasted is peculiarly well adapted to highly diversified community life of the United States.

Federal Reserve Board's View of Banking Conditions in April-Increase in Liabilities of Federal Reserve Banks-Formula Whereby Gold and Eligible Paper May Be Counted As Collateral Against Federal Reserve Notes Under Glass-Steagall Act.
In its May "Bulletin" (made available May 20) the Federal Reserve Board, reviewing banking conditions for April, discusses the formula used for determining the time and the extent of the use of the authority granted under the Glass-Steagall bill whereby Federal Reserve banks may offer, and the Federal Reserve agents may accept, direct obligations of the United States Government as collateral against outstanding Federal Reserve notes. We quote from the "Bulletin" as follows:

Further Improvement in Credit Conditions.
Banking conditions, which had begun to improve in February, showed urther progress in April for the third consecutive month. The number of bank failures continued to be relatively small, and there was a further return of currency from hoarding to the banks. Additional purchases of United States Government securities by the reflected in a decrease throughout the country of member bank indebtedness. in addith, and afer the middle of there was a subla derable grow, and arter the ount of exces in the open mar Now York low. love with rime bank' doct of $1 \%$, the level in the middle of last year. Member bant maturity at yef invertmen bank credit, in New York City, but declined further at reporting member banks utside New York City

Reserve Bank Purchases of United States Securities
An important factor in easing the money market during recent weeks, in addition to the continued inflow of currency from circulation, was the purchase by the Reserve banks of Government securities in the open arket. During the four weeks from April 6 to May 4 these purchases amounted to $\$ 400,000,000$, pringing the increase in the System's holdings since Feb. 24 to $\$ 550,000,000$ and the total holdings of the System to approximately $\$ 1,300.000,000$, by far the largest that the Reserve banks have ever had. The immediate effect of these open-market operations has been to enable member banks to reduce their indetbedness at the Reserve banks and to accumakate excess inserve. the period from Fed. 24 to May 4 changes in Reserve bank credit, in money
RESERVE BANK CREDIT AND PRINCIPAL FACTORS IN CHANGES.


## Position of the Federal Reserve Banks.

Liabilities of the Reserve banks increased somewhat during March and April, reflecting the fact that deposits of member banks and others with he Federal Reserve banks showed an increase larger than the decreas hat occurred in the volume of Fedeal Reserve notes in circulation. Reerves of the Reserve banks increased somewhat during the period, with the consequence that the ratio of reserves to note and deposit liabilities combined showed little change. At the beginning of May the System's eserves in excess of the legal requirements of $35 \%$ agdinst deposits and $40 \%$ against Federal Reserve notes amounted to $\$ 1,400,000,000$. There was, however, a considerable reduction in the amount of eligible paper解 and acceptances. While the amount of Federal Reserve notes also declined somewhat, the decrease in eligible paper was larger than this decline, and consequently the Reserve banks were obliged to take gold out of their deposit reserves and to pledge it with the Federal Reserve agents as colateral for Federal Reserve notes. As a result of this transfer of gold from the banks to the agents the ratio of gold reserves held exclusively against Federal Reserve notes increased from $79.2 \%$ on Feb, 24 to $90 \%$ on May 4, while the ratio of reserves available against deposits declined from $53.1 \%$ to $40.2 \%$.

Discounts for member banks declined in all Federal Reserve districts, as shown by the chart printed at the end of this review.

United States Obligations As Note Collateral.
This increase in the amount of gold pledged with the agents and the corresponding decrease in reserves available against deposits reduced the margin of gold available for operating purposes to a point where the Federal Reserve Board found it necessary to consider whether it would be in the public interest under the terms of the Glass-Steagall Act, which permits such action until March 31933 to authorize the Federal Reserve banks to offer and the Federal Reserve agents to accept direct obligations or the United States Government as collateral against outstanding Federal Reserve notes. Before giving this authorization, which was done on May 5, ciple ederal Reserve Board carefully considered the question of the priala that would which this action should properly be based and of a formula to the position out this principle in an efficient manner with due regard upon which the Board has proceeded is that the authority to pledge obligations of the United States Government should be exercised when, after the available eligible paper has been pledged with the Federal Reserve agents, the operating margin of gold at the Reserve banks shall have declined to a level which it is necessary to maintain in order to assure the efficient functioning of the Reserve banks.

## The Formula Used

The formula used in determining the operating margin to be maintained has been derived from a consideration of the legal and operative requirements within which the Reserve banks have to function, including the requirement of $100 \%$ collateral, consisting of gold and eligible paper, for outstanding Federal Reserve notes. On May 4 the notes outstanding were $\$ 2,736,000,000$ and the eligible paper available as collateral was $\$ 510,000,000$, leaving $\$ 2,226,000,000$ to be covered by gold. This gold, which under the law can be counted not only as collateral but also as reserve against Federal Reserve notes, was more than ample to provide the $40 \%$ reserve required against Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation. When this gold is deducted from the total cash reserves of the Federal Reserve banks the remaining reserves, $\$ 977,000,000$, must provide the $35 \%$ necessary against the Reserve banks' deposits, the amount necessary for the redemption fund held with the United States Treasury, and such a margin above these amounts as would permit of efficient operation without delay or inconvenience.

In determining upon a formula derived from these considerations the Board decided that in existing circumstances whem the margin between (1) total cash reserves of the Reserve banks (in excess of the $35 \%$ against deposits) plus eligible paper at the 12 Federal Reserve banks, and (2) Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation shall fall below $\$ 400,000,000$, the Red United States Government securics with the Federal $\$ 400,000,000$ level. release enough gold to bring this margin up to the $\$ 400,000,000$ level. enough Federal Reserve notes in the vaults of the Reserve banks and branches to meet necs fund with the United State margin above fund with the United States Treasury, (3) a reasonable margin above the required $35 \%$ reserve against deposits, and (4) a slight margin abo the necessary collateral requirements against Federal Reserve notes. Reserve banks combined, the Federal Reserve Board has notified each Reserve banks combined, the Federal Reserve Board has notified each
bank of the amount that would be a reasonable margin for that bank, in proportion to its requirements and its volume of operations. In practice, this decision of the Federal Reserve Board will mean that whenever a Federal Reserve bank shall find, after having pledged its available eligible paper, that its operating margin has fallen below the amount determined for that bank, it may pledge with its Federal Reserve agent enough United States securities to release an amount of gold that will bring the margin up to the specified amount.
In adopting this principle and this formula for determining the time and the extent of use of the authority granted under Section 3 of the GlassSteagall bill, the Board has prescribed for the Federal Reserve banks a mode of procedure by which they can determine quickly at any time the extent to which they may avail themselves of the authority under the law to pledge United States securities as collateral for Federal Reserve notes. For the System as a whole the Board has adopted the principle that in the present circumstances it deems it in the public interest to authorize the use of United States obligations as collateral against Federal Reserve notes at such times and to such extent as may be necessary to enable the Reserve banks to have available at all times a sufficient amount of Federal Reserve notes and of gold not pledged as collateral to permit of unhampered operation of the Federal Reserve System.

## New Inflation Plan Proposed by Senator Carter Glass-

 Substitute for Goldsborough Bill Would Designate Bonds for Circulation as Consols-Basis for More Currency-Virginian Tells Senate Committee the Present Bill is "Futile.Temporary currency inflation based on United States Government bonds was tentatively suggested on May 24 by Senator Carter Glass as a substitute for the Goldsborough bill to stabilize the dollar on a 1926 purchasing level. We quote from a dispatch May 24 from Washington to the New York "Times" which also said:

Vigorously opposing the Goldsborough program as "futile and ineffective," Mr. Glass urged the Senate Banking and Currency Committee to consider some "feasible" substitute, and therefore suggested the bond platform, to which, he explained, he was by no means absolutely committed.
Briefly, Mr. Glass has in mind a scheme of "diffusive" inflation, whereby some series of outstanding government bonds could be designated for the same circulation privilege now enjoyed by the $2 \%$ consols of 1930, or "Panama 2.s," as they are known. Under tnis plan a national bank possessing $\$ 100,000$ worth of bonds might "for a restricted period of time" be aole to obtain $\$ 95,000$ in bank notes, as may be done with tne "Panama 2s." As a result of the discussion, the Committee, which met in executive session, decided by a vote of 7 to 5 to postpone consideration of the Goldsborough bill until next week. Mr. Glass first moved to postpone it indefinitely, but did not insist. Senator Blaine wished to consider the bill again to-morrow, but finally the matter was put off for a week.

## Henry Wallace Plan Suggested.

Senator Couzens urged the Committee to consider a plan suggested by Henry Wallace of Des Moines, to stabilize reserves on a 1927 basis, and of the Federal Reserve Board, is as much opposed to tuis idea as he is to the Goldsborough bill
Such conservatives as Senators Walcott, Townsend and Bulkley gave approval to Senator Glass's suggestion, but various other Committee
members are insisting upon the Goldsborough bill. It is understood that Senators Norbeck, Brookhart, Blaine, Morrison Costigan, Fletcher and possibly Senator Carey favor the Goldsborougn measure.
Senator Glass considers that the purpose of the Goldsborough bill is impossible to realize, and he also told the Committee that he was unwilling to give "any seven men that God created" the power proposed in the plan, Further, he believes the bill would work great hardship upon the consuming public, by increasing living costs.
"Increasing commodity prices by legislative mandate would affect every consumer, and there are thousands of consumers to every producer," he said this afternoon.
In emphatic fashion he denounced the bill to the Committee, and said also that the present government security-buying program of the Federal
"re inflation was indirect and futile" if not really dangerous.
Ifinflation of credit and currency is the real cure for the existing situation and we must have inrlation," he told the Committee, "we should proceed about it if a direct and unmistakable authorities," he went on

## Suggests "Diffusive" Inflation.

"In shott, I suggest tnat it would be infinitely better to authorize a plan of 'diffusive' inflation by designaing some series of outstanding United States bonds for the same circulation privileges which Panama 2s now have This would enable national banks throughout the country, for sucn restricted period of time as might be determined, to increase tne volume of bank notes
order to meet the cequirements of legitimate business.
According to my motion, this would be vastly preferable to the threatening scheme now being employed by the Federal Reserve System of concen rating relief in the great money centres with the vain hope and expectation that it will trickle down into the smaller communities throughout the "The.
The plan suggested, purely to tide over the existing emergency would onable every national bank to utilize its holdings of United States ponds or such controlled inflationary purposes as current business would justify and it would put all national banks in all sections of the country upon equal erms in the matter of expansion

Io not pretend to say that this would be an absolute cure for the existing situation, but I do insist that it is more equitable than anything whica ".
My own orthodox view is that when an individual, community or nation embarks upon an era of wicked extravagance it must eventually pay the wise."
After the Committee meeting Chairman Norbeck said he believed that something along the lines" of the Goldsborough bill would be favorably reported next week. He said a majority of the Committee favored some kind of inflation, and that he would try to have the bill passed "either with or without amendments."

Tenders of $\$ 334,818,000$ Received to Offering of $\$ 60$, 000,000 or Thereabouts of 91 -day Treasury BillsBids Accepted $\$ 60,050,000$-Average Price $0.29 \%$ Lowest on Record.
In the sale of 91 -day Treasury bills at an average price of $0.29 \%$, a new low record price for this class of securities is established. The offering of this issue of bills, to the amount of $\$ 60,000,000$ or thereabouts, was referred to in these columns May 21, page 3752. The bills will bear date May 251932 and will mature Aug. 24 1932. Tenders of $\$ 334,818,000$ were received to the same, and the total amount of bids accepted was $\$ 60,050,000$. The results of the offering were announced as follows on May 23 by the Treasury Department:
The total amount applied for was $\$ 334,818,000$. The highest bid made was 99.945 , equivalent to an interest rate of about $0.22 \%$ on an annual basis. The lowest bid accepted was 99.927 , equivalent to an interest rate of about $0.29 \%$ on an annual basis. The total amount of bids accepted was $\$ 60,050,000$. The average rate on a bank discount basis is about $0.29 \%$.

Stating that the average rate on the new bills breaks all records and indicates the excessive cheapness of money, a Washington dispatch May 23 to the New York "Times" said:
The situation has resulted from the heavy Government security buying program of the Federal Reserve banks and to the lack of investments regarded as safe by the bankers.

## New Offering of $\$ 100,000,000$ or Thereabouts of 91 -day Treasury Bills.

Announcement of a new offering of 91 -day Treasury bills to the amount of $\$ 100,000,000$ or thereabouts was made on May 24 by Secretary of the Treasury Mills. The new issue will replace bills of $\$ 101,412,000$ maturing June 1. Tenders for the new issue were received at the Federal Reserve banks or their branches up to 2 p. m. Eastern standard time yesterday (May 27).
The bills will be dated June 1 1932, and will mature on Aug. 31 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). The bills are sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders.

Secretary Mills' announcement also says:
No tender for an amount less than $\$ 1,000$ will be considered. Each ender must be in multiples of $\$ 1,000$. The price offered must be exressed on the basis of 100, with not more than three decimal places 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 invest-
ment 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.

Secretary Mills yesterday reported that the tenders had amounted to $\$ 296,503,000$. The highest bid made was 99.975 , equivalent to an interest rate of about $0.10 \%$ on an annual basis. The lowest bid accepted was 99.915 , equivalent to an interest rate of about $0.34 \%$ on an annual basis. Only part of the amount bid for at the latter price was accepted. The total amount of bids accepted was $\$ 100,200,000$, and the average price was 99.919 . The average rate on a bank discount basis is about $0.32 \%$.

## Bill Creating Federal Home Loan Finance Banks Favorably Reported to House.

Legislation designed to make money more easily available to home builders was advanced in the House on May 25, where the Banking Committee favorably reported the Reilly bill creating a system of Federal Home Loan Finance Banks. Associated Press dispatches May 25 from Washington said: The measure, sponsored by the Administration, to create a fund of $\$ 125,000,000$ for the organization of from eight to 12 banks to rediscount real estate paper, faces some opposition. However, Representative Reilly, (Dem.) of Wisconsin, Chairman of the subcommittee which drafted it, plans to ask for special legislative status to-morrow and it may be considered in the House next week.

Secretary of Treasury Mills in Answer to Former Governor Alfred E. Smith's "Financial Program for Present Crisis" Says Public Works Proposal Would Hinder Recovery-Says Wise Course Is to Balance Budget and End Borrowing.
The proposals embodied in the "Financial Program for the Present Crisis' offered by former Governor of New York Alfred E. Smith on May 16 were the subject of a statement issued May 26 by Secretary of the Treasury Mills. Governor Smith's speech was given in our issue of May 21, page 3764. According to Secretary Mills, "the public works program which he (Mr. Smith) suggests, financed from the Federal Treasury, would destroy what the President, supported by Congressional leaders of both parties, has insisted on as one indispensable foundation for recovery-a balanced budget and an unimpaired National credit." "Public works," says Secretary Mills, "mean public borrowing" and "an unbalanced budget." Secretary Mills refers to Governor Smith as saying that "business cannot get under way on its own initiative." "I believe he is wrong" says Secretary Mills, who adds, "business can and will get under way." Secretary Mills further says:
The one way to give real relief to the American people is to restore confidence and get business going. Give business a chance. Let Congress balance the budget and pass a sound relief measure. Then. with and public, that can be effected through loans by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in addition to the work it is now Reconstruction market policy of the Federal Reserve System, and the co-operative measures to be taken by business men themselves as deveioped by the Young lom mittee in New York, the Avery Committee in Chicago and other similar committees now being formed, may well break the vicious circle similar traction and start the upward movement.
Secretary Mills' statement follows:
Upon my return to Washington my attention has been called to a statement issued by former Governor Smith urging a vast public works program, National, State and local, to be financed from the Federal Treasury. Governor Smith has shown such a breadth of view and courage in his recent public statements and brings such valuable support by his outspoken declaration in favor of the rest of the President's program that I dislike to find myself in disagreement with him on this point. But this phase of the program upon which we differ is so vitally important that I feel obliged to cali attention to it in the hope that if he will but study the problem anew with the intelligent detachment of which he is capable, and the non-partisan spirit which he has shown, Governor Smith may be willing to reconsider his position.
As I view it, the public works program which he suggests, financed from the Federal Treasury, would destroy what the President, supported by the Congressional leaders of both parties. has insisted on as the one indispensable foundation for recovery-a balanced budget and an unimpaired
National credit.

Says Governor Smith's Proposals Would Unbalance Budpet.
To be sure, in a brief sentence Governor Smith states he favors a balanced budget, but he then goes on at length to elaborate a plan which would involve an unbalanced budget on a large sale.
What do we mean by a balanced governmental budget? Exactly what we mean by a balanced household budget, that expenditures shall not exceed receipts. If, after balancing the budget through reduced expenditures and increased taxes, the Congress then authorizes large expenditures for public works of an unproductive character, the budget becomes unbalanced by just that amount; and since no revenue is available to meet the expenditures the Government is compelled to borrow. From a budgetary standpoint it makes no difference for what purpose the additional funds are expended, whether for increasing the size of the army, or doubling the number of Government employees, or increasing their salaries, or for public works. The effect on the budget is the same, irrespective of their character.
Capitalizing these expenditures is simply a high-sounding method of eliminating them from the current budget through the creation of an extraordinary budget, a device tried by forelgn countries and which in-
evitably brought their finances to the brink of disaster. With the sinking fund provisions applicable to the existing debt inoperative for the fiscal years 1931, 1932 and 1933, there can be no conceivable justification for capitalizing these expenditures, leaving aside all the other basic objections Government.

## Productive and Unproductive Loans.

Governor Smith professes to be unable to distinguish between a socalled productive and an unproductive loan, the funds to be obtained in the first case by the sale of Reconstruction Finance securities and in the second by the sale of Treasury obligations. The difference is fundamental, yet simple. In both cases the funds must be obtained from the public. But in the case of productive loans Federal credit is only in-
directry invoked in the first instance, and first and last the loan does not directıy invoked in the first instance, and first and last the loan does not constitute a charge on the public funds. For the loan is not made from the Treasury's general fund and the obligations issued are not paid for at maturity from taxes, but from the earnings of the enterprise. Any loss suffered would be a charge against the resources of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and perhaps ultimately against its capital. But budget.
It is clear, then, that this kin

## next year's or future budgets.

In the second case, involving unproductive loans made by the Treasury the initial loan is paid out of the general fund as the result of a current appropriation. The funds are obtained from the sale of Treasury obligations, the interest on which and the redemption of which must be secured
from taxes. They are a direct charge on the Treasury, and under our well-established system of budg ting must be reflected in the 1933 budget. Beer and Sales Taxes Rejected by Congress.
Governor Smith seeks to overcome the objection of unbalancing the budget, which he recognizes, by talking vaguely of a beer tax and a general manufacturers' sales tax to cover the cost of public works. The first proposal has twice been decisivery beaten in both the Senate and the House. As to the manufacturers' sales tax, no one has suggested superimposing it on the selective sales or excise taxes proposed in the pending revenue bill, and it would be unfair to do so. The manufacturers' sales tax bas been proposed as a substitute for these taxes, and as such would not furnish the additional revenue for public works. These are inescapable facts. Public works, then, mean public borrowing, an unbalanced budget, and
a shock to public confidence, for the country has relied on the definite a shock to public confidence, for the country has relied on the definite assurance of the Administration and of the Congressional leaders that is to balance the budget and put an end to borrowing. We have been is to balance the budget and put an end to borrowing. We have been
striving to reach this objective for six months. Are we to throw up our striving to reach this objective for six montbs. Are we to throw up our
hands now? No matter how earnest, sincere and moving the plea, the hands now? No matter how earnest, sincere and moving the plea, the
Treasury Department cannot surrender on this fundamental principle. The greatest field for the revival of employment is in private industry, and it is that employment that must be revived.
Governor Smith says business cannot get under way on its own initiative. I believe he is wrong. Business can and will get under way. "After talking with many business men and canvassing the situation, I am confident that the biggest barrier to-day to a return of confidence and to a gradual recovery is the fear of an unbatanced budget and the Government's continuing on the course of borrowing that has led nations and individuals to disaster.

Public Works Program Would Put Few Unemployed to Work.
At best, a public works program can put comparatively few of these unemployed to work during the course of the next 12 months.
The pending $\$ 132,000,000$ road bill would furnish work to but 35,000
men directly. We spend $\$ 30,000,000$ on flood convrol on the men directly. We spend $\$ 30,000,000$ on flood control on the lower Mississippi and give work to 8,000 men. The President, after a careful survey of the bill can and over and above the $\$ 575,000,000$ provided for in the budget for public works.
The one way to give real relief to the American people is to restore confidence and get business going. Give business a chance. Then, with confidence restored, the effective stimulation to productive works, private Finance Corporation in addition to the work it is now doing, the openFinance Corporation in addition to the work it is now doing, the opento be taken by business men themselves as developed by the Young Committee in New York, the Avery Committee in Chicago and other similar committees now being formed, may well break the vicious circle of contraction and start the upward movement.
The destructive effect of an unsound financial program. shaking, as it would do, the confidence of the country, would far outweigh the benefits to be derived from unproductive public construction, for it would retard business recovery and increase rather than decrease unemployment

## C. T. Revere of Munds, Winslow \& Potter Believes Revival of Defense Council Would Solve Nation's Problems-Could Serve as Democracy's "Man on Horseback"-No New Legislation Needed to Reinstall Such Commission.

Revival of the Federal Council of National Defense in the form of a peace-time commission would do much in solving the problems now facing the country. This is the opinion expressed by C. T. Revere of Munds, Winslow \& Potter, members of the New York Stock Exchange, in an open letter issued May 19. The letter says:
If any country in continental Europe were confronted by a crisis of the character indicated in the United States to-day, there probably would be a demand for a dictator. Unless conditions improve-and improve very soon-we are not certain that we ourselves may
in a situation that will call for just such a radical step.
We do not believe that America, like continental peoples of Europe would countenance the coming of a dictator, but the creation of a commission similar to the Federal Council of National Defense which was mission similar to the Federal Council of National Derense which was created by Congress in 191r. can, in the opinion of Mr. Revere, act as to re-establish such a commission, for the legislative machinery is already in existence.
We believe it would be impossible to over-estimate the constructive importance of such a step. The appointment of this body, selected from the experienced talent in which our Nation is so rich, would exert an influence upon National psychology that would be electrical in its effect.

Undoubtedly the commission would be capable of dealing constructively with emergency problems relating to unemployment, banking and financial conditions, railroads and agriculture. It should be non-partisan, or, so far as possible, bi-partisan in composition. The President undoubtedly would be given credit for initial leadership that could not be reasonably mission the details of mity involved in transferring to the advisory comNation.
Such a body of outstanding American citizens would command the attention, the respect and practical obedience of the whole country. it would be Democracy's way of meeting a crisis instead of a resort to autocracy.
Quite apart from working out the details of mobilizing National re sources and solving individual problems, the advisory commission, after making its own study of fundamental questions, could make recommendations of policy that would be immediately accepted by a majority of the whole people. Its judgment on economy, prohibition, war debts and tariffs, for example, would receive such endorsement from an aroused and co-operative public opinion that no candidate for Senate or Congress would rise in partisan opposition except at the risk of his political future.
It is in respect to the dealing with our great fundamental problems that the advisory commission would be able to perform its supreme service for the country. These problems are largely economic, not political, and some of them should be taken forever out of the realm of National political consideration and removed as confusing issues. The commission would be the most effective instrument possible for directing and unifying public opinion on the great problems that confront us.
It is to be assumed that if the President sees fit to take such a step his elections will be made with a view to obtaining superlative service, by the appointment of men whose standing and character would give their Herein lies an epportunity for ceadership
Herein lies an opportunity for leadership-leadership by the President in taking effective recognition of a way out of crisis-and leadership through a non-partisan agency to solve the Nation's problems.

## Tax Bill Before Senate-Sales Tax Proposal by Senator

 Walsh-Export Debenture Defeated-Copper, Oil, Lumber and Coal Tariffs Voted-Beer Tax Again Rejected.An amendment to the tax bill providing for a general manufacturers' sales tax of $1.75 \%$ was introduced in the Senate on May 27 by Senator Walsh (Dem.) of Massachusetts, Associated Press accounts from Washington yesterday (May 27) as given in the New York "Sun" said:
Going ahead with the remaining rate schedules, the Senate restored a $10 \%$ tax on furs, adding $\$ 15,000,000$ to the m
$\$ 50,000,000$ short of its budget-balancing goal
By the overwhelming vote of 72 to 3 , it also concurred in the Finance Committee's decision to strike from the House bill a provision allowing revaluation of estates for purposes of fixing the inheritance tax.
The House proposal would have permitted revaluation of those estates whose owners died just prior to the start of present eco
in order to permit an allowance for deprechated values. majority, this was sharply disputed by the opposition. A showdown is not expected before Monday.

Walsh Bill Provisions.
The Walsh amendment provides for collecting the sales tax by licensing manufacturers and taxing any articles passing from a licensed manufacturer to any one unlicensed. No tax would be levied on a product transferred from one licensed manufacturer or producer to another.
Exemptions under the Walsh amendment are as follows:
Food for human or animal consumption.
Medicine, other than patent or proprietary
Wearing apparel, except shoes sold for more than $\$ 5$ or anything else for more than \$35.
Agricultural products, implements and machinery, fertilizer or ingredients.

Any article on which an internal revenue tax is imposed.
Newspapers, magazines, books and other periodicals.
Religious articles.
Manufacturers and producers would not have to obtain a license if heir productions for the preceding year sold for less.
The previous day (May 26) with Senator Walsh claiming that his general sales tax amendment was "gaining strength," the Senate followed the lead of its Committee on Finance. and accepted House proposals to levy a manufacturers' sales tax upon numerous items in the pending revenue bill. The "United States Daily" of May 27, indicating the action taken May 26 said:
The result of the day's action, according to Senator Smoot (Rep.) of Utah Committee Chairman, was to increase the revenue-producing capacity of the measure by about $\$ 58,000,000$.

## Excise Levies Restored.

The Committee, prior to the Senate session, completely reversed its position respecting the so-called luxury or nuisance taxes which the House had passed after it had turned down the sales tax. Through Senator smoot, the Committee submitted to the Senate a new set of recommendations which resu
or excise levies. approved as speedily as they could be formally offered and read controversies arose over several, however, but the delay was temporary in each instance.
Only in the case of admission taxes and the communications tax was the Committee turned back. The Committee provision to strike out the exemption for press facilities from tax, as carried by the House bill, was rejected and the House exemption restored.

Admission Tax Changed.
On admission taxes, the senate made its own rate through an amendment offered by Senator Johnson (Rep.) of California, exempting admissions of 40 c . or under from tax. The House had proposed 45 c . exempion and the senate Committee recommended 30c. exemption before the tax of $10 \%$ applies.

Senator Walsh stated orally that there was, in his opinion, a "considerable gain" for his proposal of a general sales tax. As the revenue measure moves obvious results of attempting to select "spots" for the manufacturers' tax. He declared it could not go on that way, and that when the general tax. He declared ite could nil go on that way, and that when the general
sales levy is offered, it will have many more supporters than any one heretofore has supposed.

Senate Action on Provisions
The senate action (May 26) included the following
Toilet preparations: House rate of $10 \%$ restored, but certain articles xempted.
Jewelry: House rate of $10 \%$ restored, with exemption of articles selling or less than $\$ 3$.
Automobile parts and accessories: House rate of $1 \%$ increased to $2 \%$, but tires and tubes separately taxed.
Mechanical refrigerators: House rate of $5 \%$ restored.
porting goods: House rate of $10 \%$ restored
Firearms, shells and cartridges: House rate of $10 \%$ restored.
Cameras: House rate of $10 \%$ restored, with aerial cameras exempted Matches: House rate of 4 c . per 1,000 changed to 2 c . per 1,000 on wooden Candy: House rate of $5 \%$ reduced to $3 \%$.

Candy: House rate of $5 \%$ reduced to $3 \%$
ereal beverages: House rate of 2c. per gallon reduced to $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per gallon; grape juice taxed separately at 5 c . per gallon, and House rate of 9 c . per Boats: House rate of $10 \%$ of to $6 c$
Boats: House Rubber: House provisions annual basis substituted.
ires and 4 c . a pound on tubes accepted and tax of $21 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. per pound on
Tephone telegraph radio and cepted
Charge of 50 c , to $\$ 1,10 \mathrm{c} . \mathrm{i}$. 1 to $\$ 2,15$. $\$ 2$, telephone conversations: dispatches, 5c. Cable and radio messages, 10 c more, 20 c . Telegraph in these items, but House exemption for press dispatches and facilities restored. Leased wires, $5 \%$ instead of the House rate of $10 \%$ of the amount paid, except for broadcasting non-commercial programs.
Admission tax: House rate of $10 \%$ accepted, but exemption reduced to 40 c . from House figure of 45 c .
The Senate, accepting its Committee's recommendation, struck from the bill the increased stamp tax on sales of produce for future delivery which the House had provided. Senator Frazier (Rep.) of North Dakota, gave notice he would file a motion to reconsider.

On May 25 the Senate without debate, rejected the Committee rate of $4 \%$ as an excise tax on the manufacturers' selling price of automobiles, leaving the rate at $3 \%$ as fixed by the House, and rejected amendments to place a tax on beer and an import duty on vegetable oils, while its Committee on Finance made changes in its earlier recommendations on rubber and toilet preparations. Recording the Senate action, May 25, the "United States Daily" said:
The vote on the automobile tax was 29 ayes and 42 nayes, thus making the second time in two days in which a Committee recommendation was verthrown. At the preceding night session the Committee rate on automobile trucks was reduced by the Senate from $3 \%$ to $2 \%$.

## Rubber Action Reversed.

The Committee, reversing itself for the third time on the rubber paragraph, approved an excise tax of 4 cents per pound on tubes and on-half cent per pound on on tires, instead of a $10 \%$ ad valorem rate on the wholesale price. the Senate had sustained the Committee recommendation in this regard May 24.

## Butter Tax Defeated.

After rejecting the amendment to legalize and tax beer, the Senate deeated an amendment by Senator Norbeck (Rep.), of South Dakota, to place a tax on imports of butter of 4 cents per pound and also rejected an amendment by Senator Hull (Dem.), of Tennessee, under which the United States would have agreed to hold its tariff duties without increases during the next two years providing other, nations agreed. The Hull amendment was defeated by a vote of 34 to 42 .

## Beer Tax Discussed.

The proposal to place a tax on beer as an amendment to the revenue bill introduced by Senator Bingham (Rep.), of Connecticut, together with the question of national policy respecting United States possessions mainly ccupied the attention of the Senate during the day
At the preceding night session the Senate voted a rate of $2 \%$ on the manufacturers' price of authomobiles, and thus refused to sustain its mended a rate of $3 \%$.
Senator Bingham offered the amendment to legalize the beer proposal and place a tax of $\$ 6$ a barrel. He figured that it would return an annual revenue of at least $\$ 366,000,000$ on the basis of records of beer consumption in preprohibition years.
Senator Binham's amendment as well as his argument met with rebuttal from Senator Borah (Rep.), of Idaho, and Senator Robinson (Rep.), of Indiana, but the Connecticut Senator had support from Senator Blaine (Rep.), of Wisconsin, and others as the discussion continued into a night ession. The amendment was rejected, 25 to 55 .
The Connecticut Senator also brought up the question of tariff policy respecting the Philippines and other territories with an announcement that, as written, the House bill would force a change in a long standing policy of not exacting import duties on consignments to the United States.

## Exemption in Oil Tarijf.

He made reference to it in connection with discussion of the amendment by Senator Shipstead (Farmer-Labor) of Minnesota, to lay an import tax on imports of vegetable oils. Elimination of the language that would accomplish a change in policy will be proposed at the proper time, Senator Bingham said.
After general discussion of the qeustion, the Senate adopted an amendment to the Shipstead vegetable oils tariff to exempt Philippine products from its application, and voted down the Shipstead proposal as amended by 33 to 48.

## Amendment Is Supported

The Shipstead amendment was supported by Senator Hastings (Rep.), of Delaware, who said, if passed, it will raise $\$ 25,000,000$ in revenue. A tariff on vegetable and fish oils, on copra and certain seeds and nuts, he said, would not increase the price of soap, although used in soap manufacture.
Exemption of products of the Philippine Islands, Mr. Hastings said would still leave the amendment with "enough merit to do some good to
the farmers and to the fishing industry." The return from Philippine imports would be about $\$ 11,000,000$, he explained.
Hawes (Dem ) Hawes (Dem.), of Missouri. A proposal to exclude products of possessions of the United States was submitted in the form of an amendment to the amendment by Senator Hawes (Dem.), of Missouri.
proposal would both produce revenue and help a diat the Shipstead

## Senator Borah Opposes Proposal.

Senator Borah (Rep.), of Idaho, said he did not regard the amendment as reaching the real problem of agriculture." He emphasized, however, and he does not favor further dealy of action on Philippine independence the Philippines in the instance additional burden of free
Senator Hawes (Dem.), of Missouri, said it would "be most unfair to discriminate against these people at this time, because probably within the next 30 days their status with respect to the United States will be definitely determined.'
Incorporation of tariff items in the tax bill should be condemned, Senator Robinson (Dem.), of Arkansas, said, declaring that it was "particularly objectionable to impose a tax on imports from the possessions of the United
States." States.'

## Consideration for Philippines.

Senator Pitman (Dem.), of Nevada, argued against "disturbing" contions in the Philipines by any such amendment at this time.
Senator McNary (Rep.), of Oregon, said that, in view of pending independence legislation, he did not believe the Shipstead amendment should be incorporated in the tax bill at this time.
Senator Bingham announced that he expected later to seek elimination of the House provision making import taxes apply wo imports from United States' possessions.

Shipstead Amendment Defeated.
The Senate adopted an amendment by Senator Hawes (Dem.), of Missouri, by which the products of the Philippines would be exempted from application of a levey on vegetable oils, by a vote of 56 to 23 . The Senate then proceeded to defeat the Shipstead amendment by a vote of 33 ayes to 48 nays.
Before that vote was taken, Senator Tydings invited Senator Smoot to take the lead and offer to throw out all tariff amendments.
The export debenture plan, proposed as an amendment to the tax bill, was defeated in the Senate on May 24 by a vote of 46 to 33 . From the Washington dispatch May 24 to the New York "Times" we take the following:
Following this ballot the Senate made quick work of eliminating the House provisions for excise levies on cosmetics, furs and jewelry; passed over the section dealing with the proposed rubber tax and took up the accessories.
As soon as the automobile section was reached Senator Bingham proposed to substitute a tax on $2.75 \%$ beer by weight. Senator Vandenberg moved to strike out the entire section, and so the fight on the automobile tax was formally launched.
38 The Senate gave the first reversal to its Finance Committee by voting 38 to 30 against an amendment raising the House excise on automobile trucks from $2 \%$ to $3 \%$. The House provision for the $2 \%$ tax was restored. Immediately after this action the Senate voted down Senator Vandenberg's motion, 40 to 29.

The next vote was for a $4 \%$ tax on passenger cars and $2 \%$ on parts and accessories.
The House bill carried rates of $3 \%$ and $1 \%$, respectively
The Senate recessed at $10.20 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## Norris Urges Debenture

The tariff barrier, which had held up progress on the bill since last Tuesday night (May 17). crumbled to-night with a vote on the export debenture amendment. It had no more than been defeated when Senator Shipstead offered another "farm relief"' amendment, proposing an import duty on vegetable oils and seed of oil-producing plants. He was quickly persuaded to let this go over until to-morrow under an agreement to vote at that time

Already vetoed by one President and excluded from both the Farm Marketing and Hawley-Smoot Tariff Acts of 1930, the debenture plan was offered yesterday by Senator Norris as a challenge to the high protectionists to turn the revenue measure into real tariff revision.
He argued thai the tariffs on oil, coal, lumber and copper, as voted by the just that they spould receive some benefits by a tariff as no more

## Debenture Plan.

The debenture plan provided, in brief, for a bounty to American farmers on products grown by them for export. The plan was to return to the farmer one-half of the amount of tariff that would be collected on imports of commodities exported by him.
Defeat of the amendment, which again showed the strength of the tariff coalition, followed an attempt of Senator Frazier to make the export bounty $100 \%$ of the equivalent tariffs on like imported products. The Frazier proposal was voted down, 65 to 16, giving ample time for the opposition to the whole plan to mobilize those who were opposed to any further tariff provisions.
Until the tariff jam broke of its own weight. all the coaxing of leaders could not entice the Senate back to consideration of taxes. The Republicans did not speak openly at anl, but Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic helmsman, took the floor in attempt to persuade the Senate to forego further tariff bickerings.

He told the farm relief advocates that he would join them in some other piece of legislation aimed at a similar purpose.
"This Congress cannot quit its labors without considering legislation dealing with the farm situation," he said. "But in my judgment it is unwise to attach this amendment to this bill. Those who are pressing for tariff measures now may be held responsible for defeat of this legislation." He recalled that the debenture plan had been vetoed by President Coolidge and was opposed by President Hoover. He warned its advocates that a veto migh be placed on the whole revenue bill if the debenture provistor Norris denit it.
way responsible for delay. those behind the debenture were in any
Deserted by Former Friends.
Senators Glenn, Glass, King and others who formerly had favored the export debenture explained that they could not support an amendment placing it in the tax bill.
Glenn said. "If things keep going as they have here for the last few
days, I don't know but what the birth control amendment will be made a part of the emergency tax bill."
Senator Glass explained that he did not propose "to add to the political ragedy enacted in this chamber last week."
The 46 votes against the debenture plan were cast by 30 Republicans and 16 Democrats. Those voting for the amendment (33) were: 21 Democrats; 11 Republicans, and 1 Farmer-Laborite.
Duties on oil and coal, hitherto denied in tariff revision even as general as the Hawley-Smoot Act, were written into the tax bill in the Senate on May 20, while the essential revenue features of the bill were shunted aside, said a Washington dispatch on that date to the New York "Times" from which we also take the following:
The vote on the oil tariff was 43 to 37 , and on the coal tariff 39 to 34 . Eighteen Democratics joined with 25 high-protection Republicans on the ormer and 14 on the latter. The second Democrat to vote for the tariffs in each case was Senator Barkley, selected as keynoter at the National convention next month.
The votes increase the possibility of turning the tax bill into a general evision of the tariff.
As soon as the vote on oil was announced Senator Tydings, torch-bearer of the fight against the duties, introduced 504 amendments proposing changes in existing tariffs. Senator Norris immediately presented the old export debenture amendment, which contributed to the long stay of the Hawley-Smoot bill in the last Congress.
Senator Tydings also changed his vote on the oil tariff from "no" to "aye" as a technical preparation for moving reconsideration. He later entered a motion to reconsider the vote, thus forewarning of another possible long fight.

## George Warns Protectionists.

Another night session wore on to an oratorical finish, in debate over the proposed lumber tariff. At one point Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee interrupted "to give notice to the Senate and to the country that every day's delay on the tax bill is costing the Government $\$ 2,000,000$.'
This remark brought Senator George of Georgia to his feet. He charged Senator Smoot and his colleagues were responsible for the delay by inserting the tariff items in the emergency revenue measure.
Mr. George warned the Republican leaders that they could make up their minds whether to take out the tariff items or accept the war-time income tax rates.
"If these duties remain in the bill, my course lies straight before me," declared the Georgian. "That course is to vote for the 1918 income tax rates."
Only nine votes need be changed to reconsider and adopt the Couzens war-time rate amendment, and low tariff Democrats, chafing under the actions of to-day, were considering following Senator George's lead and placing upon the Administration leaders responsibility for "soak-the-rich" income levies because of their insistence for the four and no more tariffs. In voting on the oil duty the Senate merely repeated the action of the House when protectionists took control of the tax bill and began writing a tariff measure. The particular proposal was an amendment to the House bill, which itself provided for a duty of 1 cent a gallon on oil, gasoline and other oil products.

Senate Amendment's Provisions.
The Senate amendment provided for a graduated duty on imported petroleum and its products as follows:

Crude petroleum, $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. a gallon
Fuel oil, gas oil and all liquid derivatives of crude petroleum except lubricating oil and gasoline, 1/2c. a gallon.
Gasoline, $21 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per gallon.
Lubricating oil, 4c. a gallon
Paraffine and other oil wax products, 1c. a pound
Natural asphalt and asphalt bitumen derived from petroleum, 10 c . per 100 pounds.
Encouraged by their success to-day, proponents of the oil tariff were scanning the rules of parliamentary procedure to-night for plans to amend the Senate provision in order to raise the tax on crude oil to 1c. a gallon, or 42c. a barrel.

The fight over the oil duty was so elose that both sides claimed victory right up to the last. Opponents of the amendment conducted an open ilibuster until mid-afternoon in the hope that some Senators might change tand
Stating that the Senate continued in a jam on Saturday (May 21) over the remaining tariff items in the measure the "Times" in its report from Washington, May 21 added:
Three hours were whiled away in futile debate on the pending tariff amendments and a general discussion of conditions in the country. Leaders heard that still other volumes of oratory were planned by supporters of he import taxes.

Noting that a two-day deadlock on tariff schedules was broken at night, Monday, May 23, when the Senate voted for import duties on lumber and copper, the "Times" in its account from Washington, May 23, stated:

The coalition mustered 36 votes to 24 for an additional duty on lumber of $\$ 3$ per 1,000 board feet, and 45 votes to 22 for an import tax of 4 c . a pound on copper.
The ballots came at the end of a filibuster staged by opponents of the tariff items in an effort to force Senate leaders to exclude the import duties rom the tax bill.
Senator Tydings, leader of the fight against the duties, started to make good his threat to call up 504 separate tariff amendments and force a rollcall on each.

Four Efforts Unsuccessful.
After four unsuccessful attempts to write changes in the Hawley-Smoot tariff law through amendments to the tax bill Mr. Tydings temporarily bandoned his fight
Senator Vandenberg, of Michigan, chief proponent of the copper tariff, jumped in when the opportunity offered and proposed an immediate vote on the copper duty. A few minutes later the Senate voted the lumber duty.
otes were taken during the afternoon on two amendments to the lumber tariff. In one, Senator Trammell's proposal to place a duty of 8c. a 100 Senator Copeland to rock was voted down 61 to 15 . An attempt duy of $\$ 3$ per 1,000 feet was defeated, 47 to 26 .

Appeal to Congress by Democratic and Republican Leaders for Immediate Action on Budget and Tax Bill-Nicholas Murray Butler and Alfred E. Smith Among Signers-Reply by Senator Robinson.
An appeal to members of both branches of Congress to lay aside every form of partisanship and unite quickly to adopt a balanced Federal budget and to enact a sound and fair plan of taxation was made public on May 22 over the signatures of 11 prominent citizens, 6 of them, Republicans and 5 Democrats, said the "Herald Tribune" of May 23 from which the following is also taken:
The appeal was in the form of a brief letter posted on Saturday to the majority and minority leaders of both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Text of Appeal.
The letter follows:
"Hon. James E. Watson, Majority/Hon. Charles R. Crisp, May 211932. Leader United States Senate. Leader House of Representatives "Hon. Joseph T. Robinson, Minor-1 Hon. Bertrand H. Snell, Minority ity Leader United States Senate. I Leader House of Representatives. social and political institutions of the grave econome possible effect upon our which confront the American people that on bebalf of vast numbers of our fellow citizens, we appeal through you to the members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives to lay aside every form of partisanship and of possible partisan advantage and quickly to unite to adopt a balanced Federal budget for the coming fiscal year, as well as to enact a plan of taxation which shall be economically sound, fair to every group and calling and withoui discrimination or privilege or class or sectional advantage of any kind.
It is our judgment that conditions are so grave that this action should be taken at the earliest possible moment
Nickolas Murray Butler, New York. $\mid$ Alfred E. Smith, New York.
Wiliam H. Crocker, California. Wibur L. Cross, Connecticut.
John Grier Hibben, New Jersey. Joseph B. Ely, Massachusetts. Alanson B. Houghton, New York. Frank O. Lowden, Illinois.

Roland S. Morris, Pennsyivania. Albert C. Ritchie, Maryland."

## Speaks for Self, Says Butter.

Asked last night for bis comment on the appeal, Dr. Butler said:
"It speaks for itself. It was purposely made brief and confined to two controling princir res rather than extended to urge any specific application of trose principles.
"The dawdling of the Congress and the pathetically childish and irrelevant proposals and discussions which are wasting time and contributing not only to prolong but to increase the economic and financial crisis, are rousing the entire country to strong protest. Our national credit abroad and our national reputation are at stake. It was our purpose to make a simple and direct appeal for prompt action on sound principles which all good citizens could support regardless of party names and personal preferences
It was only last Thursdey night that Dr. Butler, in a public address, voiced the opinion that "we are drifting steadily and not so very slowly toward the edge of a political precipice." He told the annual meeting of the National Industrial Conference Board that a recent trip through 24 States had convinced him that "the thoughtful people of the United States are profoundly alarmed at conditions in Washington and at what is going forward politically in the country, and that, if a chance were given them to follow a eal leader of large intelligence, demonstrated administrative capacity and intellectual courage, they would rise and sweep the whole discredited fabric of our present-day national political machinery into the dust-bin."
In giving a reply made to the above, by Senator Robinson, Washington advices May 23 to the "Herald Tribune" said in part:
The ietter of a group of educational and political leaders, including Nicholas Murray Butler, former Goverpor Alfred E. Smith of New York and Governor Albert O. Ritchie of Maryland, calling on Congress for immediate non-partisan action on the tax bill and on the balancing of the budget drew sharp fire to-day from leaders in the Senate.
From both sides of the Chamber, came expressions in no uncertain terms of belief that the prominent personages who had signed the leiter wer gnorant of what was going on in Congress.
Senator James E. Watson, Republican leader, was particularly caustic in remarks on the floor, while Senator Joseph T. Robinson, Democratic ieader, replied in a letter in which, between the lines, he intimated there was no occasion to admonish Congress to lay aside politics. Senator Robinson put into the record his letter of reply and said he would make no further comment.
Senator Royal S. Copeiand, Democrat of New York, backed up Senator Watson and held it was unfair for those outside of Congress to criticize the Senate. He criticized the flood of propaganda which is descending on Congress, and told of getting 1,200 letters signed by employees of one cern urging bim to vote to balance the budget.
Senator Simeon D. Fess of Ohio, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, said the country had no conception of the problems before Congress, and all he could see for Congress "is to go ahead and do the best we can."
Senator Ellison D. Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, pointed out that many of the letters which urged balancing of the budget also urged that excise taxes in the bill be put on some one else or some other industry.

## Puts Economies at 750 Millions.

The discussion branched off into the question of economies, and Senator Arthur H. Vandenburg, Republican of Michigan, emphasized that this Congress is effecting much greater economies than those in the one economy appropriation bills and the economy bill did not total $\$ 750,000,000$.

The letter of Senator Robinson follows:
The Honorable Nicholas Murray Butler,
"Broadway at 116th St., New York Clity.
'My Dear Mr. Butler
"I am in receipt of a letter signed by you, W. H. Orocker, California; John G. Hibben, New Jersey; Alanson B. Houghton, New York; Frank O. Lowden, Illinois; Charles Nagei, Missouri; Alfred E. Smith, New York; Wilbur L. Cross, Connecticut; Governor Joseph B. Ely, Massachusetts; Roland S. Morris, Pennsylvania, and Governor Albert O. Ritchie of Maryland, addressed to Senator Watson as majority leader, myself as minority
eader in that body.
The members of the Senate and the House are requested in the message to lay aside every form of partisan advantage and quickly unite to adopt a balanced Federal budget for the coming fiscal year, \&c.'

## Partisanship Laid Aside, He Says.

"May I say in reply that from the beginning of the present session of Congress a sincere effort bas been made to pursue the course suggested, and it is actical unanimity of purpose to balance the budget without regard to partisan advantage.
"This policy has been rendered somewhat difficult by the continuous delivery of partisan addresses and announcements by members of the Administration. The injection of tariff provisions in the revenue bill has without doubt resulted in some confusion and is calculated to cause delay in the passage of the revenue bill. The differences which from time to time have arisen touching the legislation seem not so much attributable to sectional or partisan controversies as to varying economic viewpoints.

Recognizing the grave conditions which prevail it is my purpose, in so far as I am able, to continue to contribute to just and fair conclusions touching the very important subjects referred to in your message. "Please be kind enough to advise those who joined in your message on this reply.

Sincerely,
Jos.
т. Robinson."

Comedy of Errors at Capital-President Hoover and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler Involved.
The New York "Herald Tribune" in a Washington dispatch May 23 had the following to say:
Official Washington found amusement to-day in the errors, clerical or therwise, which crept into the two important public statements on Government issues which were given out yesterday and printed in the front page of all morning newspapers.
President Hoover, who utilized a letter to the American Society of Civil Engineers to state his thorough disagreement with proposals to finance a public works program by Federal bonds, addressed his letter to Richard S. Parker as President of the Society. He should have written to Herbert S . Crocker who really is the President. Beseiged by complaints that Mr. "Parker" could not be located, the White House admitted the error and
attributed it to a stenographic mistake. The letter was presumably mailed attributed it to a stenographic mistake. The letter was presumably mailed
to Mr. "Parker" and possibly it is still unopened. to Mr . "Parker" and possibly it is still unopened.
In writing to the leaders of Congress in an appeal for a balanced budget and an end of partisanship, a committee which included Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, head of one of the greatest universities and an authority on public
affairs, made the error of addressing Representative Charles R. Crisp as the affairs, made the error of addressing Representa
Majority Leader, House of Representatives.
Although the signers of the appeal included Alfred E. Smith, titular Although the signers of the appeal included Alfred E. Smith, titular leader of the Democratic party, and several Democratic Governors, they
did not correct the letter by sending it to Representative Heary T. Rainey, did not correct the letter by sending it to Representative Henry T. Rainey,
who actually is the Democratic floor leader of the House. Mr. Crisp is Acting Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee,
President Hoover's erroneously addressed letter was the subject of considerable chaffing in the Senate. Pointing out that the President had more secretaries than former occupants of the White House, Senator Pat Harrison, Democrat of Mississippi, observed that "it is strange there is not more efficiency there."
It would seem that the President, being a great engineer, ought to keep better tab on who is the President of an organization like the American Society of Civil Engineers," he added.
Dr. Butier said last night that the addressing of the letter to Representaive Charies R. Orisp instead of to Henry T. Rainey was a "mistake that done about it.
"It didn't make much difference anyway," Dr. Butler said, "because Mr. Crisp is Chairman of the Appropriations Committee" (Joseph W. Byrns
of Tennessee, is Ohairman of the House Appropriations Committee, of which Charles R. Crisp is not a member.-Ed. "Tribune.")

President Hoover Gratified at Appointment in New York of Committee of Twelve to Co-operate with Reconstruction Finance Corporation to Further Credit Expansion.
President Hoover on May 20 issued a statement expressing his gratification at the action taken in New York in the appointment of a committee of twelve bankers and industrialists to co-operate with the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and other agencies to widen the use of Federal Reserve Credit. The appointment of the committee under the chairmanship of Owen D. Young, was noted in our issue of May 21, page 3751. President Hoover's statement of May 20 follows:
I am much gratified at the action taken in New York by which a joint committee has been appointed representing financial and industrial leaders of that city for the purpose, among other things, of securing that the expansion of credit facilities made available through the Federal Reserve Banks and the Reconstruction Finance Corp. shall be translated into industry, employment and agriculture.
I am in hopes that similar action may be taken in other Federal Reserve Districts. It would seem desirable that the Governors of the different Federal Reserve Banks should proceed in a similar manner, and as soon as the Chairmen of such Committees are known I shall be glad to invite them to Washington in order that the whole program may be set up on a Natio From the "United States Daily" of May 21 we quote:

Other Committees.
Other committees of industrialists and financiers such as that formed in New York May 19 by Governor Harrison of the New York Federal Reserve Bank may well be organized in other reserve districts, but the Now York committee is not necessarily restricted to that district, Ogden L. Mills the Secretary of the Treasury, stated orally May 20.
The committee formed in New York has more potential power for stimulating business recovery than even the Reconstructive Finance Corp. but its long-time success depends upon the purchasing power of the people
and the country's freedom from fear, according to oral statements May 20 at the Federal Reserve Board and the Treasury Department.

## Purposes of Committee.

If the committee succeeds only in encouraging replacement and rehabilitation work long overdue, it will begin credit expansion and commodity price stabilization, it was said. Additional information was made available as follows:
It is assumed that the committee will survey the field and discover which industries can best use credit to inaugurate a new era of activity.
Composed of private citizens, the committee has no power to dictate the use of credit piled up in the Federal Reserve Member Banks during the last industry and finance to direct and encourage the best use of that credit.

Effect on Industry.
Men on the New York committee represent large financial and industria ${ }^{1}$ interests. If they decide that the time has come to start the wheels of industry turning, they can exert a tremendous influence. Whether their power starts a prolonge upwand beginning production, they can find a market for the products.

The problem is largely one of passing on purchasing power. Some economists maintain that launching of production will give people work thereby enabling them to buy and to absorb the goods produced.
Success for the committee will also depend to a large extent upon the psychological attitude of the people. If they take the scheme as a sign that the country no longer needs to be afraid and that the Nation is on the way out of the depression, it probably will be.

## Powers Considered.

Loans stimulated and guided by the New York committee will be more effective in starting industry than loans made by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Advances by the corporation, with the exception of a few to large railroads, have been to relieve distressed conditions rather than to finance new enterprises. Many of the corporation's loans have been to small banks, and this type of credit is not as helpful in stimulating business as loans to be arranged by the committee.
Undoubtedly there are some cases in which individual industries do not want to borrow money because they see no chance to make a return on the money. But others do want credit, and, although many are not good risks, some are. The committee can guide the banks in making loans out of the idle reserve resulting from the Federal Reserve Bank open market operations. In the last six weeks these operations have increased the reserve bank holdings of Government securities by $\$ 581,000,000$ and member bank reserves by $\$ 250,000,000$.
In the course of time the open market operations would become effective anyway. The time element, however, is vitally important now. To start the crecit stream, someone must answer the banks who say that they are not getting the type of loan application that they want. They must have the co-operation of business such as the committee can furnish.

## Meeting in New York of Committee of Twelve Under

 Chairmanship of Owen D. Young Named to Assist Government Agencies in Furthering Credit-Subcommittees Named-Reported Studying Bond Pool.The newly formed committee of bankers and industrialists of which Owen D. Young is chairman, was called into session on May 23 for the first time since its formation on May 19. The appointment of the committee was referred to in our issue of May 21, page 3751. The New York "Evening Post" of May 23 said:
A preliminary session was beld at the Federal Reserve Bank this morning by several members of the committee, and a full session was to be held later this afternoon.
It is understood that one of the plans to be discussed in an attempt to put to work the vast credit built up by the Reserve Bank deals with the purchase of corporate bonds.
The reported plan, however, is almost a refutation of the pool idea. It is to the effect that when and if the committee decides to buy corporation bonds as a move to stabilize the bond market, the Federal Reserve authorities will buy as nearly simultaneously as possible Government securities on erative basis.
It has been the apparent determination of the Federal Reserve authorities to maintain an increase credit base of some $\$ 250,000,000$ to $\$ 300,000,000$ brought about by the purchase of Government securities and further purchases would serve to offset the utlization of the extended credit by the com-
mittee if they buy large quantities of the better grades of corporation bonds.
This, in the opinion of some observers does not mean the creation of buying pools so much as it does a co-ordination of buying which will maintain the increased credit position, while the bond market is receiving support.

According to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of May 24 a group of subcommittees to evolve and perfect specific projects for putting excess bank reserves to active use was appointed by the Young committee of bankers and industrialists yesterday at its first meeting. From the same paper we take the following:

Following the meeting, which was beld in the building of the Federal Reserve Bank, an unofficial spokesman briefly stated that subcommittees had been formed and that the group would meet again to-morrow afternoon. He said that at the present time no statement could be made as to how far specific projects have been perfected for subcommittees to work upon, or whether they were formed in order to explore the possibilities of vague projects which the entire group might be called upon later to consider.
Indicating that the proposal to form a bond pool, which has been under discussion by leading bankers for months, will be brought before the Young Committee, at an early meeting the "Journal of Commerce" of May 27 stated:
E" A special subcommittee was appointed last week to study and to report upon the question of whether the formation of a bond pool would be practical at the present time, and it is expected that the report will be delivered to the general committee.
It was pointed out that a favorable subcommittee report would not necessarily indicate that the entire committee would favor such a plan. It has been frequently indicated that the different members of the Young committee hold conflicting views on whether organized bond purchases are desirable at all. Among those who favor such purchases, there are varying
opinions as to the methods by which the buying should be carried on.

Four Subgroups Formed. If was learned that the Young committee has to date formed four subcommittees. One of these committees is to study the question of securities studying methods for avoiding real estate foreclosures and for stimulttees real estate construction. It was indicated thas these, ano for simulating bined their work in formulating the plan under which the bonds of the Sav ings \& Loan Bank of the State of New York would be underwritten, the proceeds to be used to refinance maturing mortgages and to keep mortgaged homes in good repair.
The fourth committee, which was formed to find means for expanding credit to business, has already come out in favor of promoting the use of trade acceptances rather than open accounts in the financing of industrial It was expected that tee is to report on this to-day to the entire committee. that the Young committee would favor the plan.

To Continue Study.
It was indicated that the work of the subcommittees which already have offered plans will not have been completed when these plans are put into effect. Each subcommittee within its own field will continue ts study new measures for accomplishing the ends for which it was appointed.
On the question of whe
On the question of whether the banks should use their excess reserves in the organized purchases of securities, there has been a sharp division of opinion among bankers for months. Such plans bave been forcefully advanced by some of the members of the Young committee, but up to the munity. It was said that the division of opinion arises not munity. It was said that the division of opinion arises not only from details of whether it is not more desirable that each bank pursue separately its own investment policies.

Plan to Refinance Home Mortgages Proposed by Young Committee Group-Leading Banks to Subscribe to Bonds of Savings \& Loan Bank of New York to Provide the Funds-Proposed Use of Trade Acceptances.
It is learned that arrangements have been made, as the first step in the plans of the Young Committee for making effective the credit-expansion program of the Federal Reserve System, to place funds in the hands of the savings and loan associations of this State which will enable them to refinance the maturing mortgages of the small home owners of the State. As to the proposal we quote the following from the New York "Times" of May 26:

The funds are to be supplied through the subscription by a group of leading banks to bonds of the Savings and Loan Bank of the State of New York. the central bank of the savings and loan associations. The exact amount of would be of an "open-end" variety, so that the Savings and the bond issue could sell the securities to the subscribing banks from time to time Bank required the funds.
The full Young Committee of twelve held another meeting yesterday at the Federal Reserve Bank at which additional plans were considered and turned over to a subcommittee for study. One of these plans involves a proposal backed by a number of important industrialists, including some who are members of the Young Committee, for the increased use of trade acceptances in financing domestic business.

Plan Credited to du Pont.
The proposal, which is credited to Irenee du Pont, Vice-Chairman of E. I. du Pont de Nemours \& Co., is for the large industrial concerns such as the General Electric Co., the Westinghouse Electric \& Manufacturing Co. and the General Motors Corp. to buy and sell not for cash or through could be discounted in the opent by means of trade acceptances which could be discounted in the open market and thus supply a new source of negotiable The advantares of the plan bank credit outstanding.
attractive oullet for supplying a more attractive outlet for bank fumds than the customary loans against accounts is pointed out is a is point than an . is a much more satisfactory obligation for a creditor to dence of a thich in the held by the it was the the use of indition. it was said, the use of trade acceptance credits rather than open-book credits would benefit the ordinary business man by restraining him from njudicious purchases. A clever salesman, it was said, can usually oversell ceptance, obligating him to pay at a specific date, each time he made a purchase would be melined to go more cautiously.

## Plan to Aid Home Owner.

The announcement of the plan for providing funds to take care of disressed home mortgages was announced by William H. Judson. President of the Savings \& Loan Bank, which is located at 220 Broadway.

Mr. Judson's statement follows:
The Savings \& Lnan Bank of the State of New York has made an ar-
angement with the Young committee of bankers and industrialists by which a group of banks whill underwrite an issue of bonds by the Savings and loan Bank as and when that institution requires funds either (a) to the State for the purpose of relieving the hardships that in many instances re suffered by solvent and deserving home owners through their inability payment has been called by the holders of such obligations, or (b) to make easonabole advances to its member associations for the purpose of making funds availabie for repairing and reconditioning owner-occupied dwellings adequately protected. It is the aim of the bankers to use the facilities of the Savings \& Loan Bank of the State to provide savings and loan associations with additiond unds that may enable worthy families having adequate security in the ened foreclosure in those cases where financial ability to meet the savings and loan payments on a new mortgage contract is in evidence.
This program should make further opportunities for employment in
many communities in the State. Status of Loan Bank.
The Savings \& Loan Bank of the State of New York, which was founded in 1916, occupies the unique position of a central bank for savings and loan banks, comparable in its offices to the position of the Fedecal Reserve Bank with respect to the commercial banks. As the 166 savings and loan associations which are members require funds to carry on their work they bring the mortgages they hold to the Savings and Loan Bank which de-
posits them with the Comptroller of the State, Morris S. Tremaine, and issues against them its own bonds in the amount of $\$ 100$ of bonds for each $\$ 125$ of mortgages pledged.
These bonds are 10 -year serial issues, carrying $5 \%$ interest and redeemable at the rate of $10 \%$ each year. Since its inception the Savings \& Loan Bank has issued $\$ 27,415,000$ of such bonds and at present it has outstanding about $\$ 16,000,000$. In view of the comparatively small volume of this business (compared with the huge sums dealt in by the Wall Street banks), it was thought likely last night that the bonds to be purchased by be likelytown banks under the plan of the Young Committee would 'not be likely to exceed $\$ 5,000,000$ or so in principal amount, although there ere reports that the total might go as high as $\$ 15,000,000$.
Under ordinary circumstances the Savings \& Loan Bank sells its bonds is Comptroller Trem other institutions. One of the largest purchasers for the sinking fund. At present, however, the entire capital market is demoralized and it was evidently considered advisable to insure the institution of a sure and ready market for its bonds so as to permit it to go ahead with its work.

Bank Official Praises Move.
In commenting upon the usefulness of the plan and its value in relieving the distress of small home owners, former State Senator Charles O'Connor Hennessy, who is
Loan Bank, said: "The action of the committee of Bankers and industrialists headed by
Mr. Young in interesting a notable group of powerful New York banks
in the work of financial aid to distressed home orvers throughoutt the
State seems to me to be a move of a highly practical and constructive
character. The Savings \& Loan Bank, the central credit organization
of 166 of the leading co-operative savings and loan institutions throughout
the State, was the natural medium for doing character. The Savings \& Love of a highly practical and constructive
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the Stante, was the natural medium for doing institutions throughout the State, was the natural medium for doing the essential job that the
Young committee had planned. That job, in orief, was, primarily, to
put an end to the despairing psychology which, in many parts of the State,
had been caused by the inability of solvent and worthy home owners to put an end to the despairing psychology which, in many parts of the State,
had been caused by the inability of solvent and worthy home owners to
meet calls upon them for payment of overdue mortages held by private
lenders or by institutions other than savings and lodn associations.
"It may now, I think, be reasonably assumed that in all cases of "It may now, I think, be reasonably assumed that in all cases of owner-
occupied small dwellings the owner who has adequate security and is able
to show his aility to carry a long-term savings and loan association mort gage should have no carry a long-term savings and loan association mort- in refinancing his mortgage deet, and thus
be relieved of the danger of losing his home through forecosure. The
suggestion of the banker group that the funds made available might suggestion of the banker group that the funds made a vailable might also be
used by present borrowing members of savings and loan associations for
necessary repairs and rehabilitation of their dwelling houses we also consider to be highly constructive, for, obviously, it should tend considerably
to reduce unemployment in many communities throughout the State.

## Division on Acceptance Plan.

The plan for a wider use of trade acceptances is one that has been under discussion from time to time for many months but which has thus far behind it, however a large number of influential industrialists and It has and it was thought likely last night that the Young Committee mers, give the proposal its formal endorsement. Sponsors of the plan said that this was all that was needed to set it going.
In addition to Mr . du Pont, the industrialists chiefly interested in the Ian are reported to be:
A. P. Sloan, Jr., President of the General Motors Corp
A. W. Robertson, Chairman of the board of the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Co.
Walter C. Teagle, President of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. Eugene G. Grace, President of the Bethlehem Steel Corp
Gerard Swoung, Chairman of the General Electric Co
Myron C. Taylor, Chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corp Among the bankers who are reported to have endorsed the plan are: Percy H. Johnston, President of the Chemical Bank \& Trust Co. Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of the board of the Irving Trust Co George W. Davison, President of the Central Hanover Bank \& Trust Co. A. A. Tilney, Chairman of the board of the Bankers Trust Co.

Not all of these men could be reached yesterday, as several are abroad or out of town. A number of others said that they were familiar with the proposal and that they considered it would be a helpful move.

## Plan Tested Before.

Percy H. Johnston, President of the Chemical Bank \& Trust Co., in discussing the proposal, called attention to the success that had attended At that time, Mr. Jo bankers' acceptance in this market 15 years ago. At that time, Mr. Johnston said, efforts were made to establish the use of rade acceptances also, but they were unsuccessful because of the difficulties encountered in changing the habits of business men in general.
Among the most active sponsors of the plan, it is understood, have been Robert H. Bean, Executive Secretary of the American Acceptance Council; William W. Orr, Secretary and Manager of the New York Credit Men's Association, and Henry H. Heimann, Executive Manager of the National Association of Credit Men.
nd industralists, iscussed at a number of meetings held recently by bankers and industralists, including a recent gathering at the home of Ogdem L. Mills, when, it is understood, the proposal for the Young Committee was irst put forward
As a result of these conferences, it is understood, Mr. Orr was authorized to canvass the views of leading trade organizations, industrial companies,
The trade acceptance
The trade acceptance at the present time has only a limited use in this bill dealers customarily trade in it paper of this type in the market, and of $1 \%$ above the discount trade in it at rates about three-eights to five-eights of $1 \%$ above the discount on prime bankers' bills. Such acceptances arise when the seller of merchandise draws a bill upon the buyer instructing he future, and the buyer "acit upon a specified date, say 60 to 90 days in the future, and the buyer "accepts" thid obligation by writing his endorsement across the face of the bill.
Having been accepted, the bill becomes negotiable and may be discounted in the money market by the seller in order to secure immediate eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve Bank under their present regulations.

## Notices of Program Broadcast.

Circulars announcing the arrangements for placing funds at the disposal of the savings and loan associations are being sent out to each of the 302 such institutions in the country. Although only 166 of them are at present eligible and may join upon fulfilling the requirements, At present there eligible and may join upon fulfilling the requirements. At present there
are outstanding $\$ 380,000,000$ of mortgages made by all savings and loan are outstanding $\$ 380,000,0$
associations in the State.
The purpose of the move, as it was described by officials of the Savings \& Loan Bank, is primarily to enable the member institutions of this organization to aid home owners who are being pressed for payment of their Under present conditions, it was pointed out, lenders of mortgage money
are frequently themselves pressed for funds and consequently demand even when the security is good and the borrower in good standing.

Ordinarily it would be simple enough for the home owner to get his mortgage transferred to another borrower, but at the present time this is extremely difficult. Under the arrangement for having the downtown banks subscribe for bonds of the Savings \& Loan Association it will now be possible for such distressed home owner to apply to the savings and loan association in his neighborhood, and provided the security for the mortgage is sound the Association can get funds to finance it by pledging its mortgages with the Savings \& Loan Bank

Committee of Eleven Named in Chicago to Co-operate with Government Agencies to Further Credit Expansion.
At the meeting of representative bankers and business men at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago on May 25 it was decided to appoint a committee to consider ways and means of making more effective the Federal Reserve System's open market policy and of stimulating business. We quote from the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of May 26, which £urther reports:
In accordance with this decision, James B. McDougal, Governor of the Chicago Reserve Bank, appointed a committee of 11 members, headed by Sewell L. Avery as Chairman.
In addition to the bankers and industrialists from the Seventh Reserve District and officials of the Chicago Reserve Bank present at the meeting. be conference was attended by Ogden L. Mills, Secretary of the Treasury, and Eugene Meyer, Jr., Governor of the Federal Reserve Board.

Return to Washington.
Mr. Mills and Mr. Meyer came to Chicago at the request of the local group and boarded a train shortly after the close of the meeting to return to the national capital. Prior to the conference Mr. Mills stated that he and Mr. Meyer had come to Chicago with the expectation of laying before he local gres their opinion on the outo iscuss prospects in reference to palancing the budget and the open maret policy of the Federal Reserve
$\qquad$ ystem.

Members of the Committee appointed by Governor McDougal are: George A. Ranney, Vice-President and Treasurer of International General Ro
General Robert E. Wood, President of Sears, Roebuck \& Co.
John Stuart, President of Quaker Oats Co
D. F. Kelly, President of The Fair

Fred W. Sargent, President of Chicago \& North Western Railway Co. George M. Reyn
Melvin A. Traylor, President of First National Bank of Chicago
Albert W. Harris, Chairman of the Board of Harris Trust \& Savings Bank.
Philip R. Clarke, President of Central Republic Bank \& Trust Co.
Solomon A. Smith, President of Northern Trust Co.
Ohairman, Mr. Avery, who is President of Montgomery Ward \& Co. and of United States Gypsum Co.

## Not Administration Proiect.

Although the Federal Reserve authorifies were instrumental in bringing about creation of this Committee to hasten the recovery of trade, it is in no sense an administration project and the affairs of the group appointed will be directed by the membership.
Mr. Avery has not signified the date on which he plans to convene the Ohicago group and no definite plan of action has been formulated.
To date steps have been taken in three Reserve districts to organize banking and business leaders for the purpose of devising measures to utilize some of the credit created by the System through the liberal buying policy. Besides the New York committee headed by Owen D. Yo
While some degree of co-operation between the several groups is logical, he variation in problems to be solved in the 12 Districts indicates that no closely-knit central organization of the various committees will be developed.
Opinion still persists that one of the steps which will be taken by the New York and Chicago groups will be a move to obtain funds to counteract he downward trend in bond prices by a concerted buying movement.
With the exception of Mr. Ranney and Mr. Sargent, all members of the Committee appointed by Governor McDougal were present at the conference

## Others at Conference.

Others in attendance in addition to Mr. Mills and Mr. Meyer were: Rufus W. Abbott, Chairman of the Board, Ilinois Bell Telephone Co. Eugene J. Burnington, President, Minois Steel Co.; D. A.Crawford, President, Puilman Co.; Alexander Legge, President, International Harvester Co.; John McKinlay, President, Marshall Field \& Co.; Charies W. Nash Eresident, Nash Motors Co.; Frederick H. Scotr, Vice-President, Carson Pirie Scott \& Co.; George E. Scott, President, American Steel Foundries; William M. Scudder, Vice-President, American Radiator Co.; W. B. Storey, President, Atchison, Topeka \& Sante Fe Railway Co.; Frederick H. Rawson, Chairman of the Board, First National Bank of Chicago: Stanley Field, Chairman, Executive Committee, Continental Illinois Bank \& Trust Co.: John Ballantyne, director, Detroit branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; E. R. Estberg, banker, Waukesha, Wis., and director, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; George J. Schaller, banker Storm Lake, Iowa, and director. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Max W. Babb President, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., and director, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Eugene M. Stevens, Chairman of the Board,
Federal Reserve Bank of Ohicago, and Mz. MeDougal.

Proposals Studied to Expand Credits-Secretary of Treasury Mills Says Bill to Extend Borrowing Power of Reconstruction Finance Corporation Will Be Drafted.
The new steps for economic rehabilitation will be taken soon with the drafting of a bill to enlarge the borrowing power of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and with the development of a constructive program by the committee of industrialists and bankers formed in New York last week, Ogden L. Mills, the Secretary of the Treasury, stated orally

May 24. The "United States Daily" of May 24, went on to say:
After conferring on that date with Charles G. Dawes, President of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and Eugene Meyer, Chairman of the Corporation's board, Secretary Mills said they had discussed the proposal to enlarge the borrowing power of the Corporation to $\$ 3,000,000,000$ and to use some of the funds for relief.
The New York committee of industrialists and bankers will, in his opinion involve some c

## ment's policies, he said.

he explained, but the gront program was submitted to the committee, he explaned, bub-group was left with the responsibility of working out some scheme. Sub-committee

Proposal that President Hoover Appoint "War Industries Board Against Depression" to Effect Immediate Relief from Present Uncertainty-D. L. Hoopingarner of American Construction Council Says Billions of Dollars for Construction Awaits Adoption of Definite Program by Government and Business.
Billions of dollars of private capital for construction await only the adoption and application of a definite working agreement between Government and business, says Dwight L. Hoopingarner, Executive of the American Construction Council, in an open appeal to President Hoover and both Houses of Congress issued May 25 urging on behalf ofthe construction industry of the country as a whole, immediate relief from the present uncertainty of threatened competition between public and private credits if the "unemployed in construction and allied industries are to be taken from the park benches before Thanksgiving.'

The plan urged comprises the immediate formation of a workable coalition between both branches of the Government and business through a "War Industries Board Against Depression" appointed by the President in co-operation with Congress, this tripartite board to be made up of representatives of the executive and legislative branches of the Federal Government as well as representatives of an effective number of outstanding organizations in industry and commerce.
This board would define, allocate and co-ordinate present and future efforts to stimulate business, especially in the field of construction, and work out the best relationsjip between public and private credits. "It would," says Mr. Hoopingarner, "serve to locate and repair the short circuit, still existing between Government and industry, which has for more than thirty months disrupted the currents of credits and confidence."

The appeal warns of menace in further delay at getting a proper nationwide program of construction under way. "Unless something be done at once the best we can hope for this calendar year will be only minor results and another winter of suffering and economic loss must result," he adds, "so far as the greatest benefits of construction are concerned. On the other hand it will serve no good purpose to rush blindly into a widespread program of construction. Consideration must be given to plans which will assure the greatest good to the greatest number of persons. The outstanding need, however, is for speedy action along rational lines. The present proposal suggests a general approach to the problem for working out such plans. The plan, the author makes clear, would in nowise conflict with any specific program already offered or now in operation. On the contrary, he says, it wonld clarify, unify and give impetus to these efforts. Mr. Hoopingarner says:

Such a board as $I$ have in mind should speedily be able to suggest a threefold plan for enactment of the necessary legislation by Congress, means for effective enforcement by the executive agencies of the Government and a concrete proposal for industry to reassume its share of initiative and responsibility, without which any general improvement in business will be impossible. Specifically, this board would pick out in joint conference around a common conference table, the types and scope of each activity most feasible on the one hand for the Government to pursue as emergency measures without infringing upon our privato insthulions, and on the other hand the types of enterprise afrected when formulate a definite plan of business to undertake at this time, and then formulate a defimite plan of co-operation and mutual support betweon these two lines of endeavor with respect to the
projects. projects.
Such an entente cordiale with a joint sharing of plan and responsibility should bring an end to the deadlock now existing between Congress and business, neither of which is able to proceed in a conclusive manner witn constructive measures because of the uncertainty as to the possible action to be taken by the other. The resuit o datearing of funds.
Literally hundreds of millions if not billions of dollars of now housing construction on the part of private business enterprise has been scared back into hiding by the combined effect of the present uncertainty and the threat of being forced to compete with direct Government housing subsidies. To my own knowledge projects on new housing construction totalling over fifty millions of dollars have been indefinitely postponed because of this very uncertainty. This beclouded atmosphere must be clarified before progress can be made. The present uncertainty must be supplanted by a certainty and faith that can be born only of complete co-operation between Governmental and business functions, each fully understood by the other

For example, an enlarged scope of activity for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would be a fit subject for action by tnis joint "Ward Board.' Likewise the exact scope, nature and size of any public works program receiving Federal support would come under its purvey as would the various proposals for relief measures that are so closely interwoven with a consideration of public works at this time. Still another field would we the adoption of exact ways and means to initiate a nationwide quasi-public works program of low-priced housing for families of moderate means and especially on slum clearance. This might well contemplate the possibility of Governmental credits for rediscounting purposes extended through proper channels and with adequate safeguards for quasi-public works in co-operation with private enterprise but without jeopardizing the institution of private property. Certainly this is a field where a partnership between business and Government through wnich Government can lend support and help stabilize but in a manner that private investment will not be jeopardized, can be satisfactorily accomplished. It might be found feasible, by way of suggestion, to formulate a joint program to furnish the equity financing for low-priced housing through the establishment of a proper relationship between the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and a system of Intermediate Credit Housing Banks, and private capital. It might also be found proper to provide additional support to existing agencies of credit in home ownersur citizens in that as well as in other fields of savings.
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of the personnel of this bord, the following, other than those in Govrnment positions, would be the National business, industrial and welfare organizations to be called in:

American Bankers' Association.
American Construction Council.
American Economics Association
American Engineering Council.
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Federation of Labor.
American Institute of Architects.
American Legion.
American Railway Association.
Chamber of Commerce of the United States.
Investment Banke.s' Association of America
Mortgage Bankers' Association of America.
National Association of Building Owners and Managers.
National Association of Life Underwriters.
National Association of Mutual Savings Banks.
National Association of Real Estate Boards.
National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.
National Farmers' Union.
National Grange.
National Manufacturers Association.
National Retail Dry Goods Association.
United States Building \& Loan League, and other agencies of a general rather than of a special or localized nature which would have a voice through these more general bodies.
The joint sharing of the financial burden through the adoption of sucn a plan should also aid greatly in helping to balance the National budget.
'Five-Year Plan' for Revival of Business Proposed by Department of Economics of University of Chicago -Said to Have Been Drawn at Request of Member of House Committee-Bonus Payment Plan Re-jected-Alternative Inflationary Devices Advo-cated-Government Bond Sale Urged.
A "five-year plan" for the revival of business, calling for a drastic but temporary fiscal inflation, has been framed and endorsed unanimously by members of the Department of Economics at the University of Chicago. Drawn up as a memorandum at the request of a member of the House Committee on Military Affairs in Washington, which has been considering immediate payment of veterans' bonus, the document discusses the financial situation as a whole, rejects the bonus payment plan, and proposes alternative inflationary devices. Permission to make the memorandum public has now been given. "We are persuaded," the Chicago economists reported to the Committee, "that automatic adjustments in the economic situation have already proceeded to a stage where the necessary inflationary expenditures would be handsomely rewarded, in greater production, larger employment and higher tax revenues."

The memorandum is signed by Professors Garfield V. Cox, Aaron Director, Paul H. Douglas, Harry D. Gideonse, Frank H. Knight, Harry A. Millis, Lloyd W. Mints, Henry Schultz, Henry C. Simons, Jacob Viner, Chester W. Wright and Theodore O. Yntema.
The deflation continues, these observers agree, because costs remain high, relative to commodity prices. This fundamental cost-price maladjustment is aggravated by resistance to the downward swing on the part of wages, rents and other fixed charges involved in production, particularly in the case of goods and services provided by public utilities and other business characterized by "an exceeding politeness of competition."
The major recommendation calls for "generous Federal expenditures, financed without resort to taxes on commodities or transactions." Large-scale sale of Government bonds to the Federal Reserve banks is suggested, the funds thus created being expended heavily for unemployment relief and for public and semi-public improvements which can be readily started and stopped.
This method of inflation, the economists assert, "can now be productive of tremendous gains, with no possible losses
of compensating magnitude." Too meager or too shortlived inflation would be dangerous, they believe, but once the upward swing of prices and production has begun, no attempt should be made to stabilize at a specified level. Inflationary support should be cautiously but promptly withdrawn, so that no boom might ensue. The unlikely but conceivable possibility that America might be forced off the gold standard during the inflationary process they regard without alarm. The document continues:
Severe depression and deflation can be checked, and recovery initiated. either by virtue of automatic adjustments, or by deliberate governmental action. The automatic process involves tremendous losses, in wastage of productive capacity and in acute suffering. It requires drastic reduction of wage-rates, rents and other "sticky" prices, notably those in industries where readjustments are impeded by monopoly. It must also involve widespread insolvency and financial reorganization, with consequent reduction of fixed charges, in order that firms may be placed in position to obtain necessary working capital when and where expansion of output become profitable.
will discover opportunities for profitably increasing gived charges, business will discover opportunities for profitably increasing employment, firms
will become anxious to borrow, and banks will be more willing to will become anxious to borrow, and banks will be more willing to lend. as monopolies, including public utilities, resist pressure for lower as iong as monopolies, including public utilities, resist pressure for lower prices, deflation may continue inderinitely. The more intractable the "sticky" prices, the further credit contraction will go, and the more drastic must
be the ultimate readjustment.
credit is exceedingly flexible and sensitive, while volume and velocity of are highly resistant to downward pressure. This is at once the explanation of our plight and the grounds upon which governmental action may be justified. Recovery can be brought about either by reduction of costs to a level consistent with existing commodity prices, or by injecting enough new purchasing power so that much larger production will be profitable at existing costs. The first method is conveniently automatic, but dreadfully slow. The second, while readily amenable to abuse, only requires courageous fiscal policy on the part of the central government.
Heavy contributions toward relief of distress is the most urgent, and, for reflation, perhaps the most effective priceraising measure, the economists believe. Large appropriations for public improvements are also an attractive expedient, provided projects are chosen which can be quickly started and opportunely stopped. Federal unemployment relief and bonus legislation, "both involve a sort of outright gift," but the former "involves allocation according to need, when need is dreadfully acute; the other ignores this criterion completely. Funds spent for relief would certainly be spent for commodities, and very promptly, while less needy veterans might only use additional cash further to increase hoarded savings." The document also says:
One should recognize at the outset a danger that any measures of fiscal Inflation might be too meager and too short-lived. Parsimonious inflation is an illusory economy. We might experience temporary revival and then serious relapse. If we endorse inflation, we should be prepared to administer heqvy doses of stimulant, if necessary, to continue them until recovery is firmly established. It is obvious that bonus measures fail Political expedis necessary flexibility.
Political expediency calls for a method of inflation which will not be alarming, the report states. It adds:
The issue of Greenbacks seems most expedient: but this method must be ruled out unless one is ready to abandon the gold standard, for it would create the greatest danger of domestic drain. Large sales of Federal effect upon the market would be much less alarming; but the probable effect upon the price of such bonds must give us pause. especially since a marked decine might jeopardize the position of many banks. It would Reserve banks, or, in effect, to exchange bonds for bank deposits the Reserve banks, or, in effect, to exchange bonds for bank deposits and the circulating privilege.
We must be prepared to see a sort of race between depletion of the gold holdings of the Reserve banks and improvements of business. If the time comes, as it probably will not, when we may choose between recovery and convertibility, we must then abandon gold, pending the not distant time when world recovery would permit our returning to the old standard on the old basls. The supposedly awful consequences of departure from gold are, as England has shown, nothing but fantastic illusions.
With improvement of business, Federal revenues will automatically increase. Indeed, one might maintain that temporary inflation is the most promising means to restore a balanced budget. Congress should record the intention of balancing expenditures and revenues over a period of, say, four or five years.
We have suggested that for the period of the ensuing five years all Federal expenditures, including those of an emergency character, should be covered by tax revenues. To minimize the total necessary outlay, outlays should be very generous now. (t woaler's) margin. The levies new taxes which fall at the producer's cor dealiately to the maximum levels which an imperfect, but improving, administrative system can support.
Even after recovery, additional commodity taxes should be resorted to only if more equitable levies prove inadequate to full completion of the "five-year plan." Indeed, by 1940, our Federal debt should stand at a figure far below that contemplated by existing legislation. We should have high income taxes when incomes are high. Such taxes would now have no serious deterrent effect on business, and they could be levied at the present time with least political resistance.
Successful resort to fiscal methods for terminating deflation will present the very serious problem of keeping recovery within safe bounds. A merely salutary inflation-treatment will fail to satisfy many groups. There will certainly be demand for more inflation and more "prosperity" than we versed, long before many individual industries and classes have obtained versed, long berore many viewed as a method of solving the agricultural problem or deflating the rentier.

There is no immediate problem of excessive inflation-rather a danger of doing nothing or of a too modest beginning. Once there is clear evidence of revival, however, the mechanism of credit expansion will begin to operate. As soon as this happens, retrenchment must be started. We should not recovery is siven a sure start the real task will be that of preventing the recovery from becoming a boom. The seeds of booms are sown by innocent expansion of credit during years of seemingly wholesome revival.

## Call for World Economic Conference by President Hoover Advocated by Otto H. Kahn and John Henry Hammond.

The calling by President Hoover of a world economic conference to hasten recovery from the depression is favored by Otto H. Kahn, a partner in Kuhn, Loeb \& Co. and John Henry Hammond, a partner in Brown Brothers \& Co. Their views have been expressed in reply to a questionnaire issued recently by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, as Chairman of the Advisory Council of the League of Nations Association. Mr. Hammond suggested that either President Hoover or Ramsay MacDonald issue the call for such a conference; Mr. Kahn advocated that the President take the initiative in calling an international economic conference said the New York "Journal of Commerce" of May 25, from which the following is also taken

## First Replies Received.

The replies of Mr. Hammond and Mr. Kahn were the first received to the Butler questionnaire which sought an opinion from representative business men and economists on the best means for combatting the depression. Replying to question two which read, "Do you believe that organized and effective intergovernmental co-operation on the part of interested Governments is necessary in order to find reasonable solutions for outstanding international financial and economic problems-and if so, how should it be initiated", Mr. Hammond said:
"I think the initiative should be taken by the President of the United States and that he should act in conjunction with the representatives of England, France, Germany and Italy. Remedial measures must be political, economic and financial.
"The present emergency, in my opinion, is one of the greatest the world has ever faced. This emergency may create, however, a great opportunity for constructive action. Unfortunately, it is a Presidential year, but partisan political and personal considerations must be disregarded. I believe that the President should ask the Republican Party, the Democonfer with him and that he should take them entirely into his confidence.

## Praposes World Action.

In addition, he should take into his confidence, as far as possible the people of this country and of foreign nations. Let him then request England, France, Germany and Italy each to appoint representatives to meet the representatives from the United States and consider the world situa-tion-politically, economically and financially-to recommend remedies for
existing evils, if possible, and to inaugurate an era of prosperity, peace and good will. The ultimate remedy may not be found out but the effort should be of value.
"I do not pretend to be wise enough to point the way, but it seems to me that a committee headed by President Butler and associated with, for instance, Sir Arthur Salter, Walter Lippmann, Dr. Ouno, a broadminded and representative Frenchman and an Italian, should be able to suggest the procedure.
"With the present rapid means of communication and transport the world is hardly larger than the United States when our Constitution was adopted. A representative committee might be able to accomplish as much this summer as the convention which inaugurated the Federal Con stitution. The other nations of the world should then be given an opportunity to consider the recommendations of the committee."

## Five-Power Parley.

In reply to the question asking whether he thought unofficial international organizations might help, Mr. Hammond said:
"A small committee appointed by the International Chamber of Commerce, working with the representatives of the five Governments should be of considerable assistance. Possibly the United States Ohamber of Commerce and other representative organizations in the various countries should be represented. The National Industrial Conference Board and other fact finding organizations in various countries should be of assistance in compiling accurate statistics-and representatives of the Central Banks should assist in considering the financial questions involved. The League of Nations should be asked to appoint a small and representative committee to keep in active contact with the conference.
The last question, dealing with the relation of disarmament to the de pression, brought this reply from the writer:
Relieving the present economic strain should in itself lessen the probability of war. With the inauguration of an era of good-will, armaments should be reduced. Some way should be found to relieve France of the fear of invasion. The Committee should, of course, consider doing away
with some of the manifest injustices created by the Treaty of Versailles."

## Mr. Kahn's Reply.

Mr. Kahn's reply to the questionnaire read as follows
"I am not wholly sure that collective action is absolutely necessary in the case of all the principal nations, but I am quite sure that such action is eminently desirable and that it will greatly facilitate and hasten emergence from the depression.
"Same answer as to the word 'necessary.' I think the best medium for endeavoring to inaugurate such co-operation is the League of Nations, through the appointment of a special committee, unless the President of the United States can and will take the initiative with the approval of Congress.
"Such help is undoubtedly desirable and should be initiated by the International Chamber of Commerce in concert with other appropriate unofficial bodies, including perhaps, organizations representing labor and agriculture.
"I doubt whether it would be wise to make the attempt to inject into the problem of establishing 'a satisfactory international economic program the highly complex and controversial problem of devising 'measures tesigned to lessen the probability of war.'
"As to measures toward aiding the accomplishment of the latter purpose, I make free to
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made some time ago:
" 'What, then, is the answer? Are the results of the handiwork of those who bungled the task of making a peace which should bring the dawn of a nobler day, so incorrigibly faulty that the high aspirations which animated the peoples of the Allied nations during the war and steeled them to untold sacrifice and heroic endurance, are doomed fatally to be frustrated?

Must United States Stand Aloof?
"Must the fine and universally acclaimed purpose to substitute fair dealing and goodwill among the nations for the hideous brutality of war, and to cut the ground from under the sinister growths of international fear, suspicion, covetousness and animosity-must that high purpose be once more abandoned and the world sullenly and hopelessly, confess itself impotent to deal with discords and rivalries between nations otherwise than by the horrors of armed conflict?
' 'Must America stand aloof and abstain from giving ear to the plea of those in Europe who call upon us-our views and sentiments unclouded by fear of anybody or by racial animosities nurtured through centuries- to bring our disinterested judgment, our well-meaning intent, and our practical co-operation to bear upon the problems the unse
keeps the old world in distress, turmoil and rancor?'
keeps the old world in distress, turmoil and rancor?"
"With due diffidence I venture to suggest the following as indicating what seems to me a line of approach to an answer to these questions:

## Would Repudiate Force.

"Let the League of Nations set the example of that repudiation of force which constitutes the true underlying purpose and justification of such an organization Let it cut out from the covenant everything which smack organization. Let it cut out from its political functions solely to bring body to which any nation that feels itself aggrieved or menaced or troubled, can carry its case, and which will examine such case fearlessly and fairly and seek to find redress by no other means than the use of its good offices, the might of public opinion and the appeal of justice.
"Some of the devoted advocates of the League say that this is, in fact, its platform and that it does not mean to avail itself of the power of co ercion conferred upon it by the covenant; that, in fact, that power could not be called into operation even if wanted. If that be so, then let the covenant say that this is its meaning. Let it formally and unmistakably covenant say that this is its meaning. Let it
eschew all thought and potentiality of coercion.
"Let the League reject every aid and instrumentality but that of rightly informed public opinion. Let it rely upon that, and that only, to prevent aggression, to deflect menaces and to right wrong. It needs no other weapon. It can find none other as powerful for good.

## Up to League.

"That is not the talk of a sentimentalist. All history shows that the mills of the Gods do grind, and that the nation which defies the conscience of the palty as Germany did, in spite of all her seemingly invincible power.
"If that were done, if the League voluntarily and unmistakably stripped itself of every means of action but that of reliance upon public opinion, itself of every mean atribute which smacks of 'supergovernment,' if it if it surrendered every attribute which smacks of 'supergovernment, were relieved of peremptory involvements' in the peace of treaties, over come and that she could and should take her place in such a council of the nations And I feel well assured that such a council, in due course of time, would develop effectively into that blessed instrumentality for peace and righteousness among the nations which is the hope and aim of all right minded men."

## President Hoover Submits 12-Point Program in Which

 Government Can Aid in Business Recovery-Declares Against Issue of Government Bonds to Finance Expansion of Public Works Construction -Views Indicated in Letter to President of American Society of Civil Engineers.Opposition to a suggestion that "the depression can be broken by a large issue of Federal Government bonds to finance a new program of huge expansion of 'public works' construction, in addition to the already large programs now provided for in the current budgets," is voiced by President Hoover in a letter addressed to the President of the American Society of Civil Engineers. President Hoover, who indicates that the suggestion for a new bond issue came from a subcommittee of the Society, declares that "the back of the depression cannot be broken by any single Government undertaking. That can only be done," he adds, "with the co-operation of business, banking, industry and agriculture in conjunction with the Government." The President lists 12 procedures wherein the Government may aid in effecting business recovery, viz.:
(a) The quick, honest balancing of the Federal budget through drastic reduction of less necessary expenses and the minimum increase in taxes;
(b) The avoidance of issue of further Treasury securities as the keystone of national and international confidence upon which all employment rests; (c) The continuation of the work of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which has overcome the financial strain on thousands of small banks, releasing credit to their communities, the strengthening of building and loan associations, the furnishing of credit to agriculture, the protection of trustee institutions and the support of financial stability of the railways;
(d) The expansion of credit by the Federal Reserve banks ;
(e) The organized translation of these credits into actualities for business and public bodies;
(f) Unceasing effort at sound strengthening of the foundations of agriculture;
(g) The continuation of such public works in aid to unemployment as does not place a strain on the taxpayer and do not necessitate Government borrowing;
(h) Continuation of national community and individual efforts in relief of distress ;
(i) The introduction of the five-day week in Government which would ave discharge of 100,000 employees and would add 30,000 to the present list;
(j) The passage of the Home Loan discount bank legislation which would protect home owners from foreclosure and would furnish millions of dollars of employment in home improvement without cost to the Treasury
(k) Financial aid by means of loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to such States as, due to the long strain, are unable to continue to finance distress relief;
(1) The extension of the authority of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation not only in a particular I called attention last December-that is, loans on sound security where they would sustain and expand employ-ment-but also in view of the further contraction of credit to increase its authority to expand the issue of its own securities up to $\$ 3,000,000,000$ for the purpose of organized aid to "income producing" works throughout the nation, both of public and private character.

According to the President, "the vice in that segment of the proposals made by your Society and others for further expansion of 'public works' is that they include public works of remote usefulness; they impose unbearable burdens upon the taxpayer; they unbalance the budget and demoralize Government credit. A larger and far more effective relief to unemployment at this stage can be secured by increased aid to 'income-producing works.' The proposal to build non-productive 'public works' of the category I have described," says the President, "necessitates making increased appropriations by the Congress. These appropriations must be financed by immediate increased taxation or by the issuance of Government bonds.

If such a course is adopted beyond the amounts already provided in the budget now before Congress for the next fiscal year, it will upset all possibility of balancing the budget; it will destroy confidence in Government securities and make for the instability of the Government which in result will deprive more people of employment than will be gained.'

While the letter, as given out at the White House on May 22 , is addressed to "Richard S. Parker, President of the American Society of Civil Engineers," it appears that Mr. Parker is not President of the Society. As to this we quote the following (United Press) Washington dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" of May 23:

President Hoover's week-end letter condemning bonded public works programs was addressed to the wrong man, it developed to-day.
The announcement of the President's attacks on proposals for huge bond issues carried the statement that the letter was sent to "Richard S. Parker, President American Society of Civil Engineers."
The President of the Society is Herbert S. Orocker
"Just a mechanical crror," one of Mr. Hoover's secretaries explained. "A stenographer made a mistake."
In a Washington account, May 22, to the New York "Times," it was stated that the letter was prepared by President Hoover at his Rapidan camp, where he had been spending the week-end, and was sent to Washington by a courier. It was issued at the White House soon after 4 p. m., May 22, after Secretary of the Treasury Mills had gone over it to verify fiscal figures.

The letter, as made public in Washington, follows:
Richard S. Parker,
May 211932.
President American Society of Civil Engineers,
New York, N. Y.
My dear Mr. Parker: I am in receipt of your kind letter of May 19, and I have also the presentation of the subcommittee of the Society sug gesting that the depression can be broken by a large issue of Federal Government bonds to finance a new program or huge expansion of public vided for in the current budgets. The same proposals have been made from other quarters and have been given serious consideration during the past other quar
The back of the depression cannot be broken by any single Government ndertaking. That can only be done with the co-operation of business, banking, industry and agriculture in conjunction with the Government.

## Twelve-Point Aid By Government.

(a) The quick, honest balancing of the Federal budget through drastic
uction of less necessary expenses and the minimum increase in taxes.
(b) The avoidance of issue of further Treasury securities as the very keystone of national and international confidence upon which all employment rests.
(c) The continuation of the work of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation which has overcome the financial strain on thousands of small banks, releasing credit to their communities; the strengthening of building and loan associations, the furnishing of credit to agriculture, the protection of trustee institutions, and the support of financial stability of the ailways.
(d) The expansion of credit by the Federal Reserve banks.
(e) The organized translation of these credits into actualities for business and public bodies.
(f) Unceasing effort at sound strengthening of the foundations of agriculture.
(g) The continuation of such public works in aid to unemployment as does not place a strain on the taxpayer and do not necessitate Government borrowing.
(h) Continuation of national, community and individual efforts in relief of distress.
(i) The introduction of the five-day week in Government, which would save the discharge of 100,000 employees and would add 30,000 to the present list.
(j) The passage of the Home Loan Discount Bank legislation, which would protect home owners from foreclosure and would furnish millions of dollars of employment in home improvement without cost to the Treasury.
(k) Financial aid by means of loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to such States as, due to the long strain, are unable to continue to finance distress relief.
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Distinction Between Income-Producing Works and Those Non-Productive. 1. The vice in that segment of the proposals made by your Society and
others for further expansion of "public works" is the others for further expansion of "public works" is that they include public taxpayer ; they unbalance the budmet and demberable burdens upon the A larger and far more effective relief to A larger and far more effective relief to unemployment at this stage can be this distinction between what for purposes of this discussion we may term "income-producing works" [also referred of as "self-liguidating may term on the one hand and non-productive "public works" on the other. By "income-producing works" I mean such projects of States, counties By other subdivisions as water works, toll bridges, toll tunnels, docks and and other such activities which charge for their service and whose earning capacity provides a return upon the investment. With the return of normal times, the bonds of such official bodies based upon such projects can be disposed of to the investing public and thus make the intervention of the Reconstruction Corporation purely an emergency activity.
I include in this class aid to established industry where it would sustain Increase employment, with the safeguard that loans for these pur poses should be made on sound security and the proprietors of such industries should provide a portion of the capital. Non-productive "public
works," in the sense of the term here used, include public buildings, highways, streets, river and harbor improvement, military and naval construction, \&c., which bring no income and comparatively little relief to unemployment.

## Loan to Pennsylvania RR.

2. I can perhaps make this distinction clear by citing the example of the recent action of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the matter of the Pennsylvania RR. Co., on one hand, and the recent bill passed by the House of Representatives for increased road building on the other The railroad company applied to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or a loan of $\$ 55,000,000$ to help finance a fund of over $\$ 68,000,000$ needed to electrify certain of its lines. By so doing it would employ directly and ndirectly for one year more than 28,000 men distributed over 20 different States. An arrangement was concluded by which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation undertook to stand behind the plan to the extent of $\$ 27,000,000$, the railway company finding the balance. This $\$ 27,000,000$ is to be loaned on sound securities and will be returned, capital and interest, to the Corporation.
The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is acting as agent to make available otherwise timid capital for the Pennsylvania RR. in providing employment. There is no charge upon the taxpayer. On the other hand, the proposal of the House of Representatives is to spend $\$ 132,000,000$ for ubsidies to the States for construction of highways. This would be a direct charge on the taxpayer. The total number of men to be directly moloved is estimated at 35.000 . and indirectly 20,000 more. In otner ords, by this action we would give employment to only 55,000 men at the expense by the Government of $\$ 132,000,000$, which will never be ecovered.
In the one instance we recover the money advanced through the Recontruction Finance Corporation; we issue no Government bonds; we have no charge on the taxpayer. In the other instance we have not only a irect cost to the taxpayer but also a continuing maintenance charge; and, furthermore, the highways in many sections have now been expanded yond immediate public need.
a elation to balancing the Federal budget and to the stabilizing of national credit. The financing of "income-producing works" by the Reconstruction inangressional in upon the molve added the then not involve are It is an emergency operation which will liquidate itself with the return of markets.
The proposal to build non-productive "public works," of the category Congress. These appropriations must be financed by immedians by the taxation or by the issuance of Government bonds. Whatever the increased employed, they are, inescapably, a burden upon the taxpayer. If method employed, they are, inescapably, a burden upon the taxpayer. If such a course is adopted beyond the amounts already provided in the budget now before Congress for the next fiscal year, it will upset all possibility of and make for the instability of the Governmee in Government securities deprive more people of employment than will be gained

All Branches of Government Have Expanded Public Works.
4. I have for many years advocated the speeding up of public works in times of depression as an aid to business and unemployment. That has been done upon a huge scale and is proceeding at as great a pace as fiscal stability will warrant. All branches of government-Federal, State and municipal-have greaty expanded their "public works" and have now for a long time to undertaken are lime the projects which might be From January 1930 to July 11932 the Fel
expended $\$ 1,500,000,000$ on "public expended $\$ 1,500,000,000$ on "public works." The budget for the next with about $\$ 250,000,000$ normal], and includes expenditures [compared are justified by sound engineering ond sound finance the I have felt of next year the Federal Government will have finance. Thus by the end of next year the Federal Government will have expended over $\$ 2,000,000,000$ $\$ 1,200,000,000$.
Thus we have largely anticipated the future and have rendered further expansion beyond our present program of very remote usefulness and difficulties. They represent building to come, even were there no fiscal We cannot thus squander burselves a community beyond its nece itie 5. A still further and overriding reason for not
grams of further expansions of Federal "public undertaking such proexamine the individual projects engineering and economic point of view. The Federal "public works" now authorized by law cover works which it was intended to construct over a long term of years and embrace several wrojects which were not of immediate public usefulness. In any event the total which were not of projects still incomplete on the first of July will amount to perhap $\$ 1,300,000,000$.
year- $\$ 575,000$ from this at once the budgeted program for the next fiscal
works which would be open for action. If we examine th
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Construction of many projects physically requires years for completion, such as naval vessels, buildings, canalization of rivers, \&c., and therefore as an engineering necessity this sum could only be expended over four or and technical preparation and therefore could not be brought to the point of employment of labor during the next year ; a portion of these authorized projects are outside the continental United States and do not contribute to the solution of our problem; a portion are in localities where there is little unemployment; a portion are in the District of Columbia, where we already have a large increase in program for the next fiscal year and where no additional work could be justified. A portion are of remote the present time.
Deducting all these cases from the actual list of authorized Federal public works, it will be found that there is less than $\$ 100,000,000$ [and this is doubtful] which could be expended during the next fiscal year less than 40,000 men. Thus the whole of these grandiose contentions of possible expansion of Federal "public works" fall absolutely to the ground for these reasons if there were no other.
If it is contemplated that we legislate more authorizations of new and unconsidered projects by Congress, we shall find ourselves confronted by a log-rolling process which will include dredging of mud creeks, building of unwarranted postoffices, unprofitable irrigation projects, duplicate high ways and a score of other unjustifiable activities.
6. There is still another phase of this matter to which I would like to call attention. Employment in "public works" is largely transitory. It does not have a follow-up of continued employment as is the case with "income-producing works," But of even more importance than this, the program I have proposed gives people employment in all parts of the country in their normal jobs under normal conditions at the normal place of abode, tends to re-establish normal processes in business and
industry, and will do so on a much larger scale than the projects proposed industry, and will do so on a much larger scale than the projects proposed in the so-called "public works" program.

## Balancing of Budget Indispensable to Recovery.

To sum up, it is generally agreed that the balancing of the Federal budget and unimpaired national credit is indispensable to the restoration of confidence and to the very start of economic recovery. The Administration and Congress have pledged themselves to this end. A "public works program," such as is suggested by your Committee and by others, through the issuance of Federal bonds, creates at once an enormous further deficit which credit will flow in the thousand rills with a capital market through which credit will flow in the thousand rills with its result of employment and increased prices. That confidence will be only destroyed by action in these directions. These channels will continue clogged by fears if we poses of non-productive works.
Such a program as these huge Federal loans for "public works" is a fearful price to pay in putting a few thousand men temporarily at work and dismissing many more thousands of others from their present employment. There is vivid proof of this since these proposals of public works financed by Government bonds were seriously advanced a few days ago. Since then United States Government bonds have shown marked weakness on the cnere threat. And it is followed at once by a curtailment of the ability of States, municipalities and industry to issue bonds and thus a curtailment of activities which translate themselves into decreased em ployment.

## Effect on Forcign Countries of Resort to "Extraordinary Budget."

It will serve no good purpose and will fool no one to try to cover appear ances by resorting to a so-called "extraordinary budget." That device is well known. It brought the governments of certain foreign governments to the brink of financial disaster. It means a breach of faith to holders of all Government securities, an unsound financial program, and a severe blow to returning confidence and further contraction of economic activities in the country.

What you want and what I want is to restore normal employment. I am confident that if the program I have proposed to the Congress is expe ditiously completed and we have the co-operation of the whole community,
we will attain the objective for which we have been we will attain the objective for which we have been searching so long. ours faithfully

HERBERT HOOVER.
Engineers, in Reply to President Hoover, Clarify Stand-Statement Disowns Quotations Attributed to Society in Letter Barring Bonds-Never Asked Relief Bonds.
Complete accord with President Hoover in his insistence upon the need for actual and rapid balancing of the budget and for extension of credit relief was expressed in a statement issued here in New York on May 23 by the American Society of Civil Engineers, to which the President addressed his letter of May 22 regarding the proposals for Federal bond issues to finance a huge expansion of public works as part of a relief program. The New York "Herald Tribune" of May 24, from which we quite, continued:

At the same time, the Society pointed out that several statements which the President's letter mentioned as coming from it did not in fact originate with the Society.
The statement, issued over the signature of John P. Hogan, Chairman of Committee of the Society, was as follows
The Committee is in complete accord with the President on the necessity of a quick, honest balancing of the Federal budget, and the provisions for the extension of credit relief. There are, however, in the President's discussion several statements attributed to the Society which must have originated from some other source.
'Referring to the first paragraph of the President's letter, the American Society of Civil Engineers did not suggest 'that the depression can be broken by a large issue of Federal Government bonds to finance a new program of huge expans, discussed various methods of financing, it declared its preference for the following method as quoted from the memorandum its preference for President:
presented to the legislation necessary to effect the purpose proposed could be based upon that which has already found successful application in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, i.e., the credit of the Federal Govern-
municipalities that may be issued to finance necessary and usefui public works. It is possible that this function might be assigned directly to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or to some affiliated agency. If this
be not feasible, an independent but analogous agency should be set up be not feasible,
for this purpose.
"' In operation, a Federal credit corporation, as here proposed, would examine and pass on State, county and municipal projects for which money cannot now be raised. If these projects were found to be economically sound, properly planned and administered, it would purchase the necessary reasonable interest rates and would hold them until such time as they could be sold in the public market without loss. The Federal Government could be sold in the public market without loss. The Federal Government on the beneficiaries and supervision would be provided to curb wasteful expenditure.'

## Society's Stand on Public Works.

"The American Society of Civil Engineers did not advocate a huge increase in the Federal progra:n
statement in its memorandum:
" 'Federal public works alone, however expanded, cannot possibly meet the requirements of the situation. The major effort must be exerted through the State, county and municipal programs, which normally proand some of the States which have found great difficulty during recent months in raising sufficient funds at reasonable interest rates to finance their 1932 programs, and this is despite of urgent need for many such works, for which plans are already prepared and construction organizations in existence.'
"While Federal public works have been expanded during the current depression, State, county and municipal public works, for which the nor not exceed $\$ 800,000,000$ for the current year, on account of the difficulty experienced by these latter subdivisions in obtaining money at reasonable rates of interest. The net effect of this decrease will be that more than a million additional people will be thrown out of work during the present year on the work itself and in the industries furnishing materials.

## Mystified by One Sentence.

"The Committee is at a loss to know what is meant by the first sentence under Topic 1 of the President's letter, which states that 'the proposals made by your Society and others for further expansion of public work include public works of remote usefulness.' The Society submitted no list of projects but urged enactment or the necessary legislation to extend emable them to corry to sor public works.'
"The Society in its memorandum thus emphasized the point made by the President that any works undertaken by the States, counties or the President that any works undertaken by the States, counties or
mumicipalities should be of a productive or self-sustaining nature. Many types of public works not ordinarily self-sustaining, from the point of view of revenue, can be made so by allocating a sufficient portion of the revenues created by such projects to the service charges and amortization of the securities issued against them. Thus, in the States of Missouri and North Carolina, a portion of the gosaline taxes has been definitely allocated to the service charges and amortization of the bonds issued against roads.
Favors Housing Projects.
"It is the universal experience after a depression that the first revival in building is in construction of cheap housing either in individual dwellings, or in low-priced apartments. The initiation of this work is universally recommended, both in the President's program and all of the various programs or bills which have been submitted to date. Such programs cannot go forward unless financing is provided for the necessary municipal this workents, such as water supply, sewerage and street paving. Normally this work is done through special assessments repaid by the property owner. of Fecial assessments of this charaeter should be included in any program of permitted to permitted
"The Committee reiterates the concluding statement of the memorandum of the American Society of Civil Engineers. 'Steps should be taken at once, therefore, to embody a program of public works construction in appropriate legislation, either as an amendment to existing law, as a new bill or as a provision of some appropriate bill now under the consideration of Congress. There is urgent need for the trade stimulus that can be realized through a public works program, soundly planned and adequately safeguarded as here proposed. The guaranty of Federal credit has been a healthy influence in restoring the security and stability of the financial structure; now is opportunity to apply it to the actual stimulation of business recovery. and could not be reached yesterday.

## House Caucus Adopts Garner Unemployment Relief

 Bill Calling for Federal Aid of $\$ 2,100,000,000$ Majority Approves Two-Billion Plan Drafted by Speaker.In a caucus of the majority members of the House, May 26 , the $\$ 2,100,000,000$ proposed emergency relief program, sponsored by Speaker Garner (Dem.), of Uvalde, Tex., was approved. The "United States Daily" of May 27 said: The Speaker stated orally that the bill will be introduced by Majority Floor Leader Rainey (Dem.), of Carrollton, III., on May 27 and hearings will be started before the Ways and Means Committee on May 30
The bill proposes an authorization of $\$ 100,000,000$ to be given to the President for his use in relieving distress throughout the country;
Provides $\$ 1,000,000,000$ additional capital for the Reconstruction $\mathrm{Fi}-$ nance Corporation to be used in making loans to stimulate employment, and Provides for a bond issue of $\$ 1,000,000,000$ to make money available for rivers and harbors projects already and to be authorized, public buildings, oads and flood control.
After a conference with President Hoover at the White House May 26 on the legislative situation in Congress, Representative Crisp (Dem.), of said he told the Prgirman or the House Ways and Means (Dommitee, lilif , $h$,
"Something must be done" said Mr. Citp follon.
soident hisp following his conference with measure passed." Mr. Crisp expressed the belief that there was a repe of a compromise between the relief program bulested by Mr Hoover and the plans advocated by the leadership of his party in Congress. He declined, however, to say what form he thought the compromise might take.

Mr. Crisp said he also had talked over the general legislative program but had made no specific mention of the manufacturers' sale tax which he supported when the Ways and Means Committee formulated its tax
bill. He said he had received reports that about 30 Representatives who bill. He said he had received reports that about 30 Representatives who voted against the sales tax would favor it if they were given an opportunity to vote on the proposal again. He voiced the opinion that if the sales tax were placed before the House again it would have an execellent chance of passage.

## $\$ 2,300,000,000$ Asked for Unemployment Relief in Senate

 -Wagner Presents Democratic Measure, Calling for $\$ 500,000,000$ Works Bond Issue- $\$ 300,000,000$ State Loans- $\$ 1,500,000,000$ Would Be Used for Self-Liquidating Enterprises Through Reconstruction Finance Corporation.Senator Wagner, Chairman of a special Democratic committee of the Senate, introduced on May 25 the party's relief bill providing $\$ 2,300,000,000$ for immediate State loans for unemployment, Federal works and loans for selfliquidating enterprises. It was referred to the Banking and Currency Committee, pending disposal of the tax and economy bills. According to a Washington dispatch May 26 to the New York "Times" which likewise said:
The bill embodies provisions previously announced by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the minority leader, and includes detailed instructions concerning the use to which the money for public works is to be put.

## Chief Provisions of the Bill.

The principal provisions of the bill are:

1. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorized to prorate a $\$ 300,000,000$ fund among the States in proportion to their population in loans for immediate relief, the Corporation to be reimbursed from Federal highway grants to States, beginning in 1937.
curities amounting to $\$ 1,500,000,000$ from the is authorized to issue se000,000 will be used for loans for self-liquidating enterprises which $\$ 1,460$, 000,000 will be used for loans for self-liquidating enterprises, such as bridges,
tunnels and slum-clearance projects, and $\$ 40,000,000$ will be advanced to the Secretary of Agriculture for financing agricultural exports.
2. A Federal emergency construction bond issue of $\$ 500,000,000$, maturing in 25 years is authorized for use to the extent of $\$ 309,000,000$ on specified projects, the remainder to be devoted to projects selected by the President.
The projects specified in the bill to which most of the public works bond ssue would be devoted are:
(a) Additional highway grants to States, $\$ 120,000,000$
(b) Emergency public road construction, $\$ 16,000,000$.
(c) Authorized river and harbor projects, $\$ 30,000,000$.
(d) Authorized flood control projects, $\$ 15,500,000$.
(e) Hoover Dam construction, $\$ 10,000,000$.
(f) Air and ocean navigation facilities, $\$ 7,500,000$.
(g) Authorized naval yards and docks, $\$ 10,000,000$.
(h) Public buildings outside of the District of Columbia, but in the continental United States, $\$ 100,000,000$.

## Some Compromise With Hoover

The bill was written by a subcommittee of the Democratic steering committee, whose membership included, in addition to Senator Wagner, enators Robinson, Walsh of Montana, Pittman and Bulkley.
osals made by President Hisons are generally in harmony with the proposals made by President Hoover. The public works item is strongly isposed inadvisable. The Demerent on the ground that a bond issue at this time expenditures under this head from $\$ 1$ 1 A House Der this head from $\$ 1,100,000,000$ to $\$ 500,000,000$
Garner. This will advocate a $\$ 2,100$.000 000 bed issue of 000,000 would be devoted to public works, $\$ 1,000,000,000$ to self-liguld $\$ 1,000-$ enterprises and $\$ 100,000,000$ turned over to the President for use as he might see fit.
Senator Wagner defended a bond issue when he introduced the bill, saying:

In view of the irrepressible need for employment and trade revival; in view of the saving which can be effected by the Federal Government in securing its necessary construction at present low costs; in view of the savings which can be effected by removal from high-rental quarters to we have laid down in the Employment Stabilization Act of 1931, it is my udgment that borrowing in such circumstances is the essence of economy. In that view I am supported by the weight of opinion of those who speak with authority on the subject.'

Wage Inequalities Hindering Return to Prosperity According to Administrative Board of American Engineering Council-Unlikelihood of New Bond Issue for Public Works While High Wages of Construction Industry Remains Out of Harmony With Wages in Other Fields.
Wage inequalities are hindering the return to prosperity, declares the Administrative Board of the American Engineering Council, public service body of the nation's engineering profession. Commending President Hoover's compromise relief plan, the Board adopted a report of its Committee on Governmental Expenditures, which asserts that the business of the Government should be controlled by the same principles which govern all other sound business. The report said:

The Committee believes that one of the most serious obstacles now retarding recovery from the prevailing depression is the disparity between the wage scales of certain highly paid groups of workers on the one hand, and the wages received by other groups and the reduced income of the average citizen on the other.

The public cannot be expected to vote bonds for new public work on any large scale until the present relatively high wages of the construction industry are brought into harmony with wages paid for comparable services
in other fields.

The Committee, of which John Lyle Harrington of Kansas City, Mo., Vice-President of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, is chairman, urged that all Governmental budgets, Federal, State, and municipal, be properly balanced. The report continued:
These budgets should be balanced by a courageous and intelligent reduction of Governmental expenditures. Taxes should be increased as a last resort when necessary to balance sound and economical budgets.
The functions of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation should be so broadened that, with
a vailable to industry.
available to industry.
We endorse in substa
We endorse in substance the pending legislation in Congress for the creation of Federal Home Loan banks. The Committee is of the opinion that the effect of this legislation would be to provide. through proper channels and upon liberal terms as to time and interest, the funds necessary to take care of maturing mortgages on many homes and to encourage the building of homes under liberal but financially safe terms
We approve in principle a normal program of Federal, State, and municipal public works construction as an effective and immediate means of ncreasing purchasing power, stimulating trade vould essentially be in competition with private business und
Othsentially be in competition with private business
Other members of the Council's Committee on Governmental expenditures are Frank M. Gunby of Boston, R. C. Marshall Jr., of New York, C. E. Stephens of New York, L. B. Stillwell of New York, Francis Lee Stuart of New York, and Edwin F. Wendt of Washington, D. C.
The American Society of Civil Engineers has sought the aid of the Council, which represents 62,000 professional engineers, in effecting a public works plan. The Society, it was explained, has approved in principle a normal program of public works construction as the most effective immediate means of increasing purchasing power, stimulating trade recovery, and reviving employment.

The Society has asked the Council, of which it is a constituent body, to join with it in urging on Congress "the enactment of the necessary legislation to extend Federal loan facilities to solvent States, counties, and municipalities to enable them to carry out their normal programs of necessary and productive public works.'

President Buckland of Railroad Credit Corporation Advises Inter-State Commerce Commission That Needs of Roads Cannot Be Met Unless Additional Funds Are Provided-Yield from Increased Rates Not Up to Expectations.
Pointing out that receipts from increased rates granted by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in Ex Parte 103, have not been up to expectations, E. G. Buckland, President of the Railroad Credit Corporation, told the Commission on May 25 that his organization can not meet the requests of the various needy railroads for loans unless additional funds are forthcoming.
He urged that States which so far have not adjusted their intrastate rates so as to conform to the increases allowed by the Commission, be required to do so in order that the financial relief intended by the Commission can be provided for needy roads to the fullest extent possible under the decision.

Mr. Buckland appeared in furtherance of the investigation which the Inter-State Commerce Commission has instituted due to the refusal of the regulatory bodies in ten States to permit increases in intrastate rates similar to those permitted by the Commission. The States are Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah. Mr. Buckland said: "In its decision handed down on December 5 1931, the Inter-State Commerce Commission authorized comparatively small increases in rates and permitted the carriers to proceed with the plan which they had proposed. In the decision, the Commission expresses its reliance on the carriers to apply the funds derived from the authorized increases in rates according to the representations that had been made.
"The necessary assents having been signified, the Marshalling and Distributing Plan, 1931 was declared effective January 1 1932. Master ${ }_{4}$ tarifs were filed making the interstate rate increase effective January "The Some intrastate rates became effective on the same date. 1931, and is the medium Corporation was incorpored December 14 103, are to be marshalled and distributed to needy carriers.
"The funds collected by The Railroad Credit Corporation have been used for making loans to prevent defaults in fixed interest obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Marshalling and Dis tributing Plan.
"The first problem which confronted the Railroad Credit Corporation was the rendition of relief before it had any money to administer. the carriers due in January been made for the interest requirements of a great deal. The interest. February requirements did not amount to large. The Credit Corporation gave assurances by resolutions that if and when funds were available, it would take over any loan which the Credit Corporation would have made if it had then been in funds. This, while not constituting discountable bank paper, was accepted by some banks interested in the affairs of certain railroads, but the most assistance came from the fortunate organization of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in season to help with the March 1st maturities.
"The Inter-State Commerce Commission's estimate of yield from the increased rates during the fifteen months period was between $\$ 100,000,000$
and $\$ 125,000,000$. In making this estimate, the 1930 freight revenue was apparently used as a basis, the 1931 reduction trend being applied thereon. The estimate contemplated that the increases would be applicable not only to interstate business, but also to all traffic handled in intrastate business. The estimate did not contemplate the drastic reductions in railroad traffic thus far occurring in 1932.
the increased rates accruing to the participating during the year 1932, the increased rates accruing to the participating carriers during the period from January 41932 to October 311932 inclusive. Our present
estimate is that the ten months period will make available to the Credit estimate is that the ten months period will make available to the Credit 000,000.

According to present indications, requirements for loans to meet fixed interest obligations during the year 1932 will exceed $\$ 100,000,000$."

Advancing of Date for Pennsylvania RR. Loan AskedFive Installments of Reconstruction Loan Before Oct. 1 Requested in Application to Inter-State Commerce Commission
Due to inability to sell its securities at a reasonable cost at this time, the Pennsylvania R.R. filed with the InterState Commerce Commission and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation on May 25 an amended application seeking to secure the $\$ 27,500,000$ loan from the Corporation approved by the Commission in five installments, starting June 1, instead of the entire sum on Oct. 1, as originally planned. The "United States Daily" of May 26 in its report of the matter states:

The road requests that the $\$ 27,500,000$ be delivered to it in installments of $\$ 5,000,000$ on June $1 ; \$ 9,000,000$ on July $1 ; \$ 4,500,000$ on August 1 ; $\$ 4,000,000$ on Sept. 1 ; and $\$ 5,000,000$ on Oct. 1 .

The amended application states :
" $O$ wing to changed conditions which have made it impracticable to make a public offering of securities at this time at reasonable cost, the Pennsylvania R.R. hereby further amends its application now before the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the following particulars, to the end that the construction program therein outlined may proceed."
The application then proceeds to enumerate the installments it desires and the dates thereof. It then states:
"The company has undertaken to raise an additional $\$ 27,500,000$ necessary for its 1932 construction work program, by sale of securities through banking and investment channels before the end of the year if the busines,
and financial conditions make it possible to do so upon reasonable terms."

## Railroad Securities Pledged.

As security for the loan sought, the Pennsylvania proposes in its amended application to pledge $\$ 18,500,000$ of $7 \%$ common stock of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne \& Chicago R.R.; $\$ 5,280,000$ of Pittsburgh, Cin. cinnati, Chicago \& St. Louis Railway $5 \%$ bonds; and $\$ 2,500,000$ of $5 \%$ capital stock of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago \& St. Louis Ry.
The railroad originally had sought a loan of $\$ 55,000,000$ for a threeyear term, of which approximately $\$ 47,000,000$ was to be used for the electrification program between New York, Philadelphia and Washington, and some additional money for improvement work at Newark, Philadelphia and Baltimore.
By amended application the railroad declared that it would cut the amount sought to $\$ 27,500,000$ and finance the balance itself if the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would definitely commit itself at this time" to deliver the $\$ 27,500,000$ to the Pennsylvania on Oct. 1

Full details regarding the approval of the $\$ 27,500,000$ loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation were given in "Chronicle" of May 21, page 3762.

Loans Aggregating $\$ 2,598,500$ from Reconstruction Finance Corporation Approved by Inter-State Commerce Commission to Two Railroads-Application Filed by Three Additional Roads Totalling $\$ 1,156,000$.
Loans aggregating $\$ 2,598,530$ to two additional roads from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation have been approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission bringing the total approved to date to approximately $\$ 167,200,000$ to 38 railroads. The roads receiving approval are the Alton RR. for a loan of $\$ 2,500,000$, being the amount sought and the Wisconsin \& Michigan RR. for a loan of $\$ 98,530$. This road originally asked for a loan of $\$ 200,000$, but amended its application by eliminating $\$ 24,470$, making the net amount asked for $\$ 175,530$.
Applications have been filed by three additional roads for authority to borrow $\$ 1,156,000$ from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. This brings the total amount sought by the railroads to about $\$ 347,999,000$, taking into consideration the amended applications of some of the roads reducing their original requests.
The report of the Commission approving the loan of $\$ 2,500,000$ to the Alton RR. says in part:

## The Application.

The app'icant requests a loan of $\$ 2,500,000$, to be repaid three years from date and to bear interest at a rate to be fixed by the corporation. The loan is sought for the following purposes:
Payment of receivers' certificates_--....--
Payment of principal of overdue equipment obligat Payment of maturing equipn
To aid in payment of taxes.

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applied for to redeem the receivers' certificates, and hold them as part security for the loan.
The applicant represents that because of the prices at which railroad securities are now selling and the consequent high cost of carrying indebtedness represented thereby, it can not through customary channels btain funds to meet its obligations maturing in 1932. It is our view that he question of the ability of the applicant to obtain funds upon reasonable by Section 5 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation corporation.

## Necessities of the Applicant

The applicant's requirements for 1932 are stated in the application as ollows
Receivers' certificates, issued by receivers of the Chicago \&

Alton RR., assumed by applicant, due April 301932 ....-. $\$ 1,500,000$ | Alton RR., assumed by applicant, due April 301932 _-....-.... $\$ 1,500,000$ |
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| Demand notes, covering deferred equipment trust obligations |
| of the Chicago \& Alton RR., assumed by applicant_-....- |
| 000,000 | State of Illinois, taxes due and payable May 1 1932 Payment of principal of maturing equipment obligations, issued

 Payment of principal of maturing equipment obligations issued
by receivers of the Chicago \& Alton RR. assumed by the appli-
cant, due Nov, 15 1932

## Total.

In addition to the above, the applicant had on April 301932 unpaid vouchers amounting to $\$ 382,732$. It reports no loans or bills payable or receivable as of that date. It expects to provide for the items not covered by the loan out of earnings during the latter part of the year.
The applicant is a party to the "Marshalling and Distributing Plan, 1931" of the Railroad Credit Corporation. None of its listed requirements for which a loan is sought are interest obligations and none therefore constitute a proper basis for loans from that organization. The applicant states that as yet it has not applied for or received loans from that body, and that it will make such application only in the event of unforeseen contingencies.

## Security.

As security for the loan applied for, the applicant offers the following: Recivers' certificates


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 In addition, the applicant offers the unconditional guaranty by the Baltimore \& Ohio RR., owner of all of its capital stock, of payment of the notes given for the loan.
As of Dec. 31 1931, the applicant's capital obligations consisted of capital stock of a par value of $\$ 25,000,000$, and long-term debt in the amount of $\$ 50,307,567$. The $3 \% 50$-year gold bonds: $\$ 1,500,000$ receivers' certificates; equipment obligations totalling $\$ 3,284,400$, and $\$ 173,167$ debts to affiliated companies on open account.

## Conclusions

Upon consideration of the application and after investigation thereof, we conclude:
(1) That we should approve a loan of $\$ 2,500,000$ to the Alton RR. by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, for a period not to exceed three years from the date thereof, to be used for payment of matured receivers bligations, $\$ 800,000$; bations, $\$ 800,000$; and taxes, $\$ 200,000$
(2) That the applicant should pledge with the Reconstruction Finance Cortifiation by the applicant: 6.494 shares of the guaranteed $7 \%$ stock of the Jollet \& Chicago RR., 3,072 shares of the guaranteed $6 \%$ preferred stock of the Kansas City St, 3,072 \& Chis Kansas City St. Louis \& Oisi \& Misouri River RR and stock of the Monongahela Ry. Co., par value, $\$ 1,666,666$;
(3) That the Baltimore \& Ohio RR. should: (a) Endorse and pledge with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation all notes now herd by or which may be delivered to the railroad company during the life of the loan evidencing indebtedness to it of the Monongahela Ry., (b) assign to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation all claims of the said railroad company upon the Monongahela Ry. on account of advances or open accounts, and (c) agree with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation that if any of the aforesaid claims or any indebtedness of the Monongahela Ry. evidenced by a note be funded during the life of the loan, the bonds issued thereunder will be pledged as additional security for the loan;
(4) That the loan should be further secured as to both principal and interest, by the unrestricted endorsement and guaranty of the Baltimore \& Ohio RR.; and
(5) That the applicant should be required to notify the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and this Commission, in writing, within 30 days from the time the funds are made available to the applicant, of the expenditure thereof for the purposes for which the loan is authorized.
The report of the Commission in approving the loan of $\$ 98,530$ to Wisconsin \& Michigan RR., in part, follows:

## The Application.

The applicant requests a loan of $\$ 175,530$ for the full term of three years, and desires that the entire amount be made available on or before May 11932
Overdue vouchers
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ederal income taxes ow-
$\frac{20,587.14}{\$ 175,530.30}$
An itemized statement of the overdue vouchers, filed in support of the mounts ranging from $\$ 0.23$ to $\$ 11,325.12$, due to 106 creditors, including certain railroad companies. About one-half this indebtedness was incurred prior to Dec. 1 1931. The accounts payable, which are also shown in detail, are mainly with railroad companies and private car innes, and include 57 items, in many cases overdue for more than 90 days. The accounts receivable amount to $\$ 13,022.37$, but because of the receivership of the Ann Arbor RR. and other companies there will
be delay in collection. The loans and bills payable consist of a note of April 15 1932, a note of $\$ 10,000$ to the Commercial Bank of Menominee due note of $\$ 77,500$. is a contracting company, but Marsch, as has been stated herein is the applicant's President. Various amounts have been borrowed from the contracting company since June 1929, and interest at $6 \%$ was paid up to Nov. 1 1931, when a note for $\$ 77.000$ was executed to cover the balance then due. It is represented that the contracting company is in urgent need of this money. All the loans mentioned are unsecured. The loans and bills receivable consist of the amount of $\$ 41,771.75$ due from a sand and gravel company for rails and other materials furnished by the applicant. No payments on this amount are expected until the fall of 1932.
The item of Federal income tax overdue, $\$ 20,587.14$, has been explained hereinbefore as a claim of the Government for income tax payments covering the applicant's operations during hte years 1924 and 1925. The Government also had a tax claim for 1926 and 1927. The latter was brought before the Board of Tax Appeals and, since the filing of the application, was settled by stipulations requiring the applicant to pay the Government a total of $\$ 20,966.65$ to fully discharge all income tax claims for the period 1924-27.
The applicant has not become a party to the "Marshalling and Distributing Plan, 1931," of the Railroad Credit Corporation created to carry out the purpose of our order in Fifteen Per Cent Case, 1931, and is not eligible to receive any benefits from the Railroad Credit Corporation. The increase in revenue from the advances in rates permitted by our decision cited above is estimated not to exceed $\$ 3,200$ during the year 1932.

## Necessities of the Applicant.

The applicant's gross revenues have declined almost uniformly each year since 1925, and in 1931 were not much more than sufficient to cover tax accruals, despite a substantial reduction in maintenance expenditures. The otal gross income was $\$ 4,975$, whe hire of freight cars amounted to $\$ 5,224$, oint facility rents were $\$ 6,465$, and interest on unfunded debt was $\$ 6,392$. 1931, total current liabilities exceeded total cursent assets by $\$ 73,522$. Borrowings were begin in June 1929, when $\$ 50,000$ was advanced by Jonn Marsch, Inc. A general reduction of $15 \%$ in salaries was made in July 1930, and on Jan. 1 1931, a further reduction of $12.5 \%$ was put into effect. The salary of the President had been reduced to a nominal sum in 1928. The decline in earnings has been about proportional to that of several other carriers in the same general territory.

## Security.

As security for the loan, the applicant offers to pledge a requisite amount of its $5 \%$ gold bonds, maturing May 1 1935. Such bonds are proposed to be issued under a general mortgage, dated May 1 1932, in whicn the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is named as mortgagee. This mortgage will has been filed in Finance Docket No. 9321, in which proceeding the applicant has sought our authority to issue $\$ 200,000$ in bonds.

## Conclusions.

Upon consideration of the we conclude:
(1) That we should approve a loan of $\$ 98,530$ to the applicant for a term not exceeding three years, by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, for the purpose of paying overdue accounts, loans, pills and Federal income taxes, as described in the application and this report;
(2) That the applicant should pledge with the corporation $\$ 99,000$, principal amount, of its bonds, issued under a first mortgage which shall be in form satisfactory to the corporation;
(3) That before any advance upon the loan is made the applicant should deposit with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation evidence satisfactory to that Corporation that the note of $\$ 77,000$ to John Marsch, Inc., will be extended to a maturity date not earlier than the maturity date of the loan herein conditionally approved;
(4) That the applicant should be required to report to the corporation and to us, in writing, within 30 days from the making of the loan, the expenditure of the proceeds thereof for the purposes for which the loan is authorized.

The following additional roads have filed applications with the I.-S. C. Commission to borrow from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the amounts shown:
 Georgia Southwestern \& Guif RR 60,000

## Carlton \& Coast RR.

The road has asked for a loan of $\$ 981,000$ for a three-year period. The loan would be secured by a mortgage on property of the road and funds used to pay bonds, purchase equipment and construct extensions.

Georgia Southwestern \& Gulf RR.
The company has asked permission to borrow $\$ 60,000$ for three years and use the funds to pay taxes, interest and inter-line freight balances. It offers stock of Albany Passenger Terminal Co. and its first mortgage bonds as collateral security.

Nelsonville Athens Electric Ry.
The company seeks approval to borrow $\$ 115,000$ for three years to pay ccounts payable, notes, wages, bonds, interest and taxes. A first mortgage on its property is offered as security.

## Resolution Adopted by House Directing Opening to Public Inspection of Payrolls of House of Representatives

On May 20 the House of Representatives adopted unanimously the following resolution, introduced by Representative Warren (Democrat) opening to public inspection the payrolls of the House:
Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby authorized and directed to keep open for public inspection the payroll
With regard to the resolution, Washington advices, May 20, to the New York "Times" said:
South Trimble, Olerk of the House, almost immediately made public the April payroll, the last one prepared by his office, revealing that 100 members employed office help with the same names as theirs.
No relationship was shown by the payroll names, and clerks of the House, who were believed to have known the "family connections," would not commit themselves when questioned. It was therefore necessary for the
reporters to copy names of only those employees whose names were identical with that of the Representative in whose office they are engaged.

## Garner Aids Passage.

Representative Warren of North Carolina introduced the so-called antinepotism resolution three days ago. He is Chairman of the Accounts Committee and the resolution was referred to that Committee. It was adopted by the Committee yesterday and Mr. Warren, with the assistance of Speaker Garner, elected to bring it up for consideration when the House convened to-day.
His move caught some members by surprise, but before objection could be voiced, Speaker Garner declared the bill would be considered as passed. Mrs. Garner, who is one of the hardest working secretaries about the Capitol, was the most prominent name discovered on the list. The April payroll also carried the name of Tully Garner, the Speaker's young son, but it was said that he is not now carried on the rolls. Mrs. Garner's salary was $\$ 325$, while that paid to Tully in April was $\$ 91.66$.
Two New York Republicans, Mr. Cook of Alden and Mr. Crowther of Schenectady, have persons of the same name employed in their offices,
while Representative Griffin, Democrat, of New York City while Representative Griffin, Democrat, of New York City, was shown by the records to employ Katherine L. Griffin at a salary of $\$ 166.66$ per month.
None of the other New York Representatives apparently employed persons of the same name. Camilo Osias, Resident Commissioner of the Philippine Islands, employed Ildefonsa Osias at a salary of $\$ 208.33$ a month, and James Wickersham, Delegate from Alaska, employed Grace E. Wickersham at a salary of $\$ 91.66$.

## Blanton Causes Surprise.

Republicans had a slight edge on the Democrats in the list made public, but neither side of the House elected to bring the matter to the attention of Congress during the day.
One of the Democrats who has consistently opposed double pay for employees of the Veterans' Bureau who are drawing salary and disability pay was shown to have a clerk of the same name. He was Representative Blanton, of Texas, and the revelation that Anne L. Blanton was drawing $\$ 250$ a month caused surprise in the House. Another prominent Democrat, Representative Bankhead, of Alabama, the record showed, employs Florence Bankhead at a salary of $\$ 166.66$ a month.
deveral members privately showed concern over the action of the House in adopting the resolution, and others commented that publication of the names might defeat more than one Representative in the fall campaign for re-election.

## Board of Governors of Investment Bankers Association

 Declares That Right of Member Banks in Federal Reserve System to Deal in Securities Is Essential to Economic Welfare of Country.The underwriting and distribution of securities by member banks of the Federal Reserve System is essential to the economic welfare of the United States, the Board of Governors of the Investment Bankers' Association of America unanimously declared at its annual meeting on May 17 at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., according to telegraphic advices to the New York "Times," which also reported:
After consideration of the apparent effects of the Glass bill, the Board adopted this resolution:
"The Board of Governors of the Investment Bankers' Association of America hereby record ther unanimous conviction that the right now held by member banks of the Federal Reserve System of underwriting and merchandising securities is essential to the economic welfare of this country, and that experience, here and abroad, has shown that these functions. properly safeguarded, are a vital factor in providing for the normal and necessary flow of capital into business and commerce."

## F. W. Mathison Elected President Chicago Financial

 Advertisers.F. W. Mathison, Assistant Vice-President of the Security Bank of Chicago, was elected President of the Chicago Financial Advertisers, Chicago chapter of the Financial Advertisers Association, at the annual meeting held May 11. Other officers elected are:
First Vice-President, Samuel Witting, 2d Vice-President, Continental Illinois Bank \& Trust Co.
2d Vice-President, Guy W. Cooke, Asst. Cashier, First National Bank, Chicago.
${ }^{3 d}$ Vice-President, A. E. Bryson, Vice-President, Halsey, Stuart \& Co. Recording Secretary, Ruth H. Gates, Advertising Manager, State Bank \& Trust Co., Evanston.
Treasurer, Dorothy Trevino, Advertising Manager, Personal Loan \&
Savings Bank.
Directors elected are: J. F. Gardiner, H. M. Bylesby \& Co.; Carl A. Gode, Continental Illinois Bank \& Trust Co.; R. R. Jeffris, Harris Trust \& Savings Bank; Chester L. Price, Central Republic Bank \& Trust Co.; E. T. Cunningham, Halsey, Stuart \& Co.; G. Prather Knapp, Rand, McNally \& Co., and Charles Frye, Chicago "Journal of Commerce." The by-laws were amended to permit sellers as well as buyers of financial advertising space to become full members.

Plans for Re-opening of Federation Bank \& Trust Co. of New York-14 Business and Union Leaders Proposed for Board of Institution-New Capital Reported Pledged.
The re-opening of the Federation Bank \& Trust Co. of New York, which was closed last October because of the non-liquidity and depreciation of its assets, was advanced materially on May 24 (said the New York "Times") with the submission to Joseph A. Broderick, State Superintendent of Banks, of the proposed board of directors of the reorganized
institution. The list includes seven industrialists and an equal number of labor union executives. The "Times" says:

With the submission of the proposed board, the reorganization committee informed the Banking Department that the group interested in reopening the bank had raised in cash and pledges the required $\$ 2,000,000$ new capital. The re-opening of the bank under the plans discussed with Mr. Broderick was contingent on the raising of the $\$ 2,000,000$ and the
assurance that the board of directors would include men of unquestioned assurance that the board
standing and experience.

## The 14 Proposed Directors.

The 14 men proposed as directors are:
J. Homer Platten, Westinghouse Electric \& Manufacturing Co. Philip D. Reed, General Electric Co.
Allston Sargeant, Campbell Metal Window Co.
Charles J. Hardy, American Car \& Foundry Co.
Lonis A. Zahrn, General Food Corp.
Jeremiah D. Maguire, Industries Development Corp.
Richard E. Dwight, Hughes, Schurman Dwight, lawyers.
William Green, President American Federation of Labor.
Edward W. Canavan, President International Association of Musicians of North America.
Edward W. Edwards, President New York State Allied Printing Trades Council.
John Sullivan, President New York State Federation of Labor.
Louis Gebhardt, President New York Building Trades Council.
John J. Mulholland, Vice-President Central Trades and Labor Council.
Frank X. Sullivan, attorney for the New York State Federation of Labor.
The approval of the list by the Banking Department and the Supreme Court, it was indicated yesterday would follow as soon as those sponsoring the re-opening of the bank presented the formal petition. The plan for the $\$ 2.000,000$ by financial industrine the pank provided for the raising of the $\$ 2,000,000$ by financial, industrial and civic leaders, for the purchase of
40,000 shares of the new stock (par value $\$ 20$ ) at $\$ 50$ per share, or that number of shares which remain to be purchased after the stockholders have nexercised their right to purchase.
The reorganization plan included the following features:
The par value of the outstanding stock of the bank shall be reduced from $\$ 100$ to $\$ 20$ a share.
An additional 55,000 shares of stock (par value $\$ 20$ ) shall be issued at $\$ 50$ a share.
Fifteen thousand shares shall be purchased by the application of a portion of the deposits in the bank under the following arrangement: The depositors will consent to the setting aside of one-third of their deposits in the bank and will authorize the reorganization committee of the bank to employ, in its discretion, said one-third of the deposits or any portion thereof as follows: (a) to augment the capital structure by the purchase of shares of new stock at $\$ 50$ per share (for which purpose it is likely $\$ 750,000$ may be employed), or to issue to such depositors the bank's certificates of deposit in the amount of that portion of said one-third not applied to the purchase of stock aforesaid, such certificates of deposit to be payable two years from date of issuance thereof with interest at the rate of $2 \%$ per annum and (or) participation certificates.
Each stockholder shall receive one share of the new stock in exchange for each share of the old stock and shall have the right to buy so many additional shares at 500 a share as win give to each stockholder the same proportionat
stock issue.

## Had 30,000 Stockholders.

When the bank was closed it had about 30,000 depositors and its deposits on Sept. 29 were $\$ 12,170,000$. The institution, which was the largest bank founded with labor union support, was estabiisice in 1923 by Pete J. Brady, labor leader, who was killed in an aviation accident last September on Staten Island.
Items regarding plans for the reorganization appeared in these columns March 26, page 2275, and April 23, page 3038.

## Dismissal of Indictment Against Former Judge Mancuso

 Growing Out of Charges Incident to Closing of City Trust Co.Justice Bleakley dismissed on May 23 in the Criminal Term of the New York Supreme Court an indictment charging Francis X. Mancuso, former judge of General Sessions, with participation in the fraudulent insolvency of the City Trust Co. in 1929. Justice Bleakley previously had directed a verdict of acquittal, said the New York "Herald Tribune" of May 24, which also stated:

The Court held that the prosecution was outlawed, not having been instituted within the two years required under the statute of limitations for misdemeanor cases. An indictment been dismissed by Jus
of the City Trust Co
"It is to be regretted," said Justice Bleakley, "that this proceeding cannot be terminated after a trial upon the merits. As pointed out by the Court in a prior decision, the failure to offer proof before the grand jury of the in a prior decision, the falure to offer proor before the grand jury of the
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direct and sole reason for this most undesirable termination of the pending direct and sole reason for this most undesirable termination of the pending
proceedings. The answer must be made by those upon whom the law placed the burden of offering proof.
"It is unfortunate that you gentlemen had to sit here and listen to this. Under the law it was necessary for the people to put in its case before the Court could rule on the motion."
Judge Mancuso was acquitted on March 7 of a charge of perjury relating to testimony he gave during investigation of the failure of the City Trust Co. A similar indictment is pending, the dismissal of which Hiram C. Todd, Assistant District Attorney, said he would recommend.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, \&c,
Arrangements were made May 26 for the sale of a New York Stock Exchange seat at $\$ 73,000$, off $\$ 7,000$ from the previous transaction and the lowest since 1919.

At a meeting of the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange held May 25 the petition of the members to stock their Exchange to-day (May 28) was denied. The

Board of Governors of the New York Hide Exchange voted to close the Exchange to-day, May 28. This action gives the Exchange a three-day holiday as it will be closed on Monday, Memorial Day. The Board of Governors of the Rubber Exchange also voted to close their Exchange to trading to-day. Members having rubber to deliver or receive have been requested to keep their places open for completion of such deliveries.

The stockholders of the Hibernia Trust Co. approved on May 25, a proposal of the directors that the name of the company be changed. The New York "Sun" from which we quote, also said:

The proposed new name is the Colonial Trust Co., but the board of directo able.
A letter to the stockholders calling the meeting said that the directors and officers of the company felt that the present name has been a handicap to them in developing its business.

The Fort Hamilton office of the Brooklyn Trust Co., at 8619 Third Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., will be discontinued to-day (May 28) and its business consolidated with that of the Bay Ridge office, 7428 Fifth Ave. The Fort Hamilton office was opened June 181930.

Robert S. Donaldson, President of the Erie County Savings Bank of Buffalo, N. Y., for nearly 25 years, died at his home in Buffalo on May 24 at the age of 80 years. The deceased banker was born in Buffalo and received his education in public and private schools in that City. In 1868, when 17 years old, he entered the employ of the Erie County Savings Bank as a messenger and rose steadily by successive stages until in 1886 he was appointed Treasurer. He served in this capacity for 22 years, or until 1908, when he was chosen President, the office he held at his death. Aside from his banking interests, Mr. Donaldson was active in the civic and social affairs of Buffalo. For many years he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and always supported civic projects which he held to be of benefit to Buffalo.

Allen Wheelock Johnston, Executive Vice-President and Secretary of the Schenectady Savings Bank of Schenectady, N. Y., died on May 23 at his home here at the age of 85 . Mr. Johnston became associated with the Schenectady Savings Bank in 1894. He had been a trustee of the bank since 1901. In 1912 he started the Schenectady system of school savings, said to be one of the earliest plans for systematic savings in the schools of the country.

The First National Bank of South Glens Falls, N. Y., capitalized at $\$ 25,000$, closed its doors on May 23, according to Associated Press advices from that place, which added:
Directors announced that business had been suspended to protect the interests of depositors. Deposits totaled approximately $\$ 250,000$.

It is learned from the Boston "Transcript" of May 26 that following the decision of the Lee, Higginson Trust Co. of Boston to discontinue operations (noted in these columns to-day), announcement was made on May 26 by Robert H. Gardiner, President of the Fiduciary Trust Co. of Boston, that three senior officers of the Lee, Higginson Trust Co.Francis C. Gray, David H. Howie and Malcolm C. Warewould become officers of the Fiduciary Trust Co. immediately upon the termination of their present duties. The present officers of the Fiduciary Trust Co., in addition to Mr . Gardiner-as named in the "Transcript"-are as follows: Edward F. MacNichol, Vice-President; James O. Bangs, Treasurer, and F. Haven Clark, Richard C. Curtis, Frederic S. Goodwin, Francis Gray, Charles Higginson, Richard C. Payne, John G. Palfrey and W. Rodman Peabody.

A Boston dispatch to the New York "Journal of Commerce," reporting the matter, gave the following additional information:
It is also understood in banking quarters that accounts of Lee, Higginson Trust Co, will go to the Fiduciary Trust.

Announcement was made early Wednesday morning, May 25, by Francis C. Gray, President of The Lee, Higginson Trust Co. of Boston that the trust company would discontinue operation as soon as depositors could be paid off and arrangements made for turning over the assets of trusts in its charge. Cash for the full amount of deposits was on hand, it was stated. Boston advices to the New York "Times", from which the above information is obtained, went on to say :
The investment banking firm of Lee, Higginson \& Co. will continue its usual activities, a supplementary announcement on its behalf stated. The trust company was affiliated with the banking house but was operated as an independent institution.

The latest statement of the trust company, as of March 31, showed total resources of $\$ 9,956,582.98$. Included were cash and due from banks, $\$ 1,992,043.03$; United States bonds, $\$ 1,540,512.12$; other bonds and securities, $\$ 3,924,861.26$; loans and discounts, $\$ 2,141,647.90$; customers' liabilities and acceptances $\$ 200,000$, and other assets $\$ 157,418.67$.
Deposits were listed as $\$ 7,671,413.25$. Capital. was $\$ 500,000$; surplus and undivided profits, $\$ 805,393.05$; reserves, $\$ 779,776.68$, and acceptances, $\$ 200,000$.
Among its directors are former Governor Allen of Massachusetts, Thomas N. Perkins, Chairman of the Board of the Boston \& Maine RR., and L. Edmund Zacher, President of the Traveler Insurance Co. George C. Lee is Chairman of the Board.
When the trust company was organized, in the fall of 1927, it was announced that Ivar Kreuger, late Swedish financier, would be a member of its Board of Directors.

Supplementing our item of last week (page 3769) relative to the taking over by the Rockland Trust Co., of Rockland, Mass., of the Cohasset National Bank of Cohasset, Mass., we are advised that the enlarged trust company has combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of $\$ 511,095$; aggregate deposits of $\$ 4,801,394$, and total resources of $\$ 5,867,338$. The personnel is as follows: Alfred W. Donovan, Chairman of the Board; Frank H. Wright, President; John F. Spence and Albert S. Peterson, Vice-Presidents; James H. Hunt, Treasurer; Arthur R. Brewster, Elliott W. Crowell and Roy E. Litchfield, Assistant Treasurers, and C. Elmer Asklund, Trust Officer.

Depreciation, in some cases as much as $40 \%$ in the assets of the Hamden Bank \& Trust Co. of Hamden, Conn., which closed its doors Dec. 17 last, was shown in an appraisal filed on May 24 in the Civil Superior Court, according to a dispatch by the Associated Press from New Haven on that date, which went on to say:
The appraisal listed a book value on bank stocks, first mortgage loans cash items, cash on hand and other financial assets of $\$ 707,785.83$, with an appraised value of $\$ 594,097.75$. The appraised value of commercial department assets was estimated at $\$ 594,097.75$, as against a book value of $\$ 1,088,047.83$.

Concerning the affairs of the Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank of Asbury Park, N. J., which has been closed since December 1931, an Associated Press dispatch from Trenton on May 23 stated that a proposal to abandon plans to reopen the old institution and establish a new bank, made by the New Jersey State Banking Department, had been favorably received by a depositors' committee on that day. The dispatch went on to say:
After a conference with William H. Kelly, Banking Commissioner, and George Compton, Chief Banking Examiner, Howard Hulick, Chairman of the Committee, said a new bank would very possibly be formed with a capital and surplus of $\$ 200,000$. The Asbury Park and Ocean Grove Bank was closed last Dec. 24, after shrinkage of assets.
Mr. Compton said it was probable liquidation of the bank would continue with a dividend paid shortly to depositors. Merritt Lane, counsel to the Committee, said the new bank would probably make use of the name and property of the present institution.

The failure of the institution was recorded in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 2, page 79 , and reference was made to its affairs in our April 9 issue, page 2657.

The plan looking towards the reopening of the Pennsylvania Bank \& Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa. (one of the Pittsburgh banks which closed in September 1931) has been abandoned, according to the Pittsburgh "Post Gazette" of May 24, which stated that announcement was made late the day before by Thomas McCaffrey, Jr., Chairman of the reorganization campaign, that money subscribed for the reopening of the institution would be returned to the subscribers under a plan to be adopted at a mass meeting to be held next week, and that the reopening move would be dropped "unless we decide to make a brand new start under the Enabling Act of 1930." The paper mentioned furthermore said in part:

The bank at the "Forks of the Road," Penn Avenue, Thirty-fourth and Butler Streets, is in as good financial condition as any of the closed State banks, McCaffrey said. Lack of co-operation of the State banking department, which "changed appraisals and new money quota requirements as the stock and bond market fluctuated," was blamed by McCaffrey, Butler Street realtor, with failure of the reopening efforts.
"Another factor," he said, "was that our plan embraced a guarantee of $100 \%$ return of the more than $\$ 2,000,000$ deposits to our 7,600 depositors. No State bank in Pennsylvania has been able to reopen on that
"If the State Banking Department had listened to our plea six months ago, we should now have our bank open as a going institution. The department first told us we must raise $\$ 320,000$ 'new money,' which meant the sale of 4,000 shares at $\$ 80$. We worked on that and reported progress when we had sold 1,100 shares, but received no reply from the department to our letter.
"Later we were informed we must raise $\$ 400,000$ of 'new money.' We were at work on that, with good prospects of success and not until 10 days ago did we learn this would not satisfy the Department. Then the State Secretary of Banking, Dr. William D. Gordon came to Pittsburgh and told us the bank's assets had depreciated a little more than an additional $\$ 100,000$ during the preceding three weeks, and that we would have to make another setup.
"We prepared a new setup, calling for raising $\$ 560,000$ of 'new money' through the sale of 7,000 shares at $\$ 80$. We felt that would be a hard
goal to reach, but we hoped that if conditions improved within 60 or 90 imply told our plant would grant us easier conditions. But we were

A press dispatch from Media, Pa., on May 19 to the Philadelphia "Ledger", contained the following regarding the defunct Suburban Title \& Trust Co. of Upper Darby, Pa. :
Assets of the Suburban Title \& Trust Co., Upper Darby, which closed May 19 1931, were $\$ 869,622$ on April 22, sufficient to pay approximately $40 \%$ on depositors' balances. This is revealed in a report filed by Gerald H. Effing, special deputy in charge of the closed bank. The depositor claims total $\$ 2,370,573$, of which $\$ 356,199$ has already been paid.

That a stock-selling campaign will start June 1 for a new State bank at Washington, Pa., which is to replace three closed banks in that borough, is indicated in the Pittsburgh "Post Gazette" of May 24 from which we quote below:
With the Colonial Trust Co. of Pittsburgh designated as trustee depository, plans for a stock-selling campaign for a new state bank at Washington, plans for a stock-selling campaign for a new state bank at Washington,
Pa., starting June 1, were completed yesterday (May 23). James C. Pa., starting June 1, were completed yesterday (May 23). James C.
Chaplin, Colonial Trust Co. President, and J. D. Swigart, State Bank Examiner, were designated by State Banking Secretary W. D. Gordon to assist a committee of Washington business men, headed by John M. Spriggs.

Assets and holdings of the Union Trust Co. of Washington, Pa., are to be the foundation of the new bank, designed to replace three closed state banks in the Washington County seat. Under the reorganization plan, the original stock will be split 60-40, the present stockholders to receive the latter share. The $60 \%$, or 3,000 shares, is to be sold to raise capital for the new bank, which will have a total capital of $\$ 340,000$, its sponsors state.

The probable reopening in the near future of the Central Trust Co. of Frederick, Md. (the closing of which on Sept. 5 last was noted in our issue of Sept. 9, page 1871), is indicated in the following Associated Press dispatch from Frederick, under date of May 18:
Depositors representing more than half of the $\$ 11,252,000$ on the books of the closed Central Trust Co. of Frederick and its 11 branches, that suspended last September, have signed a reorganization program, Benjamin B. Rosenstock, Secretary of the Executive Committee for reorganization of the bank, said to-day (May 18).
Under the provision of the plan, Rosenstock said, a realization company would be organized, "to be controlled by the depositors and will own all of the assets of the Central Trust Co. and will sell to the new bank the good assets, as appraised by the appraisal committee, for which the depositors will be paid by having entered to their credit in the new bank the proportionate share of the value of the good assets as assessed by the appraisal committee."
Sponsors of the program said they had been working on the plan since December and will continue in an attempt to obtain the signatures of $80 \%$ of the depositors so that the plan can be carried out.
The company, when it closed its doors, had 19,000 depositors and 25,000 accounts.
Since September some of the branches have taken individual steps to reorganize, and others have sought through the courts to have their merger with the bank set aside on the ground of fraud and misrepresentation by the officials of the Frederick company.
State Senator Emory L. Coblentz, President of the bank; George w. Page, State Bank Commissioner, and four officers of the Frederick bank now are under indictment in Howard County, where one of the branches was located.

Norman Bell, President of the Seaboard Citizens' National Bank of Norfolk, Va., died of heart disease at Virginia Beach on May 22. Mr. Bell was a lifelong resident of Norfolk. He was 55 years of age.

The reopening, on May 18, of the Dollar Savings \& Trust Co. of Youngstown, Ohio (an institution with resources of approximately $\$ 20,000,000$, which closed Oct. 151981 ), was reported in a dispatch by the Associated Press from Columbus, Ohio, on the date named, which said:
Reopening Wednesday of the Dollar Savings \& Trust Co. of Youngstown, Ohio, was hailed by State bank officials as an achievement which they believe will have a wholesome effect upon the Ohio banking situation.
Rehabilitation of the bank, the largest to be reopened in the history of the State, was effected under a plan formulated by Ira J. Fulton, State Superintendent of Banks.
Youngstown advices to the "Wall Street Journal" on the day of the opening contained the following additional information :
The bank is the largest in Ohio to reopen during the present economic depression without a merger or assistance from another institution. Approximately $\$ 5,000,000$ in time and demand deposits was freed by the reopening. All time deposits of $\$ 100$ or less and all demand deposit are fully available, while $\$ 100$ plus $10 \%$ of deposits in all savings accounts ver $\$ 1,000$ can be withdrawn on demand.
A civic holiday accompanied the bank's opening. Only one bank now remains closed in Youngstown. Steel plant whistles, flags, a parade and tions marked the event.
A Youngstown dispatch, on May 19, appearing in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer," stated that personal felicitations had been received from President Hoover on the reopening of the institution. We quote in part from the advices as follows:
"I was delighted to receive your telegram this morning. The work which you and your committee have accomplished represents that co-operation between citizens of local communities and the Government, which is the way Only our present difficulties," Mr. Hover wired.
opening day to ask for
totaled only $\$ 44,000$. Bank officials expressed great pleasure at the outcome. Several new accounts were opened.
The officers and directors of the Fifth Third Union Trust Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, announce that the formal opening of the institution's new main office at the North West corner of Fourth and Walnut Streets, Cincinnati, will take place on Wednesday of next week, June 1, from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

The Marine Trust Co. of Carthage, Ill., reopened for business recently after having been closed for five months. The institution is capitalized at $\$ 50,000$, with surplus and undivided profits of $\$ 11,193$, and has deposits of $\$ 174,222$ and total resources of $\$ 235,073$. The officers are as follows: B. M. Cavanagh, President; R. W. Ferris, Vice-President; Frank D. Thomas, Cashier, and Loy Lovitt, Assistant Cashier.

Effective May 7 1932, the First National Bank of Bessemer, Mich., capitalized at $\$ 100,000$, was placed in voluntary liquidation. The institution was succeeded by the Bessemer National Bank of the same place.

The First National Bank of Winnebago, Minn., with capital of $\$ 25,000$, went into voluntary liquidation on May 12 last. This bank has been taken over by the Blue Earth Valley National Bank of Winnebago.

The Stewartville National Bank at Stewartville, Minn., was granted a charter by the Comptroller of the Currency on May 18. C. E. Fawcett is President and Homer Wooldridge, Cashier of the new institution, which is capitalized at $\$ 35,000$.

It is learned from the "Commercial West" of May 21 that the last legal obstacle to the reorganization and opening of the Davenport Bank \& Trust Co. of Davenport, Iowa, as successor to the closed American Savings Bank \& Trust Co. was passed when technical objections to the plan were removed May 7 by the Walsh interests of Burlington, Iowa. Reference was made to the affairs of this institution in our issue of Dec. 26 last, page 4273.

That May 21 had been set as the tentative opening date of a new bank in Alliance, Neb., under the title of the Nebraska National Bank, was indicated in the "Commercial West" of May 21. The new institution has combined capital and surplus of $\$ 110,000$. Officers were given as follows: W. A. Rose of Florence, Colo., President; E. M. Eldred, Vice-President; Harlan Wells, Cashier, and Carl Hees, Assistant Cashier.

The Union State Bank of Clinton, Clinton, Mo., a newly organized institution, opened for business recently. At the close of business, May 16, a statement of condition showed combined capital and surplus of $\$ 55,700$; total deposits of $\$ 88,315$, and total resources of $\$ 144,050$. George W. Schweer is Chairman of the Board of Directors; Emory Hurt, President, and H. C. McDowell, Cashier.

The National Bank of Burlington, Burlington, N. C., organized as a successor to the First National Bank of Burlington, which closed its doors Dec. 16 1931, was formally opened on May 16. The new organization, which has acquired the assets and assumed the liabilities of the old bank, is capitalized at $\$ 100,000$ and has a paid-in surplus of $\$ 50,000$. The officers are as follows: J. M. Fix, Chairman of the Board of Directors; R. H. Whitehead, President; L. J. Blakey (who was the receiver for the First National Bank), Vice-President and Cashier, and C. V. Long and B. S. Stack, Assistant Cashiers. The opening was a gala event in Burlington, the citizens celebrating the day as "Burlington Progress Day." President Hoover, in recognition of the successful efforts of the people of Burlington to reopen the closed bank, sent a congratulatory message from Washington, which was received May 14. The President's message (as printed in the Burlington "Daily TimesNews") was as follows:
I have learned with much gratification of the reopening of the banks in Burlington, N. C., in response to the splendid community spirit of the people and their practical faith in the future. This is indeed a heartening evidence of the true American spirit.
herbert hoover.
It is learned from the Burlington (N. C.) "Daily TimesNews" of May 14 that a campaign is under way looking
towards the reopening of the branch in Burlington of the United Bank \& Trust Co., the head office of which is in Greensboro, N. C. The paper mentioned stated that workers in the campaign have signed up more than $90 \%$ of all former depositors, and it was expected that their work would be completed within a week, placing the local branch "in an advantageous position in the plan now in progress for the parent and branch banks." The closing of the United Bank \& Trust Co. of Greensboro on Dec. 30 last was noted in our issue of Jan. 2 1932, page 80.

The closing on May 18 of a small North Carolina bank, the Bank of Badin, at Badin, was reported in the Raleigh "News and Observer" of May 19, which said in part:
The bank had $\$ 100,000$ in deposits on the date of the last report, Dec. 31 1931, but the amount is understood to have decreased appreciably due to curtailment of operations in the aluminum plants. The bank was capitalized at $\$ 25,000$, and had total resources of $\$ 144,326.17$ on the last report date.

The Comptroller of the Currency on May 18 issued a charter for the State National Bank of Iowa Park, Texas. The institution is capitalized at $\$ 40,000$, John Hirschi is President and H. A. Mills, Cashier.

The Roby State Bank, at Roby, Tex. (representing a reorganization of the closed First State Bank of Roby), opened recently. The institution is capitalized at $\$ 25,000$, with undivided profits of $\$ 6,000$, and has deposits of $\$ 74,000$. J. J. Steele is President; Marvin Carlile, Cashier, and Hobert Lewis, Assistant Cashier.
M. D. Mountain, formerly of Forsyth, Mont., has been elected Vice-President and a director of the First State Bank of Shelby, Mont., according to the "Commercial West" of May 21.

Consolidation of two San Francisco, Cal., banking institutions, the Anglo \& London-Paris National Bank and the Anglo-California Trust Co. (affiliated institutions) has been recommended by their respective directors, subject to the approval of the stockholders at special meetings to be held June 24 next. The new organization will have a capital of $\$ 10,400,000$, consisting of 520,000 shares of the par value of $\$ 20$ each; surplus of $\$ 2,600,000$ and undivided profits of $\$ 3,000,000$. San Francsico advices to the New York "WorldTelegram" on May 26, reporting the above, went on to say:
The consolidation will be effected on basis of eight shares of new bank stock for one share of $\$ 100$ par of Anglo-California Trust Co. and four
shares of new stock for one share of Anglo shares of new stock for one share of Anglo and London.
Herbert Fleisht of the new, President of Anglo \& London-Paris, will be the President of the new bank, and Mortimer Fleishhacker, President of


The Magnolia Park National Bank of Burbank, Calif., capitalized at $\$ 100,000$, was placed in voluntary liquidation effective April 18 last. It has no successor institution.

The Hon. John Hulholland and Benton Jones have been appointed directors of Westminster Bank, Ltd., London, England.

Ready ability to meet rapidly changing conditions and at the same time to maintain its uniformly strong position is shown by the Bank of Montreal (head office Montreal, Canada) in its semi-annual statement issued this week. The statement, which covers the six months ending April 301932 , shows total assets at $\$ 748,612,481$, as compared with $\$ 786,897,706$ a year ago. Of this amount quickly available assets are $\$ 385,483,225$, or equal to $57.34 \%$ of all liabilities to the public. Included in these liquid assets is cash in vaults and in central gold reserves amounting to $\$ 78,491,119$, equal to $11.67 \%$ of public liabilities.
The most important change in liquid assets is represented by an increase in Government and other bonds and debentures to a total of $\$ 228,901,146$. Included among them are Dominion and Provincial Government securities of a value of $\$ 174,730,246$, up from $\$ 149,229,626$ a year ago. Call loans outside of Canada are $\$ 20,262,324$ and are secured by bonds, stocks, and other negotiable securities.

Call loans in Canada secured by bonds and stocks of greater value at current quotations than the loans stand at $\$ 5,645,610$, as compared with $\$ 11,347,487$ at the same date last year. The total of current loans made to manufacturers, farmers, merchants and others, is reported at $\$ 336,572,388$. Deposits have held up remarkably well under prevailing conditions. Total deposits are reported at $\$ 626,701,081$.

Total assets of $\$ 748,612,481$ are available to meet payment of liabilities to the public of $\$ 672,310,882$, which leaves an excess of assets over these liabilities of $\$ 76,301,599$. The profits for the six months amounted to $\$ 2,589,292$, as compared with $\$ 2,771,753$ for the corresponding period last year. These were allocated as follows : dividends, $\$ 2,160,000$; provision for taxes Dominion Government, $\$ 228,316$, and reservation for bank premises, $\$ 100,000$, leaving a balance of $\$ 100,976$, which when added to the balance carried forward at the end of the fiscal year brought the total at the credit of profit and loss to $\$ 1,204,403$.

## THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Distress liquidation played an important part in the movements of the stock market during the present week, and as a result prices gradually drifted downward until Thursday, when the trend turned upward, following the rumor that the leaders in Congress were optimistic regarding the early passage of the tax bill for balancing the budget. Tobaceo stocks have been weak, and so have food issues and public utilities. Railroad shares have been under severe pressure and traction issues have shown little activity. Call money renewed at $21 / 2 \%$ on Monday, and remained unchanged at that rate on each and every day of the week.
Following the downward drift during the early trading on Saturday, the market held fairly steady, and some of the early losses were cancelled before the close. Railroad shates were dull and moved toward lower levels, the weak spot being Norfolk \& Western, which dipped about 4 points to 76. Atlantic Coast Line was weak, due to some extent to the dividend omission, and there were numerous fractional recessions throughout the group. Changes, on the whole, were small and within a narrow range, the principal recessions being among the preferred stocks. These included American Locomotive preferred, which dropped $25 / 8$ points to $32 \frac{1}{8}$; American Sugar pref. 8 points to 58 ; Electric Power \& Light $33 / 4$ points to 16 ; J. C. Penney pref. $2 \frac{1}{2}$ points to $751 / 2$, and Tide Water Oil pref. 2 points to 38 . On Monday trading was down to the minimum, the turnover being the smallest in several weeks. In the morning prices moved around somewhat uncertainly, but later in the day steadied to some extent, and the market closed with gains ranging from fractions to a point or more. The feature of the day was Consolidated Oil pref., which, at one period, showed a gain of 6 or more points. Most of the changes were on the down side, and were again in the preferred group, the declines including, among others, Atchison pref., which dripped $11 / 2$ points to 47 ; Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit pref., which tumbled 3 points to 60 ; A. M. Byers pref., which receded $43 / 8$ points to $351 / 4$; Westinghouse pref., which dropped $21 / 4$ points to $58 \frac{1}{2}$; Studebaker pref., which fell off 2 points to 47 ; National Biscuit, which declined $21 / 8$ points to $311 / 4$, and General Gas \& Electric pref., which receded $97 / 8$ points to $101 / 8$.
Trading continued dull on Tuesday, with the tobacco stocks and public utilities leading the way downward. During the first hour the market was fairly steady, but the opening levels were not maintained and prices gradually slipped backward during the rest of the day. Tobacco shares bore the brunt of the recessions, though railroad issues quickly yielded on the appearance of the weekly report on car loadings, showing a shrinkage of over 16,000 cars as compared with a week ago. The losses ranged from 1 to 3 or more points, and included, among others, such prominent issues as Westinghouse, which yielded 1 point to 23 ; Western Union, which declined $11 / 2$ points to $181 / 2$; Studebaker pref., which dropped 9 points to 38 ; Public Service of New Jersey, which tumbled $21 / 8$ points to 38 ; Pan American Petroleum, which receded $33 / 8$ points to $38 \% / 8$; Air Reduction, which dipped 3 points to $363 / 4$, and American Can, which declined $1 \%$ points to $36 \frac{1}{4}$. Other recessions included American Tobacco, $43 / 8$ points to $545 / 8$; Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit, $2 \frac{3}{4}$ points to $311 / 8$; Columbian Carbon, 2 points to 17 ; Corn Produets, $27 / 8$ points to $301 / 8$; Eastman Kodak, $13 / 4$ points to $411 / 4$; du Pont, $13 / 4$ points to $281 / 8$; General Food Corp., 2 points to $24 \% / 8$; Jewel Tea, $21 / 8$ points to 18 ; Norfolk \& Western, $51 / 2$ points to 70 ; General Railway Signal, $11 / 8$ points to $10 \% / 8$, and American Power \& Light $6 \%$ pref., $33 / 4$ points to $201 \frac{1}{2}$. Lower prices again prevailed on Wednesday, and while liquidation was apparent among some of the pivotal issues, trading was somewhat more active than on previous sessions during the present week. Railroad shares were under pressure, and public utilities were the weak
stocks. The principal changes were on the side of the decline, and included such popular issues as American Tobacco, which yielded $27 / 8$ points to $513 / 2$; Brooklyn Union Gas, 2 points to 65 ; Drug, Inc., $21 / 8$ points to 31 ; International Business Machine, $31 / 4$ points to $693 / 8$; Pacific Tel. \& Tel., $2 \frac{1}{2}$ points to 65 ; Norfolk \& Western, 2 points to 68 ; Union Pacific, $21 / 4$ points to $381 / 2$, and a host of preferred stocks in which losses ranged up to 6 or more points.
The market continued its downward swing during the first hour on Thursday, reaching, in many instances, new low levels for the current movement. As the day progressed a sharp rally developed and much of the early losses were cancelled. Among the market leaders closing on the side of the advance were Air Reduction, which advanced $21 / 4$ points to $38 \frac{1}{4}$; Allied Chemical \& Dye, which moved ahead $21 / 4$ points to $521 / 2$, and American Can pref., which gained 4 points and closed at 105. Other noteworthy advances were American Tel. \& Tel., $11 / / 8$ points to $945 / 8$; Atchison, $11 / 2$ points to $27 \frac{1}{2}$; Auburn Auto, 2 points to $33 \frac{3}{4}$; Canadian Pacific, $1 \% / 8$ points to $91 / 8$; du Pont, $11 / 4$ points to $275 / 8$; National Biscuit, $1 \frac{1}{2}$ points to $301 \frac{1}{2}$; People's Gas, $21 / 2$ points to 60 , and Public Service of New Jersey, $11 / 4$ points to $391 / 8$. The trend was again downward on Friday, though the trading during the first hour was fairly steady and showed some modest gains, but following the announcement of the cut in the General Electric dividend, which caused a severe break in that stock, most of the pivotal issues turned abruptly downward. Liquidation was again in evidence in a number of the market leaders like American Tel. \& Tel. and United States Steel, both of which were down on the day. The turnover was small owing to the many absentees as a result of forthcoming holidays. The major part of the changes of the day were on the side of the decline. These included, among others, Air Reduction, $21 / 8$ points to $361 / 3$; American Can, $11 / 2$ points to $351 / 2$; American Tel. \& Tel., $2 \% / 8$ points to 92 ; American Tobacco, $21 / 4$ points to $473 / 4$; Atchison, $2 \frac{1}{4}$ points to $25 \frac{1}{4}$; Auburn Auto, 2 points to $313 / 4$; General Electric, $21 / 2$ points to 10 ; Union Pacific, $11 / 4$ points to $371 / 4$, and Western Union, $11 / 8$ points to $181 / 4$. The market was weak at the close, and stocks were at their lows for the day.
transactions at the new york stock exchange

| Week Ended May 271932. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Stocks, } \\ & \text { Number of } \\ & \text { Shares. } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Railioad } \\ \text { and Miscell. } \\ \text { Bonds. } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { State } \\ \text { Municinal \& } \\ \text { For'n Bonds. } \end{gathered}$ |  | United Satase Sonds <br> Bonds. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Rond } \\ \text { Bales. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S | $\begin{array}{r} 305,170 \\ 557.840 \\ 5938.297 \\ 1,302,142 \\ 1,853,160 \\ 1000,595 \end{array}$ |  | $\$ 2,417,000$ <br> $3,410,000$ <br> $4,381,000$ <br> $5,904,000$ <br> $7,681,000$ <br> $5,227,000$ |  | $\$ 1,235,000$ <br> $2,086,000$ <br> $2,864,000$ <br> $2,618,000$ <br> $2,980,500$ <br> $2,871,000$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thursday |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 5.902,204 |  |  |  | 829.020 .000 |  | S14. |  | \$24.472.000 |  | 68,146.500 |
| Sales at <br> New York Stock Exchange. |  | Week Ended M Ȧav 27. |  |  |  | Jan 1 to May 27 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1932. |  | 931. |  |  | 1932. |  | 193 |
| stocks-No. of shares. <br> Government bondsState \& foreign bonds Railroad \& misc. bond |  | 502,204 |  | 1,493,773 |  | 51,478,285 |  | 73,349,666 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 324,472,000 14,654,500 |  | 84,653,500 <br> 18,120,000 |  | $3330,060,900$$312,482,500$$618,539,300$ |  | $\$ 73,173,050$$316,203,600$ 316,752,000 |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 14,6 \\ & 29,0 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 654,500 \\ \hline 020,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
| DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Week EndedMay 271932. | Bost |  | Philadelphta. |  | Baltmore. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shares. | Bond Sales. | Shares. | Bond Sales. | Shares. | Bond Sale |
| Saturday | 8,260 12 1801 | 6,000 | +4,287 | ${ }_{25}{ }^{2}$ | 441 | 36,000 |
| Tuesday | 17,926 |  | 24,546 | 24,900 | ${ }_{696}$ | 4.000 |
| Wednesday | 28,039 | 22,000 | ${ }^{41.582}$ | 27,200 | 3,651 | 6,000 |
| Friday -.-- | 7,036 | 14,000 14 | 50,086 31,300 | 6,000 | 1,975 1,129 | 4,000 2,000 |
| Total | 109,990 | \$46,500 | 163,523 | \$111,100 | 7,804 | \$29,500 |
| Prev. wk. revised. | 98.800 | \$55.400 | 91.052 | \$202.600 | 6.625 | \$43.900 |

## CURB EXCHANGE.

Declines again outnumbered the advances during the dealings on the New York Curb Market this week and at timss heavy losses have been recorded by some of the more active leaders. Public utilities have been especially weak and have, in many instances, dropped to new low levels. On Thursday, the market moved sharply upward, cancelling a part of the losses of the early part of the week. Renewed offarings in the oil group were in evidence during the fore part of the week reflecting to some extent the lower gasoline prices instituted by the Standard Oil Co. of New York. Electric Bond \& Share was noteworthy for the repeated waves of selling that carried tne issue slowly but consistently downward day after day. Great Atlantic \& Pacific Tea Co. was also noteworthy for its sharp break on Wednesday when
it dippedmore than 5 points. Parker Rust Proof also sustained a severe loss on that day dropping more than 8 points to 23. On Thursday the rebound came after stocks had been subject to steady liquidation and moved to lower levels during which the preferred issues suffered severe losses. Industrial changes were somewhat mixed, though the general tendency throughout the week was toward lower levels. On Monday it was announced that Atlas Utilities had virtually consummated the deal whereby it will acquire Atlantic Securities, making the eighteenth acquisition in the last two years. It was reported that more than $92 \%$ of the stock of the Atlantic Securities had been deposited.

The changes for the week were generally on the side of the decline and included most of the active speculative favorites. Prominent in the week's recessions were such outstanding issues as Singer Mfg. Co., which receded from 81 to 80; Aluminum Co. of America, which declined from 24 to $22 \frac{1}{2}$; New York Telephone pref., which slipped back from $1103 / 4$ to $1093 / 8$; New Jersey Zine, which tumbled from 19 to 181/4; Deere \& Co., which moved down from $57 / 8$ to $51 / 2$; Swift \& Co., which fell back from $93 / 4$ to $91 / 2$; Horn \& Hardart, which declined from $93 / 4$ to 9 ; Ford of Canada A, which receded from $61 / 2$ to $61 / 4$, and Great Atlantic \& Pacific Tea Co., from 112 to 105 . Public utilities were represented on the side of the decline by Electric Bond \& Share, which fell off from $91 / 2$ to $63 / 4$; Cities Service, from $35 / 8$ to $3 \frac{1}{4}$; Niagara Hudson Power, from $37 / 8$ to $35 / 8$; American Superpower, from $15 / 8$ to $11 / 2$; United Light \& Power A, from $25 / 8$ to $21 / 8$; Pennroad Co., from $11 / 2$ to $13 / 8$; Commonwealth Edison, from $641 / 2$ to 60 ; Consolidated Gas of Baltimore, from 52 to 45 ; American Gas \& Electric, from 24 to $163 / 4$; American Light \& Traction, from 15 to 12, and Colorado Gas \& Electric pref. from $521 / 2$ to 48 . Oil shares were also off. Standard Oil of Indiana dipping from $183 / 8$ to $171 / 8$; Humble Oil from $391 / 2$ to $367 / 8$, and Gulf Oil of Pennsylvania, which dropped from $301 / 4$ to $281 / 2$.
daily transactions at the new york curb exchange.

| Week Ended May 271932. |  | Bonds (Par Value). |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Domestic. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | reign | Foreign Corporate. | Total. |
| Saturday | ${ }^{x 54,630}$ \$1 | \$1,173,000 | $\$ 45,000$99,000 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 137,000 \\ 140,000 \end{array}$ | x\$1,355,000 |
| Monday | $x 135,280$ | 1,547,000 |  |  | x1,786,000 |
| Tuesday | $x 141,900$ | 1,829,000 | 66,000 | 289,000182,000 | x2,184,000$x 2,939,000$ |
| Wednes | ${ }^{x} 195,704$ | 3,305,000 | 103,000 77,000 |  |  |
| Friday | ${ }_{x 141,935}$ | 2,233,000 | 28,000 | 139,000 | 边 $23,624,000$ |
| Tota | $x 922,939$ \$12,741,000 |  | 418.000 | \$1,129,000 | \| ${ }^{514} 2888,000$ |
| Sales at New York Curb Exchange. | Week Ended May 27. |  | Jan. 1 to May 27. |  |  |
|  | 1932. | 1931. | 1932. |  | 1931. |
| Stocks-No. of shares_ Bonds. | $\begin{array}{r} 922,939 \\ \$ 12,741,000 \\ 418,000 \\ 1,129,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r\|r} 39 & 2,246,313 \\ 00 & \$ 20,680,000 \\ 00 & 804,000 \\ 00 & 855,000 \end{array}$ | 21,214,304 |  | 55,021,235 |
| Domestic.-.....-.-.- |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 298,798,100 \\ 12,006,000 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 390,876,000 \\ 11,734,000 \\ 1,45000 \end{array}$ |
| Foreign Government |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign corpor |  |  |  | 626,000 |  |
| Total. | \$14.288,000 | 0 $322,339,000$ | \$341,430,100 |  | \$420,068,000 |

## THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu \& Co. of London, written under date of May 11 1932:

GOLD.
The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to $£ 120,816,341$ on the 4 th inst. as compared with $£ 120,815,666$ on the previous Wednesday. The moderate amounts of gold which have been offered in the open market have been taken for the Continent and for a destination not disclosed.

The SS. Rawalpindi and the SS. Britannia which left Bombay last week carry gold to the value or about $£ 570,000$ and $£ 250,000$ respectively.
Quotations during the week:


The following were the United Kingdom Imports and Exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 2 d inst. to mid-day on the 9 th inst.


The Transvaal gold output for the month of April last amounted to 949,796 fine ounces, as compared with 960,035 fine ounces for March 1932 and 882,337 fine ounces for April 1931 .

## SILVER.

During the week under review the
has been some improvement in prices. has been some improvement the Indian
support has been better, the Indan Bazaars showing some disposition sold throughout the week and China was also a seller at the higher rates.

The market continues rather quiet and the undertone appears steady, but there are no indications of any important change for the time being. registered from mid-day on the 2 d inst. to mid-day on the 9 th inst.:

230,387
24,700

Exports.


Quotations during the we
eek: ${ }^{\text {f99,454 }}$
284,180 Bar Silver per Ounce Si

## andard.



The highest rate of exchange on New York recorded during the period from the 5 th inst. to the 11 th inst. was $\$ 3.691 / 4$ and the lowest $\$ 3.66$.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.
(In lacs of rupees.)
Notes in circulation
Silver coin and bullion in India-
Securities (Indian Government)

.-.-.--- 5
The stocks in Shanghai on the 7th inst. cons unces in sye $20,300,000$ with about $61,900,000$ ounces in sycee, $196,000,000$ dollars and 4,240 silver bars on the 30th ultimo.

## ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET-PER CABLE

The daily closing quotations for securities, \&c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:


The price of silver in New York on the same days has been: sulver in N. Y., per oz_..... $275 / 8$ cts. $273 / 4$ cts. $27 \%$ cts. $277 / 8$ cts. $277 / 8$ cts. $275 / 8 \mathrm{cts}$.

## COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings this week will again show a decrease as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ended to-day (Saturday, May 28), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be $34.9 \%$ below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at $\$ 4,306$, 726,460 , against $\$ 6,615,700,033$ for the same week in 1930. At this center there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of $49.6 \%$. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

| Clearings-Returns by Telegraph. Week Ending May 28. | 1932. | 1931. | Per Cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New York | \$2,146,835,237 | \$4,257,142,079 | -49.6 |
| Chicago. | 165,310,672 | 3449,146,802 | -52.7 |
| Philadelphi | 205,000,000 | 338,000,000 | $-39.3$ |
| Boston | 157,000,000 | 305,000,000 | $-48.5$ |
| Kansas Ci | 48,943,692 | 65,120,537 | -24.8 |
| St. Louis. | 56,500,000 | 80,700,000 | $-30.0$ |
| San Francis | 72,425,000 | 106,421,000 | -31.9 |
| Los Angeles | No longer will re | port clearings. |  |
| Pittsburg | 65,329,761 | 114,144,488 | -42.8 |
| Detroit | 58,366,844 | 109,186,025 | -46.5 |
| Clevelan | 51,626,114 | 77,164,808 | -33.1 |
| Baltimo | . $40,042,327$ | 64,534,001 | -38.0 |
| New Orle | 21,594,930 | 32,099,536 | -32.7 |
| Twelve cities, five da | \$3,088,974,577 | \$5,898,659,276 | $-47.6$ |
| Other cities, five days. | 500,130,805 | 611,615,370 | $-18.2$ |
| Total all cities, five da | \$3,589,105,382 | \$6,510,274,646 | -44.9 |
| All citles, one day | 717,621,078 | 105,425,387 | -31.9 |
| Total all cities for week. | S4,306,726,460 | \$6,615,700,033 | -34.9 |

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has to be in all cases estimated.
In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous-the week ended May 21. For that week, there is a decrease of $47.6 \%$, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being $\$ 4,660,722,027$, against $\$ 8,892,220,246$ in the same week in 1931. Outside of this city there is a decrease of $39.4 \%$, the bank clearings at this center recording a loss of $51.7 \%$. We group the
cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located，and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District，including this city，the totals record a contraction of $51.3 \%$ ，in the Boston Reserve District of $44.3 \%$ and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of $40.0 \%$ ．In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals show a diminution of $37.3 \%$ ，in the Richmond Reserve District of $25.7 \%$ and in the Atlanta Reserve District of $28.4 \%$ ．The Chicago Reserve District suffers a loss of $51.1 \%$ ，the St．Louis Reserve District of $28.9 \%$ and the Minneapolis Reserve District of $23.9 \%$ ．In the Kansas City Reserve District the decrease is $28.0 \%$ ，in the Dallas Reserve District $30.4 \%$ and in the San Francisco Reserve District $34.4 \%$ ．

In the following we furnish a summary of Federal Reserve districts：

| Week Ended May 211932. | 1932 | 1931. | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \text { Inc.or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{array}$ | 193 | 1929. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Federal R |  |  | 4 |  |  |
|  | 2，946，220，809 | ${ }^{412,050,484,8899}$ | ${ }_{-51.3}^{-4.3}$ | 6，480，307，2，276 | 8，245，466，5611 |
| 3rd Philadelp＇la 10 ． | ，942，672 | 453，074，478 | －40．0 | 630，037，011 | 567，653，095 |
| ${ }^{\text {4th }}$ Cleveland－ 6 | 196，040 | 312，865，275 | $-37.3$ | 394，231，200 | 442，501，660 |
| ${ }_{6 \text { th }}^{\text {5th }}$ Richmond ${ }^{\text {atanta }}$－${ }^{6}$ |  | 132，712，117 | ${ }_{-28.4}$ | cemer | 161，099，750 |
| 7th Chicaso．．．－20 | 352，193， 830 | 720， 821,615 | －61．1 | 881，146，582 | 987，662，397 |
| Louts | 9103 | 128，167，035 | $-23.9$ | 176，999，486 | 190，582，201 |
| inneapolts 7 |  | 87，987，015 | $-23.9$ | 106，764，436 | 116，491，925 |
| 10th Kansascity 10 |  | $\underset{\substack{139,114, 53,297}}{ }$ | －28．0 |  | 197，706，202 |
| ${ }_{12 \text { tha }}$ San Fran．－14 | 179，13， | 273，162，862 |  | ${ }_{314,719,612}$ | 357，143，540 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } 118 \text { citles } \\ & \text { Outside N. Y. City } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,660,72,027 \\ & 1,803,934,105 \end{aligned}$ | $8,392,220,246$ $2,975,712,659$ | $\begin{aligned} & -47.6 \\ & -39.4 \end{aligned}$ | $9,876,428,044$ $3,590,732,529$ | $12,004,415,235$ <br> $3,936,111,755$ |
| Canada．．．．．．．－32 cittes | 240，032，751 | 375，342 | －36．0 | 414，930，033 | 490，155，003 |

We now add our detailed statement，showing last week＇s figures for each city separately，for the four years：


| Cleartngs at－ | Week Ended May 21. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 32. | 1931. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Inc. or } \\ & \text { Dec. } \end{aligned}$ | 1930. | 1929. |
|  | \＄ | 8 | \％ | \＄ | \＄ |
| Seventh Feder | al Rese | strict－Chi |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 159,841 \\ & 620,774 \end{aligned}$ | － 35.8 | 200,237 673,303 | ${ }_{\text {257，}}^{27942}$ |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 620,774 \\ 153,432,37 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | － 53.3 | 220，908，369 | 271，443，239 |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 4,393,366 \\ 2,555,344 \end{array}$ | ${ }^{-43.4}$ | $5,460,214$ <br> $3,212,000$ | 6，159，217 |
| d．-Ft ．Wayne |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,55,34 \\ & 2,630,226 \end{aligned}$ |  | 3，520，096 |  |
| Indianapolis．．．－ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,565,0,630 \\ 14,283,00 \end{array}$ |  | － 13.7 | － | 23，076，000 |
| Terre Haute－ | ＋$1,688,986$ <br> $3,124,456$ |  | － 21.5 | 4，670，567 | 3，008，078 |
| Wis．－Milwaukee | 14，702，485 | －2， $0,648,812$ <br> $2,572,601$ | －28．8 | 28，210，509 | 30，985，190 |
| Ia．－Ced．Rapids |  |  | 二11．8 | $2{ }^{2} 7666$ | 2，854，888 |
| Des Moine |  | ${ }^{9} \quad$2，572，601 <br> $6.405,003$ | －14 | 7，163，218 | 9，445，459 |
| Sioux City | 2，252，041 | 6.465 .003 <br> 4.008 .828 <br> 623 | －-58 | $5,308,820$ $1,310,031$ | $6,251,012$ $1,415.554$ |
| III．- Waterloom； |  |  | －35．1 | $1,310,031$ $1,889,098$ | ci， $1,8154,714$ |
| Chicago | 225，095，632 | 488，078，937 | －53 | 559，870，192 | 4，406，863 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peoria－－－ | $2,396,320$676,0271 | $\begin{aligned} & 3,89,5,53 \\ & 3,11,884 \\ & 2,236,784 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| Rpringfiel |  |  | －40 | 2，606，571 | －${ }_{2,333,365}^{3,660,89}$ |
| tal | 352，193，830 | 720，851，615 | 5 | 881，146，582 | 987，652，397 |
| Eighth Federa | 1 Reserve Dis |  |  |  |  |
| Ind．－Evansvile |  | 93，${ }^{\text {b }}$ ，Lo |  | 118，${ }^{\text {b }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { b } \\ 137,000,000 \end{gathered}$ |
| Mo．－St．Louis－ Ky．－Loulsville－ | $62,800,000$ <br> 17，853，614 | $\begin{aligned} & 92,240,732 \\ & \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$ | $32-19.7$ |  |  |
| Ky．－${ }^{\text {Lensboro－}}$ |  |  |  |  | 18，612，199 |
| enn．－Memphts | 9，802，401 | $\begin{gathered} 11,843,530 \\ 129.366 \\ 029, \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 17.2 \\ -17.4 \\ -39.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 16,430,860 \\ 186,728 \\ 1060 \end{array}$ |  |
|  | 126,224 <br> 520,800 |  |  |  | 1 |
| Total（5 cities） | 91，103，039 | 128，167，035 | －28．9 | 176，999，486 | 190，582，201 |
| nth Fed | Reserve Dis <br> $2,082,081$ <br> $44,962,414$ <br> $15,585,644$ <br> $1,683,926$ <br> 651,250 <br> 332,543 <br> $1,741,465$ |  | eapolis |  |  |
| Inn－D ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  | －40．2 |  | 7，391，646 |
|  |  |  | $-24$ |  |  |
| Paul |  |  | －19 |  |  |
| N．Dak－－Fargo |  |  | 二25 |  |  |
| Mont－－Bllings |  |  | －39．2 | 609 |  |
| 兂 |  |  | －28．3 | 2，787 | 3，380，000 |
| Total（7 eltles） | 339，3 | 87，987，015 | －23．9 | 106，764，436 | 116，491，925 |
| Tenth Federal | rve Dis |  | as City | 301，626 |  |
|  | 182 |  |  |  |  |
| Hasti | 2，163，${ }^{1438}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 302,942 \\ 2,663,294 \end{array}$ | $\square_{18.8}^{\text {－}}$ | 3，075，062 |  |
| Linco |  |  |  |  | $3,429,864$ $42,926,298$ |
| Omah |  | $36,174,313$ <br> 2,51258 | － 3.4 | 3，567，297 | ${ }_{7,263,209}^{2,915,073}$ |
| $\frac{\text { Can - TOD }}{\text { wichita }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| O．－Kan． | 64，561，298 | － $86,476,545$ | 25．3-34.6 | $116,744,243$ 5,505 1 | $131,025.579$6.500 .000 |
| St | 2，627，450 | $\begin{array}{r} 4,015,858 \\ 924,679 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} -32.2 \\ \mathbf{a} .2 \end{gathered}$ | 1，178，591 | ${ }_{1}^{1,320,584}$ |
| Denv | 702，545 | $\xrightarrow{\text { a }}$ ， 090,023 | －35．5 | $\xrightarrow[1,473,965]{\text { a }}$ | $\stackrel{\underset{1,539,355}{a}}{ }$ |
| Total（10 citles） | 100，105，295 | 139，114，463 | －28．0 | 180，487 | $197,706,202$ |
| Eleventh Feder | ral R | District |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,233,153 \\ 40,500.450 \\ 10 \in 62,809 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,345.174 \\ 50,583,487 \end{array}$ |
| Dalla | $\begin{array}{r}26,237,341 \\ 5,086,055 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | －${ }^{-31.5}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 10,663,808 \\ 2,390,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13,886,395 \\ 4,158,000 \\ 4,630,942 \end{array}$ |
| alv |  |  | －3． |  |  |
| La．－Shreveport． | 2，253，137 | 3，541，206 | －36．4 | 5，169，702 |  |
| Total（5 citle | ，070，686 | $53,297,377$ | －30．4 | 59，957，113 | 74，603，998 |
| Twelfth Feder | al $\begin{aligned} & \text { Reserve D } \\ & 22,680,707\end{aligned}$ |  | ${ }_{-29.6}{ }^{\text {Franci }}$ sco－${ }_{41,001}$ |  |  |
| ash． |  | $\underset{\substack{\text { istrict－San } \\ 32,206,641}}{ }$ |  |  | 48，736，505 |
| Spar | 5，598，000 | 8，0077，000 | -30.1 <br> 43.2 | 10，518，000 |  |
| Yakrm |  |  |  | 879，7 | $1,279,644$ 41.551 .426 |
| Ore．－Yortla | 19，450，463 |  | － 36.2 | ${ }_{16}^{16,528,313}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 41,551,426 \\ 18,304,682 \\ 8,931,869 \end{array}$ |
| Calit．－L．Beach |  |  | $-_{53.7}$ | 7，115，525 |  |
| Los Angeles．．． | No longer will |  | ss． | 5，362，983 | ＊6，600，000 |
| sadena． | $\begin{aligned} & 6,059,45 \\ & 2,905,475 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,378,133 \\ 6,760,328 \\ 3,600324 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Diego |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|} \hline-10.4 \\ -10.4 \end{array}$ |  | 6，256，326 |
| ${ }_{\text {San }}$ San Prancis | 10， 2229.4281,575011,1720 | $155,356,232$$2,105,070$2， | －${ }^{-34.5}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 5,641,484 \\ 197,185,160 \end{array}$ |
| a Jose |  |  |  | （ $\begin{aligned} & 2,595.461 \\ & 2,039 \\ & 2\end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | 12，407 | 退， $1,809.474$ | $\square_{-39.3}$ |  |  |
| ckton． | 1，162，89 | 1，670，000 | －30．4 | 1，896，9 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,902,252 \\ & 2,741,800 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total（ 14 cltles Grand total（118 cities） | 179，134，097 | 273，162，862 | －34．4 | 314，719，612 | 357，143，540 |
|  | 4，660，722，027 | 8 8，892，220，246 | －47．6 | 9，876，428，044 | 2004，415，235 |
| side Neẁ |  | 2，975，712，659 | －39．4 | ．590，732，529 |  |
|  |  | Week | ted | 19. |  |
|  | 32. | 1931. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Inc.or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{gathered}$ | 1930. |  |
| Cana |  |  |  |  |  |
| ont | 72，452，914 | 160，477，210 | －54．9 | 147，003，090 | 144，669，314 |
| Toronto | 74，828．168 | 137，490，469 |  | 127，386 | 177，800，725 |
| Vancouv | ${ }_{12}{ }^{12} 788.454$ | －${ }^{46,525,833}$ | － | 50，009，970 | ${ }^{57,612,624}$ |
| Ottawa－ | 4,285 | 7,21 | － 22.6 | 19，402，057 | 25，322，8391 |
| Quebec | 4，665，142 | 6，463，748 | $-27.8$ | 6，511，074 | 7，712，407 |
| Halirax．－ | 2，165，263 | 4，590，611 | －52．8 | 3，317，369 | 3，858，336 |
| Hamilton． | 3，689，133 | 5，254，830 | －29．8 | 5，911，121 | 7，068，115 |
| Calgary | 4，211，136 | 5，794，993 | $-27.3$ | 7，681，571 | 11，747，384 |
| St．John | 1，709，926 | 2，444，047 | －30．0 | 2，422，459 | 3，450， 867 |
| Victoria | 1，316，339 | ${ }_{2}^{2,043,}$ | $-3.6$ | 2，530，127 | 3，062，868 |
| London | ${ }_{3,67785}^{2,28,739}$ | ${ }_{4}^{2}, 6576880$ | －20．8 | 3，393， | 1 |
| Regina－ | 2,828 | 3，816，720 | －25．9 | $5,971,950$ | 5，999，755 |
| B |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Lethbridge | 311，5 | 403，515 | $-22.8$ | 850，994 | 481，084 |
| Sasktaoon | 1，449，171 | 1，697，551 | －14．6 | 2，132，520 | 2，584，705 |
| Moose Ja |  | 827,68 | － | 1，169 |  |
| Brantror | 78 | 1，107，707 | － 3 ． 1.1 | 1，095，205 | 1，580，180 |
| ${ }^{\text {Fort }}$ New Westilan | 606 | 741.083 | － 18.1 | ${ }^{963,168}$ | 1，128，636 |
| Mediline | 169 | 237,8 | $\square_{28 .}$ | 365 | 455，060 |
| Poterboroug | 584， 318 | 751,3 | －22．2 | ${ }_{911,815}$ |  |
| Sherbrooke | 609，406 | 922，122 | －33．9 | 971 | 1．189，687 |
| KIItchener． | 803，8 | 1，024，328 | $-21.5$ | 1，192，193 | 1，419，116 |
| Indsor | 2，433，337 | 3，415，495 | －27． | 5，899，800 | ${ }^{6,3359,234}$ |
| Prince An | 348， | 409 ， | －14．8 | ${ }^{4362,787}$ | 1，096，197 |
| Kingston． | 仿5，460 | 672，556 | －17．4 | 1，707，811 | 736，172 |
| Chatham | 429，740 | 443，687 |  |  |  |
| Sarnia | 565 | 594，4 |  |  | 762，807 |
| Sudbury | 478，498 | 669，557 | －28．5 | 1，276，005 |  |
| Total（32 citles） | 240，032，751 | 375，342，487 | －36．0 | 414，930，033 | 490，155，980 |

a No longer reports weekly clearings．b Clearing house not tunctioning at present．
c Clearling house reopened in February．d FIgures smaller due to merger of two c clearing house reopened in
largest banks．$*$ Estimated．

## PRICES ON PARIS BOURSE.

Quotations of representative stocks on the Paris Bourse as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows:


PRICES ON BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.
The Berlin Stock Exchange resumed trading on Friday, April 291932 after having been closed by Government decree since Sept. 18. Prices suffered heavy declines. Closing prices of representative stocks as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } \\ & 21 . \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{23}{\substack{23}}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 24 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 25 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 26 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { May } \\ 27 . \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Relensb |  | 113 | 115 | 113 | 12 | 113 |
| Berilner Handels Gesellschart ( $4 \%$ ) *-- |  | 85 |  |  |  |  |
| Commerz-und-Privat Bank A. . . (0\%)* |  | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| Deutsche Bank und Disconto-Ges. ( $0 \%$ ) |  | 35 | 35 | 34 | 34 | 34 |
| Dressmer Bank 0 |  | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| Gestuerel ( $4 \%$ Eletrizit |  |  | 22 | ${ }_{50}^{22}$ | ${ }_{17}$ | 19 |
| Slemens \& Halske |  | 103 | 106 |  |  |  |
| , |  | 82 | 82 | 82 | 82 | 83 |
| Izdethrurt |  | 144 | 144 | 146 | 148 |  |
| Ruelmsche Braunkohie |  | 152 | 153 | 153 | 156 | 156 |
| Mannesmann Roehren ( |  | 54 | ${ }^{56}$ | ${ }^{56}$ | 55 | 56 |
| apag (0\%)* |  | 10 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 11 |
| orth German Lloyd (0 |  | 12 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 12 |

* Last dividend.

In the following we also give New York quotations for German and other foreign unlisted dollar bonds as of May 27: Anhalt 7 s to 1948 .


Saarbruecken Mortgage Bank 6s, 1947

| Stocks (Concluded) Par. | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array}$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. Nigh. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Sales } \\ & \text { for } \\ & \text { Week. } \\ & \text { Shares. } \end{aligned}$ | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low |  | Hig |  |
| Security First Nat Bank of L A. | 381/2 | 381/2 | 401/2 |  | 4,200 |  | May | 65 | ar |
| Shell Union Oil Co com-25 |  | 27/8 | 21/8 | 100 | 21/2 | Apr | 4 | Mar |
| Signal Oil \& Gas A .----25 |  | $17 / 8$ |  | 1,000 | 13 | Apr | $51 / 2$ | Mar |
| So Calif Edison com-.--25 | 181/2 | 1814 | 22 | 6,700 | $181 /$ | May | 323 | Feb |
| Original preferred_... 25 |  | 341/2 | $341 / 2$ | 200 | 331/2 | Mar |  | Jan |
| 7\% preferred-------25 | 211/4 |  | 2314 | 1,600 |  | May | $277 / 8$ | Jan |
| 6\% preferred_-.-----25 | 181/2 | 181/2 | 201/4 | 2,600 | 181/2 | May | 25 | Mar |
| So Calif Gas series A pt 25 | 18 |  | 19 | 4,200 |  | May | ${ }^{23}{ }^{3}$ | Jan |
| So Calif Gas series A pt 25 | 183/4 | 183/4 | 1834 | 100 | 183/4 | May | 233/4 | Feb |
| Southern Paeifte Co--100 Standard Oil of Calli-.--* |  |  | 77/6 | 200 |  | May |  | Jan |
| Standard Oil of Calli-----* | 18 | 175/8 | 191/8 | 4,700 |  | Apr | 27 | Feb |
| Superior Oil com-.-----25 | 9 |  |  | lot 50 | 12 | Feb | 12 | Feb |
| Taylor Milling Cor |  |  | 4 | 100 | 4 | May | 8 | Jan |
| Title Ins \& Trust Co_---25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 572 | 25 | May | 55 | Jan |
| Trans-America Corp---* | 25/8 | $23 / 2$ | 31/6 | 15,600 | $21 / 8$ | Jan | 6 | Feb |
| Union Oil Assoclates.-.- 25 |  | 71/8 | $81 / 4$ | 2,800 |  | May | $123 / 8$ | Jan |
| Union Oll of Calif -- ${ }^{\text {a }} 25$ | $91 / 4$ | 87/3 | 93/8 | 4,600 |  | May | 133/4 | Jan |
| Union Bank \& Trust Col00 | 325 | 325 | 325 | 2 | 325 | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ | 325 | Jan |
| $\checkmark$ Van De Kamps com. |  | $61 / 2$ | $61 / 2$ | 100 |  | May |  | Mar |
| Weber Showcase \& Fix pf * | 4 |  |  | 80 400 |  | ${ }_{\text {Apr }}$ | $51 / 2$ | Mar |
| West Pipe \& Stee |  |  |  | 400 |  |  | 103/8 | May |

Milwaukee Grain \& Stock Exchange.-Following is the record of transactions at the Milwaukee Grain \& Stock Exchange, May 21 to May 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- |  | Week's Range of Prices. Loto. Hion |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sates } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Wherk } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{gathered}$ | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low |  | Hib |  |
| Carnation |  | 10 |  |  | 75 | 101/2 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 30 00 |  |  | 113/3 |  |
| Hecla Mining--.-.---250.- |  | 258/8 | 25 | ${ }_{200}$ |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Jai }}$ |
| Insurance Securities..-. 10 |  |  |  | 100 |  |  |  |  |
| Line Material |  |  |  | 100 |  |  |  | Ma |
| Milw Gas pret 7\%--.--100 |  |  |  | 10 |  |  |  | Ma |
| Outboard Moto |  | 19 | $1 \%$ | 200 |  |  | $23 / 8$ |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Waukesha Mot }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wisconsin Bankshares--10 |  |  |  | 300 |  |  | 4 |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Wisconsin }}$ Investment A- ${ }^{\text {a }}$ * |  |  |  | 50 |  |  | $10^{2 / 4}$ |  |
| Wisconsin Tel pret 7\%-100 |  |  |  | 15 |  |  |  |  |
| Bonds- ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Isconsin G \& E Ss--. 1952 |  | ${ }_{95}^{95}$ | ${ }_{95}^{96}$ | 2,000 |  |  | ${ }_{95}^{98}$ |  |

San Francisco Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, May 21 to May 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:


National Banks.-The following information regarding National banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

> CHARTERS ISSUED.

| May 18 -The State National Bank of Iowa Park, Texas_President, John Hirschi; Cashier, H. A. Mills. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| May 18-The Stewartsville National Bank', Stewartville, Minn |  |  |
| APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE APPROVED, WITH TITL |  |  |
| 17-The First National Bank of Belvidere, N. J.--. |  |  |
| VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS. |  |  |
| Effective May 71932 . |  |  |
| May 16-The First National Bank of Winnebago, Minn-..... Effective May 121932 . Liq. Agent, J. E. Rorman, Valiey National Bank of Winnebago. |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| ay 17-The Magnolia Park National Bank of Burbank, CalifFloyd H. Schenk and James. J. Gatan, Hemer of the liquidating bank. Liquiadting bank not absorbedor succeeded by any other banking association. |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

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: $\left.\begin{gathered}\text { Shares. Stocks. } \\ \$ 200 \text { Consoldated Smelting Cor Sh. Sh. }\end{gathered} \right\rvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Shares. Stocks. } \\ & 2,000 \\ & \text { Cound }\end{aligned}$ scrip 5s, due 1939; 150 Bonanza
Creek Gold Mining Co., par \$5;
2,100 Consol. Arizona Smelting
Co, par $\$ 5 ; 30$ Copper Hill Min-
ing Co., par $\$ 10 ; 100$ Inspiration
Needles Copper Co.. par $\$ 1 ; 240$ Needies Copper Co., par \$1; 240
Tommy Burns Gold Mining Co.
 common V. t. C........... $\$ 150,000$ lot
50 Minas Santa Ana, S. A., of Mev
 $24{ }_{50}^{\text {Fox Firm Corp. class A com.; }}$ 24 Fox Film Corp. class A com.;
50 The Maytag Co., common.. $\$ 75$ lot
Corp. $6 \%$ gold bond, due Dec. $1942 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ lot By R. L. Day \& Co., Boston:
$\begin{array}{cc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Shares. Stocks. } \\ \text { 42 United States Trust Co., Bos- Sh. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Shares. Stocks. } \\ \text { ton, par \$10. }\end{array} \\ 300 \text { United States Trust Co., Bos- } \\ \text { ton, par \$10. }\end{array}$ By Wise, Hobbs \& Arnold, Boston: Shares. Stocks.
10 Malden 10 Malden Trust Co., Malden, 15 Columbian Nat. Life Ins. Co.-. 115 par $\$ 10$ First Nat. Bank, Haverhill...........................
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 By Barnes \& Lofland, Philadelphia:
 E. Shomo to order of himself,
dated Nov. 21 1930, payable 15 days arter date; endorsed by $\quad 2$ Co., par $\$ 20$ Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co_ 380 George E. Shomo, together with
all attendant rights of action 2 Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co-. 380
10 Provident Trust Co_-- 375 84 lot

## (Siniece de Santlago y Anexas Anonyme Francaise)

 (sochete Anonyme Francaise),wlth coupons Nos. 1 to 40, inel., attached
Bonds-
Per Cent.
1,000,000 Atlantic Fruit \& Sugar
Co. 1st mtge. $7 \%$ gold bonds. co. 1st mtge. $\%$ gold bonds, 67,000 Atlantic Frult \& Sugar Co 00 lot all attendant rights oreon.... 84 lot
By A. J. Wright \& Co., Buffalo:


## 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:

| Name of Company. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Per } \\ \text { Cent. } \end{gathered}$ | When Payable. | Day. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| lantic Coast Line Rr, common passed divide n |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| oston \& Albany RR. Co., cap, stock.-- |  |  | Holders |
| Consolidated RR, of Cuba, pref.-No ac Cuba RR., pref.-No action taken. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Spec. guarant |  | June 10 | * Holders of re |
| oblle \& Birming |  | July | Holders of rec. June |
| Iorris \& Essex (S | * 814 |  | ${ }^{*} \mathrm{H}$ |
| Southern Pacific Co.-Dividend omitted |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| abama Water | *\$11/2 | June | *Holders |
| Arkansas-Missourl Power $7 \%$ pt, dividen d actio n |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Bell Telephone Co. of Canada com. (ar.) | \$13/4 |  | Holders of re |
| Binghamton Lt., Ht. \& Power \$6 pt.(qu) *\$11/2 July 1 *Holder |  |  |  |
| Common (quar.) |  | July | *Holders of ree. |
| Boston Elevated Ry., common (quar.) --Buffalo, Niagara \&*Eastern Power |  |  |  |
| $\$ 5$ preferred (quar.) |  |  |  |
| anadian Gen. El. Co | f19 | July |  |
| Common |  | July | Holders of rec. Jun |
| Chicago District Elect, Gen, \$6 pf. (qr.)- | * $111 / 2$ |  | ${ }^{\text {Holder }}$ |
| Commonwealth \& Sthrn, Corp, pt. (qr.)- $\$ 11 / 2$ July $1 \mathbf{H}^{\text {H }}$ |  |  |  |
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Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House. Beginning with March 31 1928, the New York City Clearing House Association discontinued giving out all statements previously issued and now makes only the barest kind of a report. The new returns show nothing but the deposits, along with the capital and surplus. The Public National Bank \& Trust Co. and Manufacturers Trust Co. are now members of the New York Clearing House Association, having been admitted on Dec. 11 1930. See "Financial Chronicle" of Dec. 31 1930, pages 3812-13. We give the statement below in full:
STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WEEK ENDED SATURDAY, MAY 211932.


The New York "Times" publishes regularly each week returns of a number of banks and trust companies which are not members of the New York Clearing House. The Public National Bank \& Trust Co. and Manufacturers Trust Co., having been admitted to membership in the New York Clearing House Association on Dec. 11 1930, now report weekly to the Association and the returns of these two banks are therefore no longer shown below. The following are the figures for the week ending May 20:
Institutions not in the clearing house with the closing of BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, MAY 201932.

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Loans, } \\ \text { Disc. and } \\ \text { Investments } \end{gathered}$ | Gold. | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} \text { Other Cash } \\ \text { Includinn } \\ \text { Bank Notes } \end{array}\right\|$ | Res. Dep.. $N . Y$. and Eisewhere. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Dep. Other } \\ & \text { Banks and } \\ & \text { Trust } \\ & \text { Cos. } \end{aligned}\right.$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Gross } \\ \text { Deposits. } \end{gathered}$ |
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|  | \% | s | \$ | \$ | s | 8 |
| Manhattan- Grace National. | 17,162,778 | 3,500 | 87,839 | 1,299,148 | 695,315 | 13,626,43 |
| Brooklyn- <br> Peoples Nat'l. | 6,230,000 | 5,000 | 72,000 | 383,000 | 27,000 | 5,570,000 |

TRUST COMPANIES-AVERAGE FIGURES.

|  | Loans, Disc.and Investments. | Cash. | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Res've Dep.. } \\ \text { Ni P. } \\ \hline \text { Esewhere. } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Depos. Other } \\ \text { Banks and } \\ \text { TTust Cos. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Gross } \\ \text { Deposits. } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
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| Manhattan- | s | \$ | \$ | \$ | s |
| Brooklyn- | 55,033,100 | *2,896,300 | 11,628,500 | 2,253,300 | 57,651,200 |
| Fuiton-...- | 17,298,800 | ${ }_{*}^{* 2,178,900} 6$ | 16,856,405 |  | 59,169,659 |
| United States.. | 62,456,313 | 6,483,333 | 10,850,405 |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Brooklyn- } \\ & \text { Brooklyn_- } \\ & \text { Kings Counts } \end{aligned}$ | 87,669,000 $25,970,836$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,341,000 \\ & 1,882,137 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 42,011,000 \\ 5,786,021 \end{array}$ | 379,000 | $\begin{gathered} 110,472,000 \\ 26,978,819 \end{gathered}$ |

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.-In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week Ended } \\ \text { May } 25 \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ | Changes from Previous Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week Ended } \\ \text { May } 18 \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week Ended } \\ \text { May 11 } \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ |
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|  | \$ | S |  |  |
| Capital | $79,900,000$ | - 500,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 80,400,000 \\ & 74.619 .000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 80,400,000 \\ & 74,619,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Surplus and profits-.-.--- | $73,835,000$ $803,215,000$ | -11,008,000 | $814,223,000$ | 834,302,000 |
| Loans, disc'ts \& invest'ts- | 531,225,000 | -6,251,000 | 537,476,000 | 527,499,000 |
| Due to banks.... | 126,514,000 | -6.522,000 | 133,066,000 | 134,507,000 |
| Time deposits. | 198,495,000 | - $2,8688,000$ | $201,363,000$ $27,281,000$ | $204,125,000$ $32,660,00$ |
| United States deposits.-- | $23,252,000$ $9,960,000$ | - | 10,661,000 | 10,682,000 |
| Exchanges for Clg. House Due from other banks. | 123,008,000 | +109,000 | 122,899,000 | 117,659,000 |
| Dues've in legal deposit'les | 80,413,000 | $-7,345,000$ | 87,758,000 | $72,909,000$ 8851,000 |
| Cash in bank | $8,930,000$ | -576,000 | $9,506,000$ 24.589 | $8,851,000$ $10,393,000$ |
| Res. in excess in F. R. Bk. | 18,201,000 | -6,388,000 | 24,589,000 | 10,393,000 |

Philadelphia Banks.-Beginning with the return for the week ended Oct. 11 1930, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association began issuing its weekly statement in a new form. The trust companies that are not members of the Federal Reserve System are no longer shown separately, but are included with the rest. In addition, the companies recently admitted to membership in the Association are included. One other change has been made. Instead of showing "Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank" and "Cash in Vault" as separate items, the two are combined under designation "Legal Reserve and Cash."
Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are $10 \%$ on demand deposits and $3 \%$ on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in Vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is $10 \%$ on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with Legal Depositaries" and "Cash in Vaults."
Beginning with the return for the week ended May 14 1928, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association discontinued showing the reserve required and whether reserves held are above or below requirements. This practice is continued.

|  | Week Ended May 21 1932. | Changes from Previous Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week Ended } \\ \text { May 14 } \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ | Week Ended May 1932, |
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| Loans, discts. and invest- |  |  |  |  |
| Exch. for Clearing House. |  | 13,00 | 112,090 | 125,7 |
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| Individual |  | 8 , | 614,695,0 | ${ }^{621,582,00}{ }_{263}$ |
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| tal depo |  |  | 88,222,0 | 87,62 |

## Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, May 26, 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 The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for weach of the twith those of the corresponding week last year ; Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Coserve Agents, Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and latest week appears on page 3897, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and comment upon the returns for the Combined resources and liablitties of the federal reserye banks it close discussions.
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| WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURGES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 25 1932 |
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| RESOURCES. <br> Gold with Federal Reserve Agents Gold red'n fund with U. S. Treas.- | $\begin{array}{\|r\|r\|} \hline 2,113,407,0 & 167,627,0 \\ 40,368,0 & 1,599,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc} \$ & \$ 82, \\ 530,882,0 & 170,780,0 \\ 10,151,0 & 4,434,0 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Dallas. | Sa |
|  |  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{S} \\ 204,470,0 \\ 4,972,0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 8 \\ 49,200,0 \\ 2,439,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{8} \\ 68,000,0 \\ 3,451,0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ 557,795,0 \\ 2,818,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{S} \\ 71,405,0 \\ 1,697,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ \\ 41,820,0 \\ 1,750,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 53,080,0 \\ 2,234,0 \end{gathered}$ | $\stackrel{8}{8}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 74,863,0 \\ 3,867,0 \end{array}$ |
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|  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,153,775,0 \\ 3620,593,0 \\ 340,713,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 169,2 | $\begin{aligned} & 541,033,0 \\ & 185,816,0 \\ & 200,431,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 175,214,0 \\ 7,918,0 \\ 10,455,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 209,442,0 \\ 23,862,0 \\ 17,704,0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 51,639,0 \\ 1,870,0 \\ 6,268,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 71,451,0 \\ 7,859,0 \\ 7,843,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} 560,613,0 \\ 78,950,0 \\ 28,369,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 73,102,0 \\ 3,717,0 \\ 11,108,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 43,570,0 \\ 10,145,0 \\ 2,842,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 55,314,0 \\ 10,188.0 \\ 11,087,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,441,0 \\ & 5,122,0 \\ & 4,231,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 178,730,0 \\ 18,270,0 \\ 23,019,0 \end{gathered}$ |
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|  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,857,081,0195,458,0 \\ 207,131,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{rrr} 927,280,0 & 193,587,0 \\ 52,791,0 & 28,442,0 \end{array}$ |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{r} 251,008,0 \\ 17,799,0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{aligned} & 59,777,0 \\ & 12,945,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 87,153,0 \\ 5,791,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 667,932,0 \\ 24,417,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 87,927,0 \\ & 10,650,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 56,557,0 \\ 4,062,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6,589,0 \\ & 7,344,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 33,794,0 \\ & 11,266,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 220,019,0 \\ 10,082,0 \end{array}$ |
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| on-re | $\begin{array}{r} 3,084,212,02 \\ 76,136,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 217,000,0 \\ 6,006,0 \end{array}$ | $980,071,0$$21,999,0$ | $222,029,0$ <br> $3,085,0$ | $268,807,0$$3,623,0$ | $\begin{array}{r} 72,722,0 \\ 3,771,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 92,944,0 \\ 5,630,0 \end{array}$ | 692, | $\begin{array}{r} 98,577,0 \\ 4,340,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 60,619,0 \\ 2,119,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 83,933,0 \\ 2,280,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 45,060,0 \\ 3,969,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 30,101,0 \\ 6,251,0 \end{array}$ |
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| Sec. by U. S. Go Other bills disco | $\begin{aligned} & 190,168,0 \\ & 281,099,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14,502,0 \\ & 15,737,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 61,120,0 \\ & 38,618,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 20,307,0 \\ & 42,143,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24,039,0 \\ & 27,769,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,581,0 \\ 19,785,0 \end{array}$ | $24,783,0$ | $15,993,0$ | $6,089,0$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,695,0 \\ & 9,205,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,180,0 \\ 20,636,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,813,0 \\ & 9,998,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,122,0 \\ & 0,343,0 \end{aligned}$ |
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|  | $38,373,0$ | $\begin{array}{r} 30,239,0 \\ 2,344,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 99,738,0 \\ & 12,716,0 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 62,450,0 \\ 3,283,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,104,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,364,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 32,155,0 \\ 1,423,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 27,614,0 \\ 4,614,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14,009,0 \\ 1,005,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13,900,0 \\ 632,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 24,816,0 \\ 891,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11,811,0 \\ 988,0 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8,465,0 \\ 5,009,0 \end{array}$ |
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| Two Cuphers (00) omitted. | Total. | Boston. | New York. | Phila. | Cleveland. | Richmond | Allanta. | Chicajo. | St. Louts. | Minneap. | Kan.C4ty. | Dallas. | San Fran. |
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| RESOURCES (Concluded)- <br> U. S. Government securitles: | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
|  | $374,784,0$ $166,372,0$ | $19,662,0$ $11,512,0$ | $166,871,0$ 67,364 | $25,670,0$ 13,4688 | 29,309,0 | 9,308,0 | 8,376,0 | 54,022,0 | 8,515,0 | 15,231,0 | 9,206,0 | 14,860,0 | 13,754,0 |
| Treasury notes ${ }^{\text {Certificates and }}$ bills | $166,372,0$ $984,040,0$ | $11,512,0$ $65,556,0$ | 67,364, 418,225 | 13,468,0 | 17,728,0 | 5,631,0 | 4,999,0 | 19,614,0 | 4,849,0 | 4,606,0 | 5,343,0 | 14,838,0 | 8,320,0 |
| Certificates and bills | 984,040,0 | 65,556,0 | 418,225,0 | 77,003,0 | 101,359,0 | 32,194,0 | 28,578,0 | 112,141,0 | 27,725,0 | 26,332,0 | 30,561,0 | 16,798,0 | 47,568,0 |
| Total U. S. Govt. securities Other securitles | $\begin{array}{r} 1,525,196,0 \\ 5,220,0 \end{array}$ | 96,730,0 | $\begin{array}{r} 652,460,0 \\ 3,545,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 116,141,0 \\ 1,675,0 \end{array}$ | 148,396,0 | 47,133,0 | 41,953,0 | 185,777,0 | 41,089,0 | 46,169,0 | 45,110,0 | 34,596,0 | 69,642,0 |
| Total bills and securiti | 2,040,056,0 | 129,313,0 | 768,459,0 | 183,549,0 | 203,308,0 | 73,863,0 | 75,531,0 | 217,901,0 | 56,103,0 | 60,701,0 | 70,817 | 47,395,0 |  |
| Due from forelgn banks | 4,644,0 | 375,0 | 1,638,0 | 508,0 | -475,0 | 188,0 | 174,0 | 217,612,0 | 20,0 | 12,0 | 136,0 | 132,0 | 324,0 |
| F. R. notes of othe | 14,624,0 | 339,0 | $4,218,0$ | 298,0 | 854,0 | 985,0 | 1,045,0 | 1,616,0 | 1,698,0 | 316,0 | 1,424,0 | 243,0 | 1,588,0 |
| Bank premises. | $337,924,0$ $58,084,0$ | $41,268,0$ 3,336 | 14,817,0 | 30,104,0 | 32,658,0 | 25,514,0 | $8,340,0$ | 40,299,0 | 13,724,0 | 6,512,0 | 16,755,0 | 10,528,0 | 17,396,0 |
| All other resour | 39,541,0 | 1,760,0 | 20,244,0 | $2,873,0$ 839,0 | 7,672,0 | $3,612,0$ $4,064,0$ | $2,489,0$ $3,702,0$ | $7,827,0$ $1,429,0$ | $3,461,0$ $1,337,0$ | 1,834,0 | $3,649,0$ $1,094,0$ | $1,787,0$ $1,284,0$ | 4,433,0 |
| Total resources | 5,635,221,0 | 399,397,0 | 1,906,272,0 | 443,285,0 | $\overline{519,363,0}$ | 184,719,0 | 189,855,0 | $\overline{975,146,0}$ | 179,260,0 | $\underline{133,513,0}$ | 180,088,0 | 110,398,0 | 413,925,0 |
| F. R. notes in actual circulati | 2,532,714,0 | 190,455,0 | 556,286,0 | 245,633,0 | 290,596,0 | 89,084,0 | 114,732,0 | 548,951,0 | 89,564,0 | 72,343,0 | 79,903,0 | 35,155,0 | 220,012,0 |
| Member bank | 2,214,384,0 | 130,070,0 | 1,072,561,0 | 116,663,0 | 141,807,0 | 49,254,0 |  |  | 55,212,0 | 40,686,0 |  |  |  |
| Government | -36,366,0 | 1,688,0 | 12,671,0 | 2,412,0 | 2,137,0 |  | 45,426,0 | 515,178,0 | $5,018,0$ 1,218 | 2,018, | $68,242,0$ | 2,364,0 | $133,939,0$ $2,423,0$ |
| Foreign ban | 40,706,0 | 3,100,0 | 13,214,0 | 4,201,0 | 4,120,0 | 1,632,0 | 1,509,0 | 5,466,0 | 1,428,0 |  |  |  | $2,423,0$ $2,814,0$ |
| Other deposit | 29,319,0 | 79,0 | 17,046,0 | 149,0 | $3,363,0$ | 1,220,0 | 147,0 | 5,843,0 | 1,783,0 | 393,0 | 1,183,0 | 1,008,0 | 5,173,0 |
| Total deposits | 2,320,775,0 | 134,937,0 | 1,115,492,0 | 123,425,0 | 151,427,0 | 52,948,0 | 48,835,0 | 326,545,0 | 58,441,0 | 43,994,0 | 70,522,0 | 49,860,0 | 144,349,0 |
| Deferred availab | 334,481,0 | 41,336,0 | 89,558,0 | 29,432,0 | 32,463,0 | 24,844,0 | 8,344,0 | 39,822,0 | 15,344,0 | 6,318,0 | 16,614,0 | 11,737,0 | 18,669,0 |
| Capital pald | 154,749,0 | 11,526,0 | 59,130,0 | 16,231,0 | 14,215,0 | 5,218,0 | 4,876,0 | 17,307,0 | 4,479,0 | 2,926,0 | 4,089,0 | 3,960,0 | 10,792,0 |
| Surplus | 259,421,0 | 20,039,0 | 75,077,0 | 26,486,0 | 27,040,0 | 11,483,0 | 10,449,0 | 38,411,0 | 10,025,0 | 6,356,0 | 8,124,0 | 7,624,0 | 17,707,0 |
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| Held by Federal Reserve Bank. | 225,509,0 | 18,405,0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In actual circulation. | 2,532,714,0 | 190,455,0 | 6,286,0 | 245,633,0 | 290,596,0 | 89,084,0 | 114,732,0 | 548,951,0 | 89,564,0 | 72,343,0 | 79,903,0 | 35,155,0 | 220,012,0 |
| Collateral held by Agt. as security for notes issued to bank: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gold and gold certificates | $880.812,0$ | 47,010,0 | $\begin{aligned} & 400,882,0 \\ & 130,000,0 \end{aligned}$ | $74,920,0$$95,860,0$ | $\begin{array}{r} 71,970,0 \\ 132,500,0 \end{array}$ | $13,270,0$$35,930,0$ | 14,000,0 | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} 122,795,0 \\ 435,000,0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16,005,0 \\ & 55,400,0 \end{aligned}$ | $13,120,0$$28,700,0$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10,280,0 \\ & 42,800,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13,460,0 \\ & 10,025,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 83,100,0 \\ & 91,763,0 \\ & 76,255,0 \end{aligned}$ |
| Gold fund-F. R. Board | 1,232,595,0 | 120,617,0 |  |  |  |  | 54,000,0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U. S.ligible paper--..---1.- | 469,274,0 | $30,212,0$ 13,000 | 101,094,0 | $62,370,0$ <br> $27,000,0$ | $\begin{aligned} & 51,627,0 \\ & 50,000,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25,441,0 \\ & 23,000,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 31,845,0 \\ & 33,000,0 \end{aligned}$ | 27,689,0 | $\begin{array}{r} 13,181,0 \\ 9,000,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11,498,0 \\ & 21,900,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24,374,0 \\ & 14,000,0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11,688,0 \\ 5,500,0 \end{array}$ |  |
| U. S. Government securiti | 196,400,0 | 13,000,0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total collateral | 2,779,081,0 | 210,839,0 | 631,976,0 | 260,150,0 | 306,097,0 | 97,641,0 | 132,845,0 | 585,484,0 | 93,586,0 | 77,218,0 | 91,454,0 | 40,673,0 | 51,118,0 |

## Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the reporting member banks from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 14 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 2523. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 3898, immediately preceding which we also give the figures of New York and Chicago reporting member banks for a week later.
Beginning with the statement of Jan. 9 1929, the loan figures exclude "Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or dratts sold with endorsement, and include
all real estate mortyages and mortgage loans held by the bank. Previously acceptances of other banks and blls sold with endorsement were included with loan and of the banks included mortgages in Investments. Loans seoured by U. S. Government obbigations are no longer shown separately, only the total of loans on securitles belng given. Furthermore, borrowing at the Federal Reserve is not any more subdivided to show the amount secured by U . S. obligations and those secured by commerclal
 ning Oct. 91929 even this has been omitted. The figures have also been revised to exclude a bank in the San Francisco district with loans and investments of $\$ 135,000.000$
on Jan. 2 1929, which had then recently merged with a non-member bank. The figures are now given in round millions instead of in thousands. PRINGIPAL RESOURGES AND LIABILITIES OF ALL REPORTING M. MBER BANKS IN EACH FED
BUSINESS MAY 181932 (In millions of dollars).

| Federal Reserve District - | Total. | Boston. | New York | Phua. | cleveland. | Rtchmond | Atlanta. | Chicago. | St. Louts. | Minneap. | Kan.Cuty. | Dallas. | San Fran. |
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| Loans and investments-total | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{8} \\ & 19,037 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\stackrel{8}{1,208}$ | \% ${ }_{\text {7,650 }}$ | $\stackrel{8}{1,104}$ | $\stackrel{\text { ¢ }}{1,942}$ | ${ }_{580}$ | ${ }_{514}$ | $\stackrel{\text { 2,458 }}{\text { ¢ }}$ | \$63 | ${ }^{5} 337$ | ${ }^{5} 543$ | ${ }^{8} 390$ | $\stackrel{\text { S }}{1,748}$ |
| Loans-total | 11,661 | 792 | 4,534 | 658 | 1,190 | 344 | 338 | 1,716 | 328 | 198 | 278 | 249 | 1,036 |
| On securities All other. | $\begin{aligned} & 4,950 \\ & 6,711 \end{aligned}$ | 306 486 | $\underset{2,416}{2,18}$ | 331 327 | 543 <br> 647 | 130 <br> 214 | ${ }_{228}^{110}$ | 796 920 | 127 201 | 56 142 | 81 197 | 76 173 | 276 760 |
| Investments-total | 7,376 | 416 | 3,116 | 446 | 752 | 236 | 176 | 742 | 235 | 139 | 265 | 141 | 712 |
| U. S. Government securitte Other securities. | $\begin{aligned} & 4,093 \\ & 3,283 \end{aligned}$ | 224 192 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,894 \\ & 1,222 \end{aligned}$ | 176 270 | 405 <br> 347 | ${ }_{124}^{112}$ | 90 86 | ${ }_{322}^{420}$ | 102 133 | 66 73 | 138 128 | 83 58 | ${ }_{329}^{383}$ |
| Reserve with F. R. Bank_ | 1,718 | 103 | 901 | 71 | 107 | 34 | 29 | 254 | 36 | 21 | 46 | 26 | 90 |
| Net demand deposits. | 11,134 | 710 | 5,553 | 12 617 | 25 838 | ${ }_{276}^{12}$ | ${ }_{226}{ }^{7}$ | 35 1,312 | 284 | 170 | ${ }_{355}^{13}$ | ${ }^{234}$ | 15 |
| Time deposits. .-.-. | 5,674 | ${ }^{418}$ | 1,214 | 266 | 821 | 225 | 195 | ${ }^{1,977}$ | ${ }_{209}^{209}$ | 147 | 178 | 127 | 897 |
| Due from banks.-.-- | 1,233 | 128 | ${ }_{109}^{138}$ | ${ }_{94}^{36}$ | 78 | 12 69 | 24 68 | 27 251 | $8{ }^{6}$ | 41 | 107 | 87 | 23 125 |
| Due to banks--............. | 2,756 180 | 125 3 | 1,154 ${ }_{27}$ | 169 | 211 34 | 83 | 80 17 | 386 | 103 4 | $5{ }_{59}$ | 139 10 | 80 | $\begin{array}{r}167 \\ 63 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business May 25 1932, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:


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## Wall Street, Friday Night, May 271932.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.-See page 3930. The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange not


Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, \&c.

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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 bonds 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.
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31/5s, 1946-1949..

Note. The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Foreign Exchange.-

The Curb Exchange.-The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 3930 .

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 3959.

## CURRENT NOTICES

- F. R. Henderson, former President of the Rubber Exchange of New York, has returned to the rubber business after an absence of two years 11 Broadway. In addition to his close association with the rubber industry for many years, Mr. Henderson was also active in the organization of the Silk, Hide and Metal Exchanges. Clark, Childs \& Co who have memberships in twelve exchanges, also announced the appointment of Claude M. Smith, member of the New York Hide Exchange, is manager of their hide department.
-Clark Williams \& Co. announce that Arthur J. O'Neill has joined their Fordham office as Manager of the Investment Department. Other additions to the Fordham Office include Earl W. Graham, John A. Lauria, Ray X. Morreale.
-Douglas V. Macpherson, formerly Vice-President of Bancamerica Blair Corp., has been appointed manager of the new municipal bond department of S. W. Straus \& Co.. 565 Fifth Ave., New York.


## Report of Stock Sales -New York Stock Exchange daily, weekly and yearly Occupying Altogether Eight Pages - Page One

ar FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE PAGE PRECEDING.

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| Pressed Metals |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 52 \\ & 15 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Slimpson's Ltd |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $551 / 2$ |  |
| Stand steel | 13, | 13 |  | 642 24 | $12 \% \mathrm{May}$ |  | ${ }_{29}^{23 / 8}$ | Mar |
| Preterred | 213 | 213/3 |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |
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Baltimore Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange,

| Stocks- | $\begin{gathered} \text { Frrdid } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Pric. } \end{gathered}$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Wheer. } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{gathered}$ | Range Stince Jan. 1. |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Low. | Hig |
| Arundel Corporation-...-** | 17 | 17 | 635 | 16 May | $261 / 2 \mathrm{Mar}$ |
| Atlantic Coast Ln (Conn) 50 | 11 | 11 | ${ }_{4}^{36}$ |  |  |
|  |  | 1121123 | 22 | 111 Apr | 1161 Feb |
| Commercial Credit |  |  | 40 |  |  |
| Preferred B--1-.... 25 |  | 1443/ $14313 / 2$ | ${ }_{707}^{66}$ |  |  |
| Consol Gas, EL L Pow--** | 4532 | 1043/2 $104 / 2$ | 10 | 103 \% Apr |  |
| $5 \%$ |  | 100100 | 15 | 100 Jan | 107 Jan |
| $5 \%$ preferred- ${ }^{5}$ |  | $933 / 295$ | 53 10 | 933/2 May |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Eastern }}$ Rolling Mill | 24 | ${ }_{24}^{1 / 8}{ }_{24}^{1 / 8}$ |  | ${ }_{24}^{1 / 3}$ May |  |
| Emersily \& Deposit..... 50 | 29 |  | 332 | 281/2 May | $853 / 2 \mathrm{JaO}$ |
| Ftnance Co of Am class A.- |  | 31/3 5 | 166 | 3 Apr | $71 / 2 \mathrm{Mar}$ |
| Finance co |  |  | 150 | May |  |
| preferred |  | 10 | 206 | $81 /$ |  |
| 2 l preterred | 24 |  | 1,077 | ${ }^{23} 5$ May |  |
| Monon W Penn PS pret-25 |  |  | 786 | ${ }_{12}^{17 / 2} \mathrm{Apr}$ | ${ }_{213 /}^{20} \mathrm{Mar}$ |
| New Amsterd Cas ins Penna Water \& Power | 39\%/4 | $\begin{array}{lll}14 & 15 \\ 39\end{array}$ | 126 | ${ }^{3914}$ May |  |
| Uented Rys \& Electric.... 50 |  | 30 C 3 ${ }^{1 / 2}$ | 240 |  | $\begin{array}{cc}13 / 2 \\ { }_{5}^{13 / 8} & \text { Mar } \\ \text { Jan }\end{array}$ |
| Fid \& Guar new-.--10 | 23/6 |  | 2.240 |  |  |
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| Baltimore City- 1961 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{4}^{48}$ sewerage impt_.. 1961 |  | 95\%\% $951 / 2$ | 100 | 95 Apr | 96\% Apr |
| $4 \mathrm{4s} 3 \mathrm{~d} \mathrm{sew}$ ser (coupon) 5 ' 58 |  |  | 1,000 |  | 971/ May |
| 4 4 harbor serial - - 1957 |  | ${ }_{98}^{981 / 4} 988$ | $\xrightarrow{1,2000}$ | ${ }_{98}^{96 / 2}$ May | ${ }_{98}{ }^{\text {d }}$ May |
| 4 s 2 dP \& B (coupon) 1947 |  |  | 1,00000 | 25 M | 25 May |
| Balt Tr No Bait Div 5\%'42 |  |  | 2,00 | 10 Ma | 10 May |
| Georgia \& Ala Con 5\%- |  |  | 2,0 |  |  |
| Wash Balt \& Annap 5 s 1941 |  |  | 1,00 |  |  |
| Trust (etfs) |  |  |  |  |  |
| United Ry \& El 1 1st 6 Cs -1949 | 153, | ${ }_{15}^{15 / 4}$ | 15,000 | 15 May | 181/2 May |


| Stocks- Par. | $\left.\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|} \hline \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales } \\ & \text { for } \\ & \text { Wheek. } \\ & \text { Shares. } \end{aligned}$ | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
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| ing C | $1^{3 / 4}$ |  |  |  |  | $1_{1 / 4}^{1 / 4 a y}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & \mathrm{Mar} \\ 31 / 2 & \mathrm{Jan} \end{array}$ |  |
| Preferred |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{6}^{1} 1 / 2 \mathrm{May}$ |  |  |  |
| Canada Malting |  |  |  | 315 |  |  |  |  |
| Canada Vinegars com | 10 |  |  |  | ${ }_{2}^{13} \mathrm{y}$ May May |  |  |  |
| Canadian Wineries.- | ${ }_{2}^{134}$ |  |  | 200 |  |  | ${ }^{2} 513$ Jan |  |
| Cosgrave Export Brew-io |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{63} 30 \mathrm{Jan}$ |  |  |  |
| Distiners Corijeag | 104 1 1/8 | 1014 |  |  | 142 |  |  |  |  |
| Dominion Motors. |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |  |  |
| Dutferin Pav \& C |  | $\left.\begin{array}{cc} 28 & 30 \\ 21 / 4 & 21 / 2 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 636 & 7 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 40 \\ 205 \\ 205 \\ 487 \end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 45 \\ & 7 \\ & 31 / 6 \\ & 81 / 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Stone, pret ${ }^{\text {dec- }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ney | $6 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| L | ${ }_{2}^{25}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}25 & 26 / 3 \\ 77 / 2 & 8 \\ 7\end{array}$ |  | 498 | $\begin{array}{cl} 25 & \text { May } \\ 71 / 2 & \text { May } \\ 77 & \text { May } \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Sip |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{ll}88 & \text { May } \\ 77 & \text { May }\end{array}$ |  |
| Robert Simpson pre |  | ( |  | 100365 |  |  | ${ }_{4}{ }_{4}$ May |  |
| Rogers Majes | $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ 93 / 2 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Service stations com |  |  |  |  |  |  | 33 | eb |
| Stand Pav \& Mat pret 100 |  |  |  | 65305 | $\begin{aligned} & 29 \\ & 17 \end{aligned}$ |  | ${ }_{46}$ Mar |  |
| Thayers Ltd pref | 1710 |  |  | ${ }_{13}^{18}$ |  |  | Mar |  |  |
| oronto Elevators com.-* |  |  |  |  | 10 May |  |  |  |  |
| Oils- | $\begin{aligned} & 8^{1 / 2 / 2} \\ & 8^{2} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}81 / 2 & 9 \\ 2\end{array}$ |  | 2,167 ${ }^{50}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 833 \\ & { }_{2} \\ & \mathrm{May} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $111 / \mathrm{Mar}$ |  |
| British American Oil |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 10 |  | 3,0621,252 | 9 |  | $113 / 4 \mathrm{May}$ |  |
| Internatlonal Petroleum.* | 101\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MeColl Frontenac Oll com* |  |  |  |  | 12902 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Apr } \\ & \text { May } \\ & \text { May } \\ & \text { May } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Supertest Petroleum ord.* | ${ }_{90}^{121 / 2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \\ & 90 \\ & 90 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  | $183 / 2$98 |  |
| Preferred A.-..- $\mathbf{1 0}^{100}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Union Natural Gas Co.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions t Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, May 21 to May 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- | $\begin{gathered} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sase } \\ \text { Price. } \end{gathered}$ | Week's Range of Prices.Low. High. | $\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Wheek. } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{array}$ | Range Stnce Jan. 1. |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Low. | High |  |
| Ark Nat Gas Corp com-.-. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ * |  | 31/2 32/4 | 273 | ${ }_{31}^{1} / 2 \mathrm{May}$ May |  |  |
| Preterred <br> Armstrong Cork <br> Co com-- |  |  | 273 | 31/4 May |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Blaw-Knox }} \mathrm{Co}^{2}$ | 4 |  | ${ }_{2}^{346}$ | ${ }_{6}^{4} \mathrm{May}$ |  | Mar |
| Cowmbla Gas de Elec com* | $67 / 8$ |  | 2,238 | ${ }_{4}^{61 / 2} \mathrm{May}$ |  | Mar May |
|  |  |  | , |  |  |  |
| Lone Star Gas. | 4 | 37/8 $41 / 16$ | 3,816 | 37/8 Apr |  | Jan |
| Mesta Machine | 6 | $5_{5}^{7 / 4}$ | 260 10 | ${ }_{3}^{61 / 6} \mathrm{Man}$ |  |  |
| Pittsburgh Preferred | 74/ |  | 10 | 6 Feb |  | Apr |
|  | 13\% | 13314 | 1,587 | 133 May |  |  |
| Pitts screw \& Bolt Co | $21 / 2$ | $21 / 2 \quad 3$ | 405 | $21 / 2 \mathrm{May}$ |  |  |
| Standard Steel Spring |  |  | ${ }_{470}$ | ${ }_{12}^{53} \mathrm{~A}$ May | 101/2 |  |
| Westhouse Arr Brake--..** |  |  | 1.439 | 93\% Jan |  |  |
| West'house E1 \& MIg-..-50 | $191 / 2$ | 193124315 | 2,300 | 191/2 May | 27/6 | ar |
| Un1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Penroad |  | $\begin{array}{lll}11 / 8 \\ 21 / 4 & 13 / 2\end{array}$ | ${ }_{1}^{1.635}$ |  |  |  |

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions
at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, May 21 to May 27, both at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array}$ | Week's Ranoe of Prices. Low. High. |  |  | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Low |  | High |  |
| American St | 25 | 25 | 30\% |  | 20,500 |  | May | $361 / 2$ | Feb |
| Bankers Securities Corp pi- | 7 |  | 8 | 1,000 |  | Apr |  |  |
| Bell Tel Ca of Pa pret. 100 | 993/4 | $9931 /$ | 10614 | , 375 | 993/4 | May | 113 | Mar |
| Budd (E G) Mtg Co...--* |  | $11 / 4$ | $1{ }^{3 / 1 / 4}$ | 1,200 900 | $1{ }^{1 / 2}$ |  | 23/8 | JJan |
| ${ }^{\text {Buamden Fir }}$ |  |  |  | 800 |  | Apr | 141/4 | Jan |
| Consol Traction of N J-100 |  | 2014 | 2014 | 45 | 2014 | May |  | Feb |
| Elec Storage Battery _ 100 |  | 16\% | 183\% | 483 | 16\% | May | 335\%8 | Feb |
| Fire Association | - | 3 93 | 951/8 | 1,700 10 | ${ }_{9}^{3}$ | May | 150 | Apr |
| Horn \& Hard (Phia) com * |  | 19 | 20\% | 1,700 | 19 | May | 34 | Apr |
| Insurance Co of N A .... 10 | 21 | 21 | 25 | 2,200 | 21 | May | 40 | Apr |
| Lehigh Coal \& Navigation. | 65/8 | 6 | 73/8 | 5,500 |  | May | 1414 | Jan |
| Lehigh Valley |  | 1 | $71 / 8$ | 2,100 |  | May | 173/8 | Jeb |
| Mitten Bank Sec | 1 | $11 / 4$ | 15/8 | 5,100 |  | May | 378 | Jan |
|  |  | $731 / 8$ | 9\%\% | 6,700 |  | May | $227 / 8$ | Jan |
| Panna Salt Manutacturing. | 2114 | 21.4 | 25 |  |  | May |  | Jan |
| Phila Electric of Pa $\$ 5$ pref |  |  | ${ }_{27}^{93}$ | -60 |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}^{\text {Apr }}$ |  | Mar |
| Phila Elec Pow pref.... 25 |  |  |  | 1,500 |  | Jan | 388/8 | Fan |
| Phila Insulated |  | 24 |  | 75 400 | 221/8 | Apr Apr |  | Jan |
| Phila Rapid Transit.-.-. 50 |  | 51 |  |  |  | May |  | Jan |
| Phila \& Rd Coal \& Iron. |  | 23/8 | $23 / 8$ | 30 |  | May | 57/8 | Feb |
| Philadelphia Traction... 50 | 17 | 1614 |  | 200 |  |  | $283 / 8$ | Jan |
| Railroad Shares Cord |  |  |  | 100 |  | ${ }_{\text {Apr }}{ }_{\text {Apr }}$ | 53/8 | Jan |
| Reliance Insurance |  |  | 31 | 100 |  | May | $421 / 8$ | May |
| Scott Paper-...-- |  |  |  | 192 | 30 | May | 3814 | Apr |
| Telephone Security Cord pt |  |  |  | 20 |  | Jan |  | Jan |
| Tono-Belmont Devel |  | ${ }_{1-16}^{1-16}$ | $6^{1-16}$ | 1,000 100 | ${ }_{1-16}^{1-16}$ | Apr |  | Feb |
| Tonopah Mining <br> Union Traction |  |  |  | 1,400 |  |  | 1718 | Jan |
| Union Traction.-....... <br> United Gas Impr com new | $13 \% 8$ |  | 1618 | 45,200 |  |  | 21\% | Mar |
| United Gas Impr com new | 13\% | 82 | 82 | 100 |  | May | 94 |  |

Cleveland Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, May 21 to May 27, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists.

| ks- | Week's Range$\begin{aligned} & \text { of Prices. } \\ & \text { Low. High. } \end{aligned}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Week. } \end{array}\right\|$Shares. | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |
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|  |  |  | Low | High. |
| Al |  | 5 |  | 7  <br> $7 \% 8$ Jan <br> Apr  |
|  | ${ }_{15}^{53 / 4} 5$ | ${ }_{7}^{25}$ | ${ }^{51 / 2}$ Mapr |  |
| City Iee Elec $116 \%$ pret 100 | ${ }_{93}^{15}{ }^{94}{ }^{\text {94 }}$ | 156 | ${ }_{95}^{11 / 2} \mathrm{Apr}$ Apr | 1031/8 Jan |
| Cleve Ry ctts of dep- | $\begin{array}{cc}39 & 39 \\ 3 & 39\end{array}$ | 180 |  | $43 / 4 \mathrm{Jan}$ |
| Cleve \& Sandusky Brew 100 | $31 / 8$ | 55 | ${ }_{21} 31 /{ }^{\text {a }}$ Jan | ar |
| Commercial Book binding-**- |  | 100 365 | ${ }^{34}{ }^{3} / 2$ Jan |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{lll}24 / 2 & 26 \\ 4 & \\ \end{array}$ |  | $3{ }^{3} /{ }^{\text {Jan }}$ | ${ }^{43} \mathrm{~A} \mathrm{Apr}$ |
| Fed Knitting Mill | $\begin{array}{ll}20 & 20 \\ 47 & 48\end{array}$ | 100 220 | ${ }_{47}^{20}$ May | ${ }^{23318} \mathrm{Mar}$ |
| restone T\&R6\% Df. 100 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ${ }_{6}^{47} \times 78$ | ${ }_{160}$ | 6\% May |  |
|  | $81 / 29$ | 200 | ${ }_{4}^{81 / 2} \mathrm{May}$ | ${ }_{\text {131/2 }} \begin{aligned} & \text { Jan } \\ & \text { Jan }\end{aligned}$ |
| Halle Bros Co-.......... ${ }^{\text {He}}$ |  | 100 | ${ }_{\text {May }}$ | ${ }_{61 / 2}^{7}$ Jan |
| ${ }^{\text {Harbauer com }}$ India Tire \& Ruber com-* | 13/2 $11 / 5$ | 55 | ${ }_{1}^{11 / 2} \mathrm{Apr}$ |  |
| Interlake Steamship com-* |  |  | ${ }_{1}^{131 / 2}$ May | 15 |
| Kelley Island L \& Tr com |  | 100 | ${ }_{3}^{13} \mathrm{May}$ |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Lamamsan }}$ Medusa Cement | 7312712 | 15 | ${ }_{1}^{7 / 2}$ May |  |
| Mohawk Rubber |  | ${ }_{100}^{245}$ | $1 / 2 / 2 \mathrm{May}$ | 3/. May |
| Murgay Ohlo Mantg co |  | 125 | ${ }^{4} \mathrm{~F}$ Feb | 518 ${ }^{518}$ |
| Nattonal A Ame com |  | 25 | ${ }_{4}^{1 / 4 / 2}$ May |  |
|  | ${ }_{21 / 4}^{43 / 4} 21 / 4$ | 100 | $21 / 4 \mathrm{May}$ | 24\%/8 |
| Ohio Brass 1 |  | 100 |  |  |
| Preterred- |  | 200 |  |  |
| Richman Brothers com....* | 17\%/4 1814 | 182 | 17\%/ may |  |


| Stocks (Concluded) Par. | $\left.\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|} \hline \text { Friacy } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Prre. } \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales } \\ & \text { Hor } \\ & \text { Week. } \\ & \text { Shares. } \end{aligned}$Shares. | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low. | High. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sherwin-Williams com_ 25 <br> AA pref. |  | ${ }_{81}^{221 / 8}$ |  |  | ${ }_{81}^{21}$ | May |  |  |
| Thompson Products Inc.-* |  |  |  | 450 | 81 |  |  |  |
| Youngstown S \& T pret 100 |  | 20 | 20 | ${ }_{54}$ | 20 |  |  |  |

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions inclusive, compiled from official sales lists: 21 to May 27, both

| Stocks | $\left\|\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Cost } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High. | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} \hline \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Wheek. } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{array}$ | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low. |  |  |
| Am Laundry Mach com_20 | 33 |  | 001 | $8{ }^{2} / 4 \mathrm{May}$ |  |  |
| Amer Rolling Mill com-25 | 33/4 |  | 421 | 31/4 May |  |  |
| Cin Gas \& Eleo pret... 100 |  | $\begin{array}{rrr}125 & 125 \\ 74 & 75\end{array}$ | ${ }^{30}$ | 125 May |  | Jan |
| Cin Street Ry-...------50 |  | 991210 | ${ }_{351}^{233}$ | ${ }^{74}{ }^{\text {92/ May }}$ | 903/5 |  |
| Cln \& Sub Tel --..-...- 50 | $531 / 2$ |  | ${ }_{259}$ | ${ }_{50}{ }^{1 / 2}$ May |  |  |
| City Ice \& Fuel |  | $15.15 \%$ | 16 | ${ }_{15} \mathrm{M} \mathrm{Mpr}$ | ${ }_{28}^{69}$ | Jar |
| Early \& Dantel com. |  |  | 250 100 | $1{ }^{31 / 4} \mathrm{May}$ | 5 |  |
| Preferred------.- 100 | 65 | $65 \quad 68$ | 25 | ${ }_{65} 5^{\text {May }}$ |  |  |
| Hobart Mrg--- |  | 12.13 | 60 | 12 May | 24 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Procter \& Gamble | 273/4 |  |  | 11. May |  |  |
| ${ }^{5} \mathrm{~S}$ S Praying preded.-.... 100 |  | ${ }_{93}{ }^{93}$ |  | ${ }_{913 / 2}^{293} \mathrm{May}$ |  |  |
| U S Print \& Lith Pret- 50 |  | $\begin{array}{ll}121 / 4 & 13 \\ 61 / 2\end{array}$ | 150 90 | 12 Ma | 24 |  |
| No par value. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Milwaukee Stock Exchange.-See page 3934.
St. Louis Louis Stock Exchange.-Record of transactions at clusive, compiled from official sales lists: May 27, both inhusive, compiled from official sales lists:

| Stocks- | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Lsast } \\ \text { Sole } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array}$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Sheek. } \\ \text { Shares. } \end{gathered}$ | Range Stince Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | w. |  |  |
| Bank \& Trust <br> First National Bank-.- 20 <br> Merc.-Com, Lnion Trust new | 45 | $\begin{array}{lll}383 / 2 & 40 \\ 90 & 90 \\ 45 & 47\end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 233 \\ 31 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} 381 / 2 & \mathrm{May} \\ 90 & \text { May } \\ 45 & \text { May } \end{array}$ |  | 4911067 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Burkart Mtg., pret - .-.-* |  | ${ }_{4}^{4} 12$ | ${ }^{65}$ | ${ }^{4} \mathrm{May}$ |  | 6 |  |
| Coca-Cola Bottling | 疗 | 123/121/4. | 1616020 | 121/6 May |  |  |  |
| Internat'1 Shoe co |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred | 1003 |  | ${ }_{74}^{20}$ |  |  | 431/2 Jan |  |
| Johnson-S.-S. S. | --- | cc\|c | 5071 | 12 12/ Apr |  | $\begin{array}{lll}105 & \text { Mar } \\ 15 & \text { Feb }\end{array}$ |  |
| Mo Portland Cement |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natl Candy common. |  | $5 \quad 5$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rite-Stix D. Gds. con |  | ${ }_{98}^{2} \quad 1088$ | 190 |  |  |  |  |
| Securitles Inv, pret |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| S'western Bell Tel. pf | 10574 | $\begin{array}{ll}1051 / 4 & 106 \\ 43 / 4 \\ 43 / 4\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}233 \\ 50 \\ \hline 85\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Stix, Baer \& Fuller |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| value. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Los Angeles Stock Exchange.-See page 3933.

We also give the record of transaction on the St. Loui Stock Exchange for the period May 14 to May 20 , inclusive received too late for publication last week. The figures ar compiled from official sales lists.

| Stocks- | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Week's Range of Prices. Lovo. High. | Sates <br> for <br> Week. <br> Shares. | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low |  | High. |  |
| Bank \& |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First National Bank.-.- 20 |  | $40 \quad 40$ | 522 | 40 | May | 49 |  |
| St Louis Union Trust new- |  |  |  |  | May | 67 | Feb |
| Miscellaneous- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brown Shoe com ....- 100 |  | $27 \quad 30$ | 73 |  | May | 361/4 | ar |
| Coca-Cola Bottling Con- 1 |  | $121 / 2121 / 2$ | 50 | 1213 | May | 20 | Jan |
| Corno Mills Co |  | $\begin{array}{cc}14 & 14 \\ 6 & 6\end{array}$ | ${ }_{6}^{200}$ | 14 | May | $163 /$ | Mar |
| Ely 1st preferred.....-. 100 |  | 65 65 | 656 35 |  | May |  | an |
| 2nd preferred.-------100 |  | 65 45 | 10 | 45 | May | 65 | May |
| Hamilton-Brown Shoe- 25 |  | 45 2 | 10 |  | May | $\stackrel{5}{3}$ | Feb |
| International shoe com.-* |  | 353/4 38 | 52 | 35\% | May | ${ }_{431 / 2}$ | Mar |
| Preferred.-......-. 100 | $1021 / 2$ | $1021 / 21021 / 2$ | 137 |  | Apr |  | Mar |
| Marathon Shoe com ${ }^{\text {c---25 }}$ |  | $6{ }^{6} 6$ | 15 |  | Feb | 61/4 | May |
| Mo Portland Cement_.-25 Rice-Stix Dry Gds com_ |  | $\begin{array}{ll}5 & { }_{2}^{6} \\ 21 / 8\end{array}$ | 87 1,100 | 5 2 | May May |  | Feb Mar |
| 2nd preferred.....-100 | 50 | $50{ }^{5} 50$ | 1,100 57 | 50 | May |  | Mar Mar |
| Securities Inv pref.-.-. 100 |  | 100100 | 25 | 100 | May | 101 |  |
| Southw Bell Tel pret-- 100 | 105\% | $1051 / 2106$ | 53 | 105 | May | 115 | Mar |
| Stix, Baer \& Fuller com.-* |  | 51/4 | 161 |  | May |  | Jan |
| Wagner Electric com.--100 |  |  | 815 |  | May |  | Feb |
| Preferred_---.-.-.-. 15 | 100 | 100100 | 120 | 100 | May | $1001 / 2$ | Mar |
| St. Railway BondsUnited Rallways |  | $28 \quad 28$ | \$1,000 | 28 | May |  |  | * No par value.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market. Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, May 21 to May 27 both inclusive, compiled from sales lists:


## 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 (May 22 1932) and ending the present Friday (May 27 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.

| Week Ended May 27. <br> Stocks- <br> Par. | Friday Last SalePrice. | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High. | Sales <br> Week. Shates | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  | Stocks (Continued) Par. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Friday } \\ & \text { Last } \\ & \text { Sale } \\ & \text { Price. } \end{aligned}$ | Week's Range of Prices. Low. High. |  | Range Since Jan. 1. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Low. |  | tgh. |
| Indus. \& Miscellaneous. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Bellanca Aircratt vt c.--* |  |  | 00 | $3 / 4 \mathrm{May}$ |  |  |
| Aero Supply Mfg class $\mathrm{B}_{-}{ }^{*}$ |  | $671 / 2631 / 2$ | 100 | $6731 / 2 \mathrm{May}$ |  | Jan | Bliss (E W) common...--* | 3/8 | $\begin{array}{ll}85 / 8 & 83 / 6 \\ 15 / 8 & 15\end{array}$ | 100 300 | 816 15 Feb 18 May | 1135 | Jeb |
| Air Investors conv pf...-* |  | $21 / 8 \quad 21 / 8$ | 100 | $23 / 4$ May |  | Feb | Brue Ridge Cord com |  | 18/3 | 300 300 | \% May | 43/8 | Meb |
| Ala Gt Sou RR pref.... 50 |  | $13{ }^{2} 15$ | 40 | ${ }_{13}{ }^{2 / 8}$ May | ${ }_{40}^{41 / 8}$ | Jan | 6\% opt conv. pret...so | , | $18.19 \%$ | 11,800 | $17 \%$ Jav | 27 | Mar |
| All Amer Gen Corp |  |  | 100 | $\begin{array}{cc}13 & \text { May } \\ 8 & \text { Apr }\end{array}$ |  |  | Bourjols Ine com. |  | $15 / 819$ | 700 | 15\%8 May | $41 / 2$ | Jan |
| Alled Mills Inc. Aluminum Co co | 221 | $\begin{array}{cc}3 & 3386 \\ 221 / 6 & 2416\end{array}$ | 1,300 | 2\%  <br> 1 Apr |  | Jan | Bridgeport Machi |  | $1{ }^{3 / 2} 1{ }^{3 / 2}$ | 300 300 | $1^{3 / 2} \mathrm{Apr}$ |  | Feb |
| 6\% preference.....-100 | 22.4 | 34\%18 | 1,350 250 | $221 / 8 \mathrm{May}$ | $61 \%$ | jan | Brillo Manufactu | $1 /$ | $11 / 2$ $1 / 4$ <br> $1 / 2$  | 300 900 | 431/2 May |  | Jan |
| Aluminum Goods Mfg | 9 | 81\% 918 | 3,700 | 347/6 May |  | Jan | Class A |  | $18 \quad 201 / 2$ | 300 | 18 May |  |  |
| Amer Austin Car Ca I |  | ${ }^{2} 1685$ | 300 | $1 / 8 \mathrm{May}$ |  | Jan | Bulove Watch pref | 1/4 | $63 / 8 \quad 71 / 4$ | 300 | 51/2 Apr | e12 | Jan |
| Amer Beverage-........--* | 23/2 | $21 / 2{ }^{21 / 2}$ | 100 | $21 / 2 \mathrm{Jan}$ |  | Jan | Amamer robacco ord be |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Common class | $1 / 2$ |  | 200 |  |  |  | Brltish Celanese Ltd- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$5.50 prior pr |  | 31.41 | 1,600 | $31^{\prime \prime}$ May | $513 / 2$ | ${ }_{\text {Apr }} \mathrm{Ap}$ | Amer dep rets |  | 7/8 | 100 | M |  | Feb |
| $\$ 3$ preterred | $1 / 4$ |  | 1200 | 23/4 May | 815 | Mar | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Burma Cord- } \\ & \text { Amp ded rets r } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | /8 Mar |  | Jan | utler Bros-........--- 20 |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 11 / 4 & 11 / 6 \\ 11 / 8 & 11 / 81 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & 600 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} 13 / 6 & \mathrm{Apr} \\ 3 / 6 & \mathrm{Apr} \end{array}$ |  | $\mathrm{Mst}$ |
| Amer Cyanamid com | $23 / 5$ | 214 | 2.200 | $21 / 4 \mathrm{May}$ |  | Mar | Cable Radio |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amer Hardware Corp | 143/8 | $14^{3 / 8} 1438$ | 2,200 | $14^{3 / 8} \mathrm{Apr}$ | ${ }_{\text {che }}{ }^{1768}$ | Jan | Carnation C | 97/8 | $97 / 812$ | 700 | $9^{\frac{1 / 4}{7 / 8}}$ May | 18 | Mar |
| A mer Investors com |  |  | 700 | $14 / 2 \mathrm{May}$ | ${ }^{22} 31 / 2$ | Mar | Centrifugsa Pide |  | $21 / 2-21 / 2$ | 100 | $2{ }^{2 / 8} \mathrm{May}$ |  |  |
| Am Laundry Mach con | 9 | $81 / 2{ }^{1 / 51 / 2}$ | 525 | $81 / 2 \mathrm{May}$ | $17{ }^{31 / 8}$ | Jan | Chatn Btores Stooks |  |  | 300 | 4 May |  |  |
| Amer Maize Products |  | $10^{10}$ | 100 | $9{ }^{1 / 2}$ |  | Jan | Cities Service comm | 33/8 | $31 / 4 \quad 37 / 8$ | 60,900 | 31/4 May |  |  |
| Amer Manufacturing pfi00 |  | $45 \quad 45$ | 25 | 423/2 Feb | 45 | Man | Preferred | 0 | $30 \quad 35$ | 2,200 | 29 May |  |  |
| Amer Phoentx Corb |  | 3 | 100 | 2 Jan | 3 | May | $\xrightarrow{\text { Preterred B }}$ Preferred B B |  | $23 / 4{ }^{23 / 4}$ | 100 | $23 / 2 \mathrm{Apr}$ |  | Jan |
| Amer Transformer | 2 | 2,2 | 25 | $15 / 8$ Jan |  | Mar | Claude Neon I | 21 |  | 80 | 20 May |  | Mar |
| Anchor Post Fence |  |  | 200 | $1 / 4 \mathrm{May}$ | 13/6 | Feb | Cleveland Tractor |  |  | 1,500 | (2) May |  | Jan |
| Apponaug Co commo |  | 191819 | 200 | $1{ }_{191} \mathrm{Feb}$ | 1312 | Jan | Cohn \& Rosenber |  | 3 | 100 | ay |  |  |
| Armstrong Cork 0 |  |  | 400 |  | 29 | May | Columbla Picture | 41/2 | $41 / 2413$ | 100 | $41 / 2 \mathrm{May}$ |  |  |
| Art Metal Works. |  | 1384 | 100 | 1\% May |  | Jan | Consol Retall Stores |  | 1/2 $1 / 2$ | 125 | ${ }^{1 / 2} \times 1 / 2 \mathrm{Apr}$ |  |  |
| Associated Elec Indus |  |  | 100 |  |  |  | Cooper Bessemer Corb |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Coast Fisherie |  | 2\% $2 \% / 4$ | 100 | 2\% May |  | Mar | Cord Cord............ |  | $31 / 4$ | 100 | 314. May | $9^{88}$ | Jan |
| Atlantic Securities. |  |  | 100 | 3/6 May | 13/2 | Mar | Gorroon \& Reynolds com. | , |  | 1300 800 | $21 / 4 \mathrm{May}$ |  | Jan |
| Atlas Utilities Cord |  | 4 | 200 | 2 Apr | 35\% | Jan | \$6 conv pref A |  | $10^{1 / 8} 10$ |  |  |  | Mar |
| 33 preterred | 33 |  | 20,500 | 43 Jan | 73 | Mar | Crocker Wheeler Elec |  |  | 1,200 |  |  |  |
| Warr |  |  | 3,000 | 5331/1 Feb | 36 | Mar | Crown Cork Internat cl A.* |  |  | 300 |  |  |  |
| Aviation Securites. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 141/2 $141 / 2$ | 700 | 141/2 May | 193/8 | Mar |
| Automatic Vot Mach com* |  | $\begin{array}{ll}13 / 2 & 2\end{array}$ | 13,000 | $\begin{array}{cc}63 / 4 \\ 1 / 5 & \mathrm{May}\end{array}$ |  |  | 63/2\% preferred with warrants |  |  |  |  |  | Mar |
| Babcock \& Wilcox....- 100 |  | ${ }_{335} \quad$ a35 | 13,009 | $323 / 3 \mathrm{May}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{May} \\ & \mathrm{Mar} \end{aligned}$ | Davenport Hoseiry Mills . |  | $\begin{array}{rr} 60 & 60 \\ 9 & 9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} 60 & \text { May } \\ 9 & \text { May } \end{array}$ | $65$ | $\mathrm{Mar}$ |




|  |  |  |  | Range Strce Jan. 1. |  | Bonds (Contruec)- | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Sase } \\ \text { Sate } \\ \text { Prcec } \end{array}\right.$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Salea } \\ & \text { for } \\ & \text { Weev. } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Ranno Stice Jan. 1. |  |
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| Bonds (Cortinued)- |  |  |  | Low | Htoh. |  |  |  |  | Low. | H6\%h. |
| Commonwealth Edison Co- |  |  |  |  |  | ecurtites |  | $45 \quad 474$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | , |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 64, |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {geer }}^{\text {seer }}$ |  | 78 7014 77 |  |  | ${ }_{84}^{93 \%}$ |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | ${ }_{40}^{40}$ M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $103{ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | ${ }_{103}$ | 104 |  |  | coser |  | \% |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 69 |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {serles }}^{\text {ser }}$, |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1023 \\ & 100 \\ & 1020 \\ & M a \end{aligned}$ | Iowa Pow | ${ }_{63}^{77}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Conoil Gas Util Co- ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{96}$ | 963 | 8 8,0 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coter | 102 |  |  | 1003 Mar |  | Itanan |  | ${ }_{\text {a38 }}{ }^{3} 89$ |  |  |  |
| Continental |  | ${ }_{8} 8$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 45 |  |
|  | ${ }_{58}^{59}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { jain } \\ \text { jan } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }^{96}$ |  |  |  | ${ }_{9}{ }_{9}{ }_{\text {Mar }}$ |  |  | 74\%\% $751 / 2$ | 61,000 |  | 86\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 57/4 |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{69}^{68}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | ке |  |  |  |  |  |
| , |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{88}^{683 / 4} \mathrm{Mar}$ |  |  | 68 |  |  | ¢eb |
|  |  | ${ }_{71 / 2}^{731 / 24}$ |  |  | ${ }_{89}^{98}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | , |  |
| Duauene Lt |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{88}$ |
|  | ${ }^{14} 10$ |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 30 \\ 102 \% \text { Mab } \\ 1020 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ioi ${ }^{-1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{99}^{101}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }^{33}$ |  |  |  |  |  | 4414 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 64 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Empro |  | $311 / 2$ | 6,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 483/2 | ${ }_{93}^{48 / 3 / 2} 5$ | 23,000 | ${ }^{45}$ $\begin{array}{l}\text { Jan } \\ 93 \\ \text { May }\end{array}$ | ${ }_{99}^{63 /}{ }_{\text {Mar }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 403 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{20} 81 / 3$ |  |
|  | 264 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }^{3} 3$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 35 <br> 64 |  |  |  | ${ }_{78}^{48} \times \mathrm{Mar}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{72}$ | 7036423/3 | \% |  | 81 Mar |  |  |  | ${ }^{50,000}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | ${ }^{\text {soma }}$ | ${ }_{78}^{823}$ | Mi | 68 |  |  |  | 101 |
|  |  | 55 |  | ${ }_{51}^{51 / 4}$ May |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deb bold | ${ }_{43}^{43}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 82\%/9 |
|  | 28 |  |  | 274/ May |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General Cigar serial 6 S 1932 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 100 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{5 \%}^{5 \%}$ serial | 951/4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gen Pub Uull $6,53 \mathrm{Sa} \mathrm{A}-1950$ | 20 | 20 |  |  | ${ }_{\text {did }}{ }^{1 / 2}$ Jan | Munson S S Lin |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{68}^{23}$ |  |  |  |  |  | 11 |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{47}$ |  |  |  | ${ }_{66 \%} 68 \mathrm{Mar}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ${ }^{77}{ }^{77 / 4} 8$ |  | ${ }_{62}^{77}$ |  |  | 1934 |  |  |  |  |
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| \$6.50 prefe | 13 | 15 | Miss River Power pref.-100 | 70 | 79 |
| \$7 preferred...-....-- | 18 | 21 | Mo Public Serv 7\% pref_ 100 | 30 | 33 |
| Atlantic City Elec |  | 97 | Mountain States Power--** |  | 5 |
|  | 100 |  | Nassau \& Suffolk Ltg pret. |  | 72 |
| Binghamton L H \& P \$6 pt | 78 | 83 | Nat Pub Serv 7\% pf A.-100 | 3 | 10 |
| Birmingham Elec 7\% pret | 52 | 55 | Nebraska Pow $7 \%$ pref-100 |  | 87 |
| Broad River Pow 7\% pt 100 |  | 27 | Newark Consol Gas -..-100 | 91 | 99 |
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| 7\% preferred -....- 100 | 73 | 76 |  |  |  |
| Cent Pow \& Lt 7\% pref_ 100 | ${ }_{30}$ | 32 | Ohio Edison 36 |  |  |
| Cent Pub Serv |  | 95 | $\$ 7$ preferred | 40 | 78 |
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| Consol Traction N J...- 100 | 1712 |  | Pac Gas \& E1 $\$ 1.50$ pret. 85 | 2012 | 22 |
| Consumers Pow 5\% pref - * | 12 | 71 | Pae Northwest P |  | 22 |
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| Dayton Pow \& Lt $6 \%$ Df. 100 | 83 | 87 | Pledmont Northern Ry-100 | 20 | 80 |
| Derby Gas \& Elec \$7 pref.-* |  |  | Pub Serv Co of Col $7 \%$ pri00 |  | 65 |
| Detroit Cana |  |  | Puget sound Pow \& Lt pr pr. | 42 | 47 |
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| Preferred. |  | 30 | 6\% preferred O--100 |  | 43 |
| Essex-Hudson Gas .-. - 100 | 130 |  | Stoux City G \& E 7\% Dt. 100 | 5312 | 60 |
| Forelgn Lt \& | 30 | 38 | Somerset Un Md Lt...- 100 |  | 79 |
| Gas \& Elec of Bergen_-- 100 | 90 | 95 | South Calit E1 $\$ 1.50$ Dref. 25 | 23 | 25 |
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| Hudson County Gas_... 100 | 130 |  | So Colo Pow com |  | 81 |
| Idaho Power 6 | 72 |  | $7 \%$ preterred.--..- 100 | 70 | 80 |
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| Jamalca Water Supp pf..50 | 46 | 50 | Toledo Edison pref A .- 100 | 58 | 63 |
| Jersey Cent P \& L 7\% Dt 100 |  |  | United G \& E (Cond) pt 100 |  | 48 |
| Kansas City P |  |  | United G\&E (N J) Dt.-100 | 40 |  |
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| Kansas Gas \& E1 7\% Df 100 | ${ }^{\text {E }} 7$ | 83 | Utah Pow \& Le 7 pret |  | 47 |
| Kentucky Sec Cord com_ 100 | 225 | 300 | Utics Gas \& E1 7\% dref - 100 | 85 | 87 |
| 3\% preferred.-.-.-.-100 | 49 |  | Util Pow \& Lt 7\% Drei-- 100 | 13 | 16 |
| Kings County Ltg 7\% Df 100 | 80 | 85 | Virginian Ry com.-.--- 100 | 40 | 0 |
| Long Tsland Lit $6 \%$ pfd.- 100 | 54 | 56 | Wash Ry \& Elec com.-- 100 | 250 |  |
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| Los Ang Gas \& E1 $6 \%$ pt. 100 | 75 | 85 | Western Power 7\% pref. 100 |  | 86 |

## Investment Trusts.

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Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.



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| Comm'l Nat Bank \& Tr 100 | 103 | 111 | Nat Safety Bank \& Tr--25 | 4 | 7 |
| Fifth A venue -...-. --. 100 | 1200 | 1300 | Penn Exchange --------25 | 5 | 9 |
| First National of N Y .- 100 | 890 | 990 | Peoples National.-....- 100 |  | 200 |
| Flatbush National...-- 100 |  | 60 | Public Nat Bank \& Tr--25 | 17 | 19 |
| Grace Natlonat Bank... 100 |  | 500 | Sterlt g Nat Bank \& Tr--25 |  | 11 |
| Harbor State Bank.-... 25 |  | 50 | Textile Bank | $261_{2}$ | 291 |
| Harriman Nat Bk \& Tr- 100 |  | 1290 | Trade Bank - .-.-.-- - 100 |  |  |
| Kingsboro Nat Bank .-. 100 | 49 | 59 | Washington Nat Bank-- 100 |  |  |
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| Connecticut General Life-10 | ${ }^{2512}$ | ${ }_{2}^{2812}$ |  |  |  |
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Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.



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## Quotations for Other Over-the-Counter Securities



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## CUMULATIVE INDEX COVERING RETURNS IN PRESENT AND PREVIOUS ISSUE.

Below will be found all returns of earnings, income and profits for current periods, whether monthly, quarterly or half-yearly, that have appeared the present week. It covers all classes of corporate entities, whether railroads, public utilities, industrial concerns or any other class and character of enterprise or undertaking. It is all inclusive in that respect, and hence constitutes an invaluable record.

The accompanying index, however, is not confined to the returns which have come to hand the present week. It includes also some of those given in the issue of May 21. The object of this index is to supplement the information contained in our "Monthly Earnings Record," which has been enlarged so as to embrace quarterly and semi-annual statements, as well as monthly reports. The "Monthly Earnings Record" was absolutely complete up to the date of issue, May 20, embracing every monthly, semi-annual and quarterly report which was available at the time of going to press.

The index now given shows the statements that have become available in the interval since then. The figures in most cases are merely for a month later, but there are also not a few instances of additions to the list, representing companies which had not yet made up their returns when the May number of the "Monthly Earnings Record" was issued.

We mean to continue giving this current index in the "Cnronicle" each week, furnishing a reference to every return that has appeared since the last preceding number of the "Monthly Earnings Record." The latter is complete in and by itself, and for most persons will answer all purposes. But to those persons who are desirous of seeing the record brought down to date every week, this further and supplemntary index in the "Chronicle" will furnished an invaluable addition. The "Chronicle" index in conjunction with the "Monthly Earnings Record" will enable any one at a glance to find the very latest.figures of current earnings and income, further valuable feature is that at the end of every return, both in the "Chronicle" and the "Monthly Earnings Record," there is a reference line showing by date and page number the issue of the "Chronicle" where the latest complete annual report of the company was published.



| Name of Company ${ }_{\text {Is }}$ When | Issue of Chronicle. When Pubilshed. Pape |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pere Marquette-................... |  | 28.-3968 |
| Petroleum Heat \& Pr. Co |  | 21._3812 |
| Pitney-Bowes Postage M | Ma | 28_-3994 |
| Pittsburgh \& Lake Eri | May | 28_-3968 |
| Pittsburgh Suburban Water Serv Co | v Co.May | 28-. 3974 |
| Pittsburgh United Corp | Ma | 28_-3994 |
| Public Service Co of O1 |  | 28..3974 |
| Public Service Corp. of New Jersey | Jersey M | 21--3812 |
| Public Utility Investing C | M | 21_. 3835 |
| Quebec Power Co | M | 28_-3983 |
| Raybestos Manha | M8 | 28_. 3974 |
| Reading Company | Ma | 28_. 3968 |
| Republic Petrole | M | 28-. 3994 |
| Rhode Island Public | May | 21..3825 |
| Ritter Dental Mfg C | May | 28_3974 |
| Rochester Gas \& Elec | May | 28..3974 |
| Rochester \& Lake Ont | May | 28-. 3974 |
| Royal Dutch | May | 28_-3994 |
| Rutland. | M | 28.. 3968 |
| St Lawrence C | Ma | 28_3995 |
| St Louis-San Fran | May | 28_3970 |
| San Diego Consol Gas \& | May | 28.. 3974 |
| Sangamo Elec | May | 28-. 3995 |
| Schiff C | May | 28.-3994 |
| Seaboard | May | 28_3968 |
| Seaboard P | May | 21_. 3812 |
| Second Investors | May | 28_. 3995 |
| Securities Corp Gen | May | 28_3995 |
| Segal Lock \& Hard | May | 28_-3995 |
| Sional Oil \& Ga | May | 28_-3996 |
| (Franklin) Simon | May | 21.. 3836 |
| Sisto Financial | May | 28-. 3996 |
| Sloss-Sheffield Steel | May | 28-. 3996 |
| Soo Line System | May | 28..3970 |
| Southern Calif Edis | May | 28_3974 |
| Southern Pacific Gola | May | 28-3996 |
| Southern Pa ific L | May | 28_3970 |
| Southern Ry Co |  | 28-3968 |
| Spicer Manufact | May | 28-. 3997 |
| Springfield Gas \& Ele | May | 28_. 3983 |
| Square D Compa | May | 28-. 3997 |
| Standard Oil Co. of N | May | 21-.3815 |
| Standard Public Service | May | 28_-3983 |
| Standard Screw Co | May | 28-. 3997 |
| Standard Textile |  |  |
| Stanley Wor | May | $28-3997$ |
| Standlind Pipe Line |  |  |
| Staten Island Rapid T | May | 28-3968 |
| Stromberg-Carlson Tel | May | 28-3998 |
|  | May | 28-_3998 |
| Syracuse Washing |  | 28-3998 |
|  | May | 28-. 3998 |
| Tennessee Electric P |  | 28-3998 |
| Texas \& Pacific Ry |  | 退 28 -3974 |
| Thompson's S |  | 28_-3998 |
| Tide Water Power | May | 28--3974 |
| Tobacco Products Ex | May |  |
| Towle Mfg Co | May | 28-. 3999 |
| Tonopah Belmont Development Co | nt Co.May | 28-3999 |
| Trans-Lux Daylight Pict Screen Cor | n CorpMay | 28_-3999 |
| Union Pacific Syst | May | 28-3999 |
|  | May | 28_3970 |
| Union Water Servic | May | 28-3969 |
| United Cigar Stores Co |  |  |
| United Dry Docks, Inc | May | $28=3999$ |
| United Gas | May | 28_3975 |
| United Sight | May | 28_-3975 |
| S Printing ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | May | 28-3999 |
| United Steel Works | May | 28-4000 |
|  | May | 28-4000 |
| Universal Pipe | May | 21-. 3837 |
| Utah Light \& Tractio | May | 28_3984 |
| Vadsco Sales Corp | May | 28-3984 |
| Vadsco Sales Cor | May | 21..3837 |
| Venezuelan Petro | May | 28--4000 |
| Virginia Pu | May | 28-3984 |
| irginian R | May | 28-3969 |
| Wabash Ry-- | May | 28-3978 |
| Washington Ry. \&c Elec |  | 28-. 3984 |
| Washington Ry. \&c Elect | May | 21-. 3826 |
| West Virginia Water |  |  |
| Western Dairy Pro |  | 21-. 3975 |
| estern Maryland R |  | 21-3812 |
| Western N Y Water Service |  | 28..3975 |
| Vestern Pacific |  | 28. 3969 |
| Wheeling \& Lake | Ma | 28..3969 |
| Wieboldt Stores, In |  | 28..4000 |
| H F) Wilcox Oil \& Gas | May | 28..3975 |
| Vinn \& Lovett Grocery |  | 28.. 4000 |
| York Railways C | May |  |
| ork Utilities C |  | 28.. 3985 |

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.-We give below the latest weekly returns of earnings for all roads making such reports:
Name-

Canadian National
Canadian Pacific.Canadian PacificGeorgia \& Fiorid Mobile \& OhioSouthern St. Louis Southwester Maryland

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class I roads in the country.

| Month. | Gross Earninos. |  |  | Lenoth of Road. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1931. | 1930. | Inc. $(+)$ or Dec. (-). | 1931. | 1930. |
| Jan | $365,416,905$ | ${ }_{450,731,213}$ | $-85,314,308$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Miles. } \\ 242.657 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { M II es. } \\ 242,332 \end{gathered}$ |
| Februar | 336,137.679 | 427,465,369 | -91,327,690 | 242.660 | 242.726 |
| March | 375,588,834 | 452,261,686 | -76,672,852 | 242.366 | 242,421 |
| Apr | 369,106,310 | 450,567,319 | -81,461,009 | 242,632 | 242,574 |
| Ma | 368,485,871 | 462,577,503 | -94,091,632 | 242,716 | 242,542 |
| Jun | 369,212,042 | 444.274.591 | -75,062,879 | 242,968 | 242,494 |
| July | 377.938,882 | 458,088,890 | -80,150,008 | 242,819 | 234,105 |
| Augus | 364,010,959 | 465,762,820 | -101,751,861 | 243,024 | 242,632 |
| Sept | 349,821,538 | 466,895,312 | -117,073,774 | 242,815 | 242,593 |
| October | 362,647,702 | 482,784,602 | -120,136,900 | 242,745 | 242,174 |
| Nove | 304,896,868 | 398,272,517 | -93,375,649 | 242,734 | 242,636 |
| Dece | 288, 239,790 | 377,499,123 | -89,259,333 | 242,639 | 242,319 |
|  | 274,976,249 | $\stackrel{1931 .}{ }{ }_{365,522,091}$ |  | ${ }_{244.243}^{1932}$ | ${ }_{242365}^{1931 .}$ |
| Febr | 266,892,520 | 336,182,295 | - $90.5454,842$ | ${ }_{242,312}^{244,243}$ | ${ }_{240,943}$ |
| March_ | 289,633,741 | 375,617,147 | - $85.983,406$ | 241,996 | 241,974 |


| Month. | Net Earnings. |  | Inc. ( + ) or Dec. ( - ). |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1931. | 1930. | Amount. | Per Cent. |
| Janua | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{S} \\ 71,952,904 \end{gathered}$ | $\stackrel{\$}{94,836,075}$ | $\stackrel{\text { - }}{-22,883,171}$ | -24.13 |
| February | $64,618,641$ | 97,522,762 | -32,904,121 | -33.76 |
| March. | 84,648,242 | 101,541,509 | -16,893,267 | -16.66 |
| April | $79,144,653$ $81,03,584$ | 103,030,623 | $-23,885,970$ $-30,320.788$ | -23.21 <br> -27 |
| June | 89,667,807 | 110,264,613 | - $20.587,220$ | 二18.70 |
| July. | 96,965,387 | 125,430,843 | -28.465,456 | -22.73 |
| August | 95,118,329 | 139,161,475 | -44.043,146 | -31.64 |
| Septem | $92,217,886$ $101,919.028$ | 147,379,100 | -55,161.214 | -37.41 |
| Nove | 106,850,734 | 107, $99,557,310$ | -32,706,576 | - 32.145 |
| Dece | 47,141,248 | 79,982,841 | -32,841,593 | -41.06 |
|  | 45,940,685 | $\begin{aligned} & 1931 . \\ & 72,023,230 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| Februar | 57,375,537 | $66,078,525$ | -8,702,988 | - 13.17 |
| March | 67,670,702 | 84,706,410 | -17,035,708 | -20.11 |

## Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.

Akron Canton \& Youngstown-
April
1932.

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Net from rallway
Not Net from railwa

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1932,
$\left.\begin{array}{c}282,6 \\ 45,3 \\ \\ \hline\end{array}\right]$
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15,33
11,17
$1,113.13$
191.13
34,27
1
Atchison Topeka \& Santa
April


Net from railway

## Atlantic Coast Line


From Jan. 1----
Net from railway

Baltimore \& Ohio-
Apross from railway..


| Net after rents $\ldots \ldots-.--$ | $1,147,378$ | $3,274,504$ | $4,281,871$ | $4,842,687$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Gross from railway }--38,088,040 & 50,323,297 & 69,311,404 & 76,256,392\end{array}$ | Gross |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Neom railway | fro-- | $9,659,367$ | $11,054,200$ | $14,529,241$ |
| Net after rents.....- | $5,621,581$ | $6,668,760$ | $9,937,950$ | $12,740,880$ |

## Bangor \& Aroostook-

Bangor \& Aroostook
April-
Gross from railway -
Net from railway...
Net after rents-.....
From Jan. 11
Gross from railway
Gross from railway
Net from railway
Net after rents...

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| :---: |
| Gross from |}

Gross from railway-
Net after rents.$\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Gros from railway } \ldots & 16,091,039 & 20,087,648 & 23,243,393 & 24,701,942 \\ \text { Net from railway } & 4, \ldots, 05,333 & 5,295,626 & 5,658,325 & 6,144,562 \\ \text { Net after rents....-. } & 2,324,155 & 3,354,141 & 3,724,223 & 4,066,572\end{array}$
Brooklyn E D Terminal-
Aross from railway.--
Net from railway
Net after rents.....
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { From Jan. l- } & 259,131 & 415,077 & 452,708 & 476,490 \\ \text { Gross from railway } & 299,131 & 126,686 & 176,137 & 185,256 \\ \text { Net from railway } & 198,354\end{array}$

Canadian National System-
Canadian Nat Lines
 Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul \& Pacific-
 $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Net from railway }-. .- & -217,374 & 124,954 & 2,028,570 & 2,811,322 \\ \text { Net after rents...... } & -2,472 & 1,669,749\end{array}$

$-210,19$
 Delaware \& Hudson-
 $\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Net from railway.-.-- } & 256,230 & 409,137 & 437,325 & 776,906 \\ \text { Net after rents.-..- } & 274,581 & 341,341 & 295,682 & 666,120\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { From Jan. 1- } & & 8,192,470 & 10,535,548 & 12,378,192 & 12,966,299 \\ \text { Gross from railway_-- } & 8,1900,741 & 1,104,517 & 1,91,067 & 2,249,831 \\ \text { Net from railway.--- } & 50,200 & 149,797,714 & 1,400,223 & 1,879,284\end{array}$ 500,741
149,200 Delaware
 $\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Gross from railway_-- } & 16,722,097 & 20,304,966 & 22,964,492 & 26,530,270 \\ \text { Net from railway_--- } & 3,725,749 & 4,423,177 & 4,816,281 & 7,292,984 \\ \text { Net after rents } & 1,998,160 & 2,587,933 & 2,942,704 & 5,088,823\end{array}$ Net after rents.....- $1,998,160$
Detroit Toledo \& Ironton- 1932

|  | 1932. | 1931. | 1930. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ross from | \$373,292 | \$560,190 | \$1,248,546 | \$1,241,493 |
| Net from railwa | 96,684 | 161,622 | 635,189 | 572,213 |
| Net after rents | 42,645 | 92,378 | 510,075 | 406,900 |
| ross from railw | ,522,67 | 2,549,56 | 4,508,310 | 5,116,624 |
| Net from railwa | 393,153 | 920,751 | 2,248,518 | 2,598,089 |
| Net after rents | 157,555 | 629,010 | 1,797,808 | 1,881,101 |

Detroit \& Toledo Shore Line | April- | 1932, |
| :--- | ---: |
| Gross from railway_-- | $\$ 187,922$ |
| Net from railway | 66,549 | From Jan. 1-$\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Gross from railway }--- & 961,057 & 1,137,998 & 1,562,046 & 1,951,170 \\ \text { Net from railway---- } & 478,938 & 548,785 & 844,136 & 1,096,934 \\ \text { Net after rents } & 200,540 & 229,561 & 407,652 & 531,047\end{array}$ Florida



## Galveston Wharf-

| Galveston W April- | 1932. | 1931 | . |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross from railway | \$163,731 | \$131,014 | \$134.529 | \$148,613 |
| Net from railway | 68,826 | 40,295 | 37.179 | 47,122 |
| Net after rents. | 45,698 | 17,270 | 12,988 | 30,055 |
| Gross from railwa | 669,856 | 521,405 | 514,408 | 722,089 |
| Net from railwa | 247,982 | 161,833 | 135,072 | 285,467 |
| Net after rents. | 175,778 | 69,697 | 36,535 | 227,318 |
| rand Trunk West |  |  |  |  |
| April- | 1932 | 1931. | 1930. | 174.654 |
| Gross from rail | \$1,246,127 | \$2,033,431 | \$2,673,888 | \$3,479,051 |
| Net after rents | $-157,358$ | 3,476 | 397.598 | 618,821 |
| From Jan. 1Gross from railway | ,280,355 | 7,398,0 | 9,950,066 | 13,000,767 |
| Net from railway | 291,691 | '999,28 | 2,257,881 | 4,393,909 |
| Net after rents. | -571,281 | -258,535 | 1,097,779 | 2,718,058 |
| Great Northern Ry April- |  |  |  |  |
| Gross from railway | \$4,194,929 | \$5,841,572 | \$7.425,102 | \$9,245,119 |
| Net from railwa |  | 90,897 | 909,231 136,060 | $2,233,476$ $1,578,298$ |
| Net after rents From Jan 1 | 287,046 | 90,897 | 136,060 | 1,578,298 |
| Gross from railway | 16,234,772 | 23,377,968 | 27,847,938 | 34,150,090 |
| Net from railwa | -1,611979 | 927,633 | $3.718,995$ 674,385 | 8,017,027 |

International-Great Northern$\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { April- } & & & \\ \text { Gross from railway } & \$ 1932 . & & 1931 . & 1930, & 1929, \\ \text { Net from railway } & \$ 874,062 & \$ 1,957,685 & \$ 1,289,405 & \$ 1,566,841 \\ \text { Net after rents..... } & 6,074 & 254,065 & 156,189 & 357,224 \\ \text { From Jon. } & 6,422 & 168,475 \\ \text { Gross from railway } & 3,545,768 & 6,070,621 & 5,118,925 & 6,124,800 \\ \text { Net from railway } & 3,54,\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Gross from railway } . . . & 3,545,768 & 6,070,621 & 5,118,925 & 6,124,800 \\ \text { Net from railway_... } & -132,686 & 691,742 & 18,401 & 1,167,299 \\ \text { Net after rents..... } & 132 & 501,819\end{array}$
 System-
1932. 1932.
8834,332
206,926
110,433 $\begin{array}{rrrr}3,449,545 & 4,987,440 & 6,397,388 & 7,008,295 \\ 877,829 & 1,635,282 & 1,945,087 & 2,349,196 \\ 489,448 & 1,231,634 & 1,42,076 & 1,802,150\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll} & 4,49,245 & 4,987,440 & 6,397,388 \\ 877,829 & 1,635,282 & 1,945,087 & 2,349,295 \\ 489,448 & 1,231,634 & 1,427,076 & 1,802,450\end{array}$ 1932.
$\$ 18,926$
$-1,201$ 18,926
$-1,201$
$-4,585$

Lehigh Valley-
April
Gross from railway
Net from railway.
Net after rents... Net from railway
Net after rents.-
From Jan 1Gross from railway_
Net from railway--
Net after rents


$\begin{array}{llll}1932 . & 1931 . & 1930 . & 1929 .\end{array}$ | $\$ 2,219,252$ | $\$ 2,760,831$ | $\$ 3,617,166$ | $\$ 4,345,296$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $-177,587$ | $-217,593$ | 991,327 | $1,149,457$ |
|  | 554,526 | 692,421 |  | | $9,005,219$ | $11,039,456$ | $14,451,697$ | $17,679,429$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $-855,018$ | $-497,284$ | $1,968,571$ | $5,199,797$ |
|  | $1,299,352$ |  |  | | 1932,1931 | 1930 | 1929, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 5,636,112$ | $\$ 8,140,251$ | $\$ 10,144,941$ | $\$ 10,825,182$ | $\begin{array}{llll}527,618 & 1,455,924 & 2,250,081 & 2,400,736 \\ 1,474,565 & 1,392,512\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}23,874,120 & 32,676,253 & 40,694,684 & 43,592,857\end{array}$ | $2,305,628$ | $5,616,223$ | $9,874,963$ | $10,519,415$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Mobile \& Ohio

$\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { April- } & 1932 & 1931, & 1930, & 1929, \\ \text { Gross from railway } & \$ 758,390 & \$ 1,031,506 & \$ 1,362,993 & \$ 1,580,520 \\ \text { Net from railway } & 137,178 & 240,708 & 349,380 & 443,295 \\ \text { Net after rents. } & 8,633 & 101,187 & 189,816 & 297,888\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { From Jan. 1- } & \text { Frailway . .- } & 2,758,526 & 3,770,904 & 5,045,301 & 5,714,006 \\ \text { Gross from railway } & 272,013 & 628,326 & 1,031,475 & 1,289,109\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Net from railway..... } & -272,013 & 628,326 & 1,031,475 & 1,289,109 \\ \text { Net after rents...... } & -198,974 & 135,717 & 446,039 & 734,986\end{array}$
New York Central Syst
New York Central -


 $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Net from railway..... } & 7,520,136 & 10,138,900 & 19,945,620 & 31,370,549\end{array}$
 New York Ontario \& Western-
April-
1932. Gross from railway-.
Net from railway
Net after rents.
From Jan. 1-
Gross from railway
Net from railway ....
Northern Pacific-

$\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Net after rents_..... } & -106,383 & 9,358 & 215,296 & 1,285,433 \\ \text { From Jan. 1- } & 14,15,051 & 19,947,767 & 24,332,255 & 28,364,722\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Gross from railway_.-. } & 14,315,051 & 19,947,767 & 24,332,255 & 28,364,722 \\ \text { Net from railway_..- } & -1480,625 & 415,561 & 2,734,156 & 5,671,528 \\ \text { Net after rents_-...- } & 1,342,152 & 4,651,112\end{array}$

Pennsylvania System-
Pennsylvania RR-

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ross from railway _- \$28,663,803 | \$40,720,388 | \$50,337,469 | \$56,778,9 |
| Net from railway .-.- $7,321,432$ | 8,562,567 | 13,740,165 | 16,738 |
| Net from rents_-..... $3,728,135$ | 4,784,311 | 9,570,360 | 12,179 |
| Gross from railway _- $117,261,775$ <br> Net from railway | 155,803,293 | 194,308,130 | 215,629 |
| Net | 28,243,425 | 44,246,253 | $56,175,064$ $40,027,396$ |

 Reading Co -

1931.
$\$ 6,281,098$
732,929
460,113

| $\$ 7.930$. |
| :--- |
| $1.032,156$ |
| 1.032 | 1929.

$\$ 8,35.215$
$1,9+8.846$
$1,608.153$ Grass rom railway
Net from railway
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Net from railway
Net after rents.

## Rutland-


Gross from ailway
Net from railway
From Jan 1-
Net from railway
Net aiter rents
Staten Island Rapid Transit

| April- | 1932. | 1931. | 1930. | 1929. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross from | \$152,700 | \$176,863 | \$198,184 | \$218,841 |
| Net from railway | 36,545 | 47,153 | 45,522 | 45,029 |
| Net after rents | 6,596 | 23,169 | 34,026 | 9,035 |
| Gross from railwa | 598,050 | 682,388 | 762,095 | 7,371 |
| Net from railway | 111,552 | 145,096 | 162,714 | 221,977 |
| Net after rents_ | $-19.275$ | 22.708 | 70,755 | 3,237 | Gross from railway

Net from railway
Net after rents
Seaboard Air Line-

| April- Line | 1932. | 1931. | 1930. | 1929 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross from railway | \$3,170,283 | \$4,344,731 | \$4,584,271 | \$5,640,810 |
| Net from railway | 736,568 | 979,423 | 1,005,791 | 1,660,635 |
| Net after rents | 381,356 | 523,078 | 550,432 | 1,083,987 |



## Southern Pacific Syste



 Net from railway
Net after rents...
Southern Ry System
Southern Ry Co-


Union Pacific System
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Net after rents From Jan. 1-Net from railway-
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From Jan 1 -
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Net after rents.
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Wabash
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Grosp riom rail way Net from railway Net ater rents. $\xrightarrow[\substack{\text { Grospron ralluay } \\ \text { Veftrom railway }}]{ }$ Net after rents. Western Pacific-
Gross from railway Net after rents
Gross from railway Net from railway Net after rents. Wheeling \& Lake Erie-

Gross from railway.Net after rents...
From Jan. 1-
Gross from railway_-
Net from railway.-.
Net after rents



 $\begin{array}{llll}1932 . & 1931 . & 1930 . & 1929 . \\ \$ 1,062,875 & \$ 1,285,717 & \$ 1,460,816 & \$ 1,442,419\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rrrr}264,70 \overline{8} & 346,48 \overline{7} & 429,745 & 469,715 \\ & 469,919\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\$ 4,515,065 & \$ 5,221,657 & 6,054,495 & 5,943,960 \\ 2,066,506 & 1,819,275\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}2,066,506 & 1,819,275 \\ 1,820,032 & 1,671,262\end{array}$ \begin{tabular}{lccc}
1932. \& 1931. \& 1930. \& 1929. <br>
$\$ 828,903$ \& $\$ 1,060,432$ \& $\$ 1,101,012$ \& $\$ 1,366,194$ <br>
\hline

 $\begin{array}{llll}-\overline{3}, \overline{5} \overline{1} \overline{1} & -189,2 \overline{4} \overline{6} & -188,059 & 148,373\end{array}$ 

$3,140,724$ \& $3,842,473$ \& $4,388,683$ \& $5,070,228$ <br>
\hline$-168,743$ \& 707,965

 

$-4 \overline{2} \overline{4}, \mathbf{1} \overline{6} \overline{8}$ \& $-4 \overline{25}, \mathbf{6} \overline{4} \overline{5}$ \& $-400,778$ \& 707,965 <br>
\hline

 $\begin{array}{rrrr}1932 . & 1931 . & 1930, & 1929 . \\ \$ 543,819 & \$ 1,033,642 & \$ 1,479,222 & \$ 1,811,137 \\ -99,901 & 103,291 & 369,720 & 573,024 \\ - & 245,257 & 422,083\end{array}$ 

$2,794,049$ \& $3,899,179$ \& $5,525,708$ \& $6,726,466$ <br>
\hline$-418,705$ \& $2,088,267$
\end{tabular} $\begin{array}{llll}\overline{6} \overline{5}, \overline{8} \overline{0} \overline{7} & 3 \overline{3} 0, \overline{2} \overline{2} \overline{5} & 1,418,705 & 2,088,267 \\ 9 & 954,198 & 1,468,074\end{array}$ eam Railroad Reports. - In the fol

Other Monthly Steam Railroad Reports.-In the fol owing we show the monthly reports of STEAM railroad companies received this week as issued by the companies themselves, where they embrace more facts than are required in the reports to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, such as fixed charges, \&c., or where they differ in some other respect from the reports of the Commission.

Month of April--
Operating revenues.-
Operating expenses.
Net ry. oper. income
4 Mos. End. April 30
Operating revenues Operating revenues Operating expenses.
Net ry. oper. income.

Ann Arbor RR.
(The) Atchison Topeka \& Santa Fe Ry. System. (Includes the Atchison Topeka \& Santa Fe Ry., Gulf Colorado \&


Boston \& Maine RR.

| Month of April- | 1932 | 1931. | 1930 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net railway oper | \$655,343 | \$906,607 | \$927,153 | \$1,047,219 |
| Net misc. oper. | def. 385 |  |  |  |
| Othe | 82,506 | 94,560 | 91,198 | 95,346 |
|  |  | 001 |  | $\$ 1,141,940$ |
| Deduc. (rentals, | 18 | 649,3 | $639,403$ | $\begin{array}{r} 679,213 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| com | \$92,282 | \$352,230 | \$380,751 | \$462,727 |
| 4 Mos, End. Apr. Net ry oper. income |  |  | ,724 | ,066 |
| Net misc. oper. incom |  | 3,844 | 13.878 | 12,674 |
| Other incon | 372,445 | 404,830 | 400,276 | 434,730 |
| Gross income | \$2.697.230 | \$3,762,81. | \$4,138,376 | \$4,513,976 |
| Deduc. (rentals, int., \&c.) | 2,588,783 | 2,685,984 | 2,579.073 | 2,720,168 |
| inco | \$108,447 | \$1,076,831 | 59,303 | 1.793 |


| Canadian National Rys. 1930.1929. |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Month of April- 1932. | 1931. |  |  |

 Operating expenses.....
Net revenues._.
N Mos. End. Arp. 30
4Mos. End. Arp. 30

Gross revenues | $\$ 46,064,388$ | $\$ 60,434,769$ | $\$ 79,892,654$ | $\$ 84,515,476$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $-45,615,364$ | $56,441,417$ | $64,137,439$ | $68,682,270$ |

Net revenues ........- $\$ 449,023 \quad \$$
${ }_{1 \times 1}{ }^{2}$ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 16 '32, p 2896

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s. 1.19 312788 ( Month of April-
Net railway oper. inc.
Net misc. oper. income

Gross income
Deduc. (rentals, inc., \&c
Net income
4Mos, End. Apr. $30--$
Net ry, oper. income_--
Net ry, oper. income...-
Net misc. oper. income.
Other income.
Gross income
Net income $\$ 2.697,230$ $\$ 108,447 \overline{\$ 1,076,831} \xlongequal[\$ 1,559,303]{\$ 1,793,808}$

Month of April ${ }^{\text {(Including Chicago }}$ \& Erio RR. Co.




 Operating income_-_-
Hire of equip. and joint
Hen $\begin{array}{llllll} \\ \begin{array}{l}\text { Hire of equip. and joint rents-net debit } \\ \text { facil. ren }\end{array} & 1,236,266 & 1,225,824 & 1,388,959 & 1,503,030\end{array}$ Net ry. oper. income- $\overline{\$ 2,733,220} \overline{\$ 4,334,069} \overline{\$ 4,121,813} \xlongequal{\$ 6,817,324}$ (eㅏㅜ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 30 '32, p. 3264

## Gulf Coast Lines.

$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Month of April- } & 1932 . & 1931 . & 1930 . & 1929 . \\ \text { Operating revenues.-.- } & \$ 853,853 & \$ 1,369,861 & \$ 1,630,151 & \$ 1,569,762 \\ \text { Net ry. oper. income.-- } & 200,192 & 358,605 & 463,183 & 380,798\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llrrr}\text { Net ry. oper. income- } & \text { 200,192 } & 358,605 & 463,183 & 380,798 \\ \text { 4 Months End. April } 30- \\ \text { Operating revenues } \\ \text { N }\end{array}$ Net ry. oper. income--- Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 16 '31, p. 3706

## International Rys. of Central America.

## Month of April

## Gross earnings_....-

Inc. appl.to fixed chgs_ $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Gross earnings...-....-. } & \$ 2,069,636 & \$ 2,468,415 & \$ 3,167,659 & \$ 3,409,515 \\ \text { Operating expenses_...- } & 1,142,213 & 1,361,111 & 1,582,091 & 1,732,836\end{array}$ Inc.appl.tofixed chgs_ $\$ 927,423 \quad \$ 1,107,304 \quad \$ 1,585,568 \quad \$ 1,676,679$ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 7 '32, p. 3475

## Maine Central RR.


 Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 2 '32, p. 2514 Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines.

| Month of April |  | 193 | 1930 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ileag |  | 8 |  |  |
| Operating revenue | \$2,219,252 | \$2,760,830 | \$3,617,166 |  |
| Operating expe | 1,640,055 | 2,224,236 | 2,625,839 |  |
| Available for | 227,660 | 188.120 | 623 |  |
| Int.chgs.,incl | 405,24 | 405,714 | 407,713 |  |
| 4 Mos, End April 30 | 77,587 | 217,593 | \$216,008 | 352 |
| Mileage oper. (avera | 93 | 3,188 | - 3,188 |  |
| Operating reven | \$9,005,219 | \$11,039,456 | \$14,451,697 | \$17,679 |
| Operating expense | 6,900,611 | 8,553,075 | 10,773.126 | 2 |
| Available for interes | 66,184 | 1,125,781 | 2,260,244 |  |
| Int.chgs.,incl.adj.bonds. | 1,621,202 | 1,623,066 | 1,641,566 | 723 |
| Net income |  |  |  |  |

New York New Haven \& Hartford RR. Co.


Net after charges
4 Mos. End. April $30-$
244, $\begin{array}{llrrr}\text { Gross tot. oper. rev_-.- } \$ 27,681,779 & \$ 34,251,884 & \$ 10,108,752 & \$ 43,497,616 \\ \text { Net railway oper. income } & 4,594,813 & 6,234,109 & 7,705,730 & 8,830,991\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Net after charges....- } & 1,069,281 & 3,472,096\end{array}$

* Before guarantees on separately operated properties.
Ler Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 2 '32, p. 2513

> New York Ontario \& Western Ry. Co.

| Month of April- |  |  | Ry. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1932 | 1931 | 1930. | $\begin{aligned} & 1929 . \\ & \$ 938,986 \end{aligned}$ |
| Operating revenues | \$967,869 | \$862,761 | \$778,071 |  |
|  | 641,711 | 661.550 | 718,339 | 650 |
| Net rev. from ry. oper. Railway tax accruals Uncollectible ry. revs | \$326,158 | \$20 | \$59,732 | \$151,335 |
|  | 45,000 | 42,500 | 42,500 | 45.000 |
|  | 49 | 103 | 244 | def. 19 |
| Total ry. oper. income Eq. \& jt. facil. rents(net) |  | 158,609 | \$16,987 | \$106.355 |
|  | Dr.54,619 | 86,061 | Cr.44,608 | Cr.67.489 |
| Net operating income4 Mos. End. April 30 | \$226,489 | \$72,548 | def\$27,620 | \$38,865 |
| Operating revenues Operating expenses |  |  |  | \$3,447,762 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 3,458.510 \end{aligned}$ | 2,582,002 | 2,922,585 | 3,111,668 |
| Net rev. from ry. oper.Rahw ay tar accruals..-Uncollectible ry. revs.-- | \$1,111,861 | \$780,002 | \$321,407 | \$336,094 |
|  | 180,000 | 170,000 | 170,000 | 180,000 29 |
|  | 102 | 256 | 371 |  |
| Total ry. oper. income Eq. \& jt. facil. rents(net) | \$931,759 | \$609,746 | \$151,036 | \$156,064 |
|  | Dr.256,715 | 256.885 | r.163,122 | r.200,374 |
| Net operating income_ \$675.044 |  | \$352,861 | def \$12,086 | def\$44,310 |
|  |  |  | pr. | p. 2712 |


| - | $\begin{array}{r} 1932 . \\ \$ 1,174,676 \\ 133,238 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1931 . \\ & \$ 1,428,564 \\ & 296,179 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1930, \\ \$ 2,258,849 \\ 211,571 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1929 . \\ 2,832,456 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Other inc. items (bal.) |  |  |  |  |
| Grose income | $\begin{array}{r} 307,914 \\ 341,423 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .724,743 \\ & 403,951 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,470,421 \\ 416,058 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,007,31 \\ 401,55 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| terest on |  |  |  |  |
| Net income <br> Prop'n of oper. exps. to operating revenues | \$966,491 | \$1,320,792 | 2,054,363 | 2,605,7 |
|  | 10 | . 79 | . 22 |  |
| Prop'n of transp'n expens to operating revenues4 Mos. End. April 30 |  |  |  |  |
|  | - $27.56 \%$ | 66\% | 24.67\% |  |
| Net ry oper. income.--Other inc. items (bal.) | $\begin{array}{r} +266.244 \\ 474,295 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .190,876 \\ & 822,453 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 207,739 \\ 818,288 \end{array}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross income-- | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 4,740,540 \\ 1,408,119 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 7,013,329 \\ 1,618,264 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 11,026,027 \\ 1,667,700 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 812, \\ 1, \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income--.-..--- $\$ 3,332,420$ |  | \$5,395,065 | \$9,358,327 | 0. |
| Prop'n of oper. exps. to operating revenues.-. | $69.07 \%$ | 66,84\% | 62.12\% | 61 |
| Prop'n of transp'n exps. to oper. revenues_ | 27.60 | 27.52\% |  |  |
| PrLast complete ann |  |  |  |  |  |

 Soo Line System.
(Minneapolis St. Paul \& $\begin{gathered}\text { Sault Ste. Marie Ry. Co., incl. Wisconsin } \\ \text { Central Ry. Co.) }\end{gathered}$ Month of April-
Net after rents Other incomes
Int. on funded debt Net def. or profit
Division of net profit deficit between:
 4. System Mos.End. April $30-\overline{\text { Dr. } \$ 670,463} \overline{\text { Dr. } \$ 611,753} \overline{\text { Dr. } \$ 499,167} \overline{\text { Cr. } \$ 254,628}$ Net after rents (net) -.Dr. $\$ 1.307,858$ Dr. $\$ 379,383$ Dr. $\$ 228,017$ Cr $\$ 1,092,782$
 Net def. or profit - Dr
Division of net profit or ivision of net prorit
deticit between:


| 386,543 |
| :--- |
| 704,080 |

System-Dr_-....- $\$ 3,703,882 \overline{\$ 2,717,333} \xlongequal{\$ 2,497,279} \overline{\$ 1,090,624}$ (1) Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 9 '31, p. 3513 Southern Pacific Lines.
$\begin{array}{ccccc}\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Month of } A \text { pril- }\end{array} & 1932, & 1931 . & 1930 . & 1929 . \\ \text { Aver. miles of road oper. } & 13,275 & 13,824 & 13,839 & 13,614\end{array}$

 | Ry. oper. revenues.... $\overline{\$ 11,793,916} \overline{\$ 16,527,535} \overline{\$ 21,136,878} \overline{\$ 25,426,524}$ |
| :--- | Maint. of way \& struc. Maint. of equi

Traftic.
Transportation Mransportation
Miscellaneous Generalaneous.-..........
Transp. for invest-Cor.

## Ry. oper. expense

Income| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Income } \\ \text { Net rev. } \\ \text { Rrom ry. oper-- }\end{array}$ | $1,874,975$ |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Railway tax accruals_-- | $1,338,473$ | $1,951,461$ | $1,526,323$ | $1,495,577$ | $7,427,272$ | Railway tax accruals--

Uncollec. ry. revenues.-
Equip. rents (net) Equin. rents (net)--
Netry. oper. income
4 Mos. End. Apr 30 Aver. miles of road oper Revenues-
 All other tr Joint facility $\overline{-}=\mathbf{C} \mathbf{r}$ Joint facility-Dr--...-
Ry. oper. revenues.-- $\overline{\$ 47,567,540} \overline{\$ 66,068,503} \overline{\$ 84,826,302} \overline{\$ 97,561,715}$

 Mransportation_ General


Ry. oper. expense_-.- $\overline{\$ 40,969,126} \overline{\$ 55,117,535} \overline{\$ 66,649,077} \overline{\$ 71,919,446}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Net reve- from ry, oper_- } & 6,598,414 & 10,950,968 & 18,177,225 & 25,642,269 \\ \text { Railway rax accruals_-- } & 5,449,545 & 5,816,825 & 6,222,180 & 7,068,861\end{array}$

Joint facility rents (net) $\quad 143,270 \quad \frac{C r 50,639}{} \frac{13,760}{} \frac{C r 9,713}{}$ (G) Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May -9 '31, p. 3547 Texas \& Pacific Ry.
 4 Mos. End. Apr. 30 -
 Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 30 '32, p. 3267

## Western Maryland Ry. Co.

| Month of April- |  | 1931. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net ry. oper. incom |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed charg | 269.416 | 29 | 290,3 |  |
|  | \$5,433 | \$68 | \$153,78 | \$13 |
| try | 186,917 | \$1,517.335 | \$1,8 | \$1,670,350 |
| Other i | 8,429 |  | , 17 | 63,897 |
| Gro | $\begin{array}{r}31,225,346 \\ 1.080 .155 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Net income |  |  |  |  |
| - |  |  |  |  |

Month of April-
Operatina Revenues Pacific System.
Union Pa
OperatingRevenues


Railway oper. revs
Operating Expenses
 Railway oper. exps... Income Items-
Net rev. from ry. oper-
Railway tax accruals. Net rev. from ry. oper-
Railway tax accuals-
Uncoll. ry. revenues.Ry. oper. income-
Equip. rents (net)-Dr
Joint facil. rents (net) $D$ Net income
Aver. miles of road oper
Ratio of expenses to revs. Ratio of expenses to rever
4 Mos. End. Apr. $30-$ 4 Mos. End. Apr. $30-$
Operating Revenues-


Ry. operating revs
Operating ExpensesOperating Expenses-
Mant. of way \& strucMaint. of way \& struc. Traffic----1--Miscell. operations General. operations.

Ry, operating expenses $\$ 2$ Income Items- \$ $\quad 27,342,327 \$ 38,800,374 \$ 42,391,486$ \$46,610,758 $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Tncome } \\ \text { Net rev. from ry. } & \text { oper_- } & 9,355,610 & 11,430,576 & 13,472,985 & 18,023,836 \\ \text { Railway tax accruals_-- } & 4,231,046 & 5,002,250 & 5,409,103 & 5,386,115 \\ \text { Uncoll. ry. revenues_--- } & 3,487 & 2,441 & 2,459 & 4,112\end{array}$

 Equip. rents-Dr-_-D Net income.-....-.
Aver. miles of road oper-

Ratio of expenses to rev| $\$ 5,121,077$ |
| :---: |
| $1,647,451$ | $\$ 3,278,378$

9,842 $\begin{array}{cccc}\begin{array}{c}\$ 6,425,885 \\ 2,075,900\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\$ 8,061,423 \\ 1,450,101\end{array} & \left.\begin{array}{c}\$ 12,633,609 \\ 1,315,805 \\ \hline\end{array}\right)\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll} & 77.24 \% & 75.88 \% & 72.11 \%\end{array}$


## INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS COS.




## Atlantic Gulf \& West Indies Steamship Lines.

 (And Subsidiary Steamship Companies).
## Operating revenues_ Net rev. from operation (income depreciation)

 Month of March-—3 Mos. End. Mar. 31$\begin{array}{llll}\$ 2,110,515 & \$ 2,329,338 & \$ 5,941,356 & \$ 7,106,908\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Gross income-.-..-- } & \$ 347.061 & \$ 325.614 & \$ 730.536 & \$ 994.147\end{array}$ Interest, rents and taxes \begin{tabular}{lll}$\$ 347.061$ \& $\$ 325,614$ <br>
205,531 \& 191.905 \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular} $\$ 730,536$

623,450 $\begin{array}{r}\$ 994,147 \\ 583,754 \\ \hline\end{array}$
and Mast 14''32, p. 3639 .

Brazilian Traction, Light \& Power Co., Ltd.

 Net earnings........- $\$ 1,517,164 \quad \$ 1,829,799 \quad \$ 5,627,587 \quad \$ 7,514,146$ Note.-The operating results as shown in dollars are taken at average rates of exchange. They have been approximated as closely as possible
but will be subject to final adjustment when the annual accounts are made up
amortization figures are also subject to provision for depreciation and Le Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 27 '31, p. 4753

Brunswick Terminal \& Railway Securities Co.

 -V. 134 , p. 1960 .
California Water Service Co.
(Since dates of acquisition actual)

## Central \& South West Utilities Co.

 Gross earnings or subs.
Net of subs for retirem.
and stock owned by and stock owned by
Central $\&$ South West
$\begin{array}{ccccc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Utilities Co } \\ \text { Other earns. of Centrai \& }\end{array} & 830,302 & 1,538.358 & 5,128,550 & 6,698,770\end{array}$
South West Util. Co.
$\begin{gathered}\text { Total income } \\ \text { Interest } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { duther } \\ \text { det Other }\end{gathered}$
$\$ 835,363$
ductions of Central \&

| $\begin{array}{llll}\text { ductions of Central \& } \\ \text { \& South West Util. Co. }\end{array}$ | 57,097 | 21,819 | 214,098 | 171.711 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Net for retirem, and
stocks of Central \&
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { stocks of Central \&. } & \$ 778,266 & \$ 1,522,465 & \$ 4,929,354 & \$ 7,317,641\end{array}$ Re Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. $\mathbf{2}$ '32, p. 2520

## Chester Water Service Co.

| 12 Months Ended March 31- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating revenues. | \$527,233 | \$569,299 |
| Operating expenses | 141.345 | 140,297 |
| General taxes | 24,212 19,479 | 22.113 17,666 |
| Net earnings fro Other income | \$342.197 | \$389,224 |
| Gross corporate i |  |  |
| Interest on long-term debt | \$349,822 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 401,733 \\ 144,220 \end{array}$ |
| Reserved for retirements, replacements \& Federal | 35,429 | 53.168 |
| Net income | \$165,398 | \$204,345 |
| ${ }_{L} \square^{\prime}$ Last complete annual report in Financial Chron | e Apr. 16 |  |

## Cincinnati Advertising Products Co



## Commercial Credit Co <br> (And Subsidiaries.)

4 Months Ended April 30-
Net income atter charges....

(The) Commonwealth \& Southern Corp.
(And Subsidiary Companies.) ${ }^{1932} 192$.
$\qquad$ $\$ 9,777,820$ \$11,192,548 \$125941,371 \$137444,281 Opers earnings., incl. taxes
and maintenance. $\begin{array}{lllll}4,414,163 & 5,258,033 & 57,486,658 & 66,153,066\end{array}$

by (The) Commonwealth \& Southern Corp ---- $38,611,288 \quad 35,011,564$



상 Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 14 '32, p. 3634 Consumers Power Co.
(The Commonwealth \& Southern Corp. System)

## Gross earnings per.expenses, incl. taxes and maintenane

 ${ }_{1932}$ Month of April- - 12 Mos. End. Apr. $30-$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { and maintenance } & 977,231 & 1,171,785 & 12,396,574 & 14,011,062\end{array}$
Net income. $\qquad$
$\qquad$ $\frac{4,61,90}{\$ 13,670,096} \frac{31492,442}{\$ 14,629,059}$ Provision for retetrement reser

Dividends on preferred stock | $813,670,096$ | $814,629,059$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $2,784,000$ |  |
| $4,176,729$ | $2,781,33$ |
| $3,949,152$ |  |

Balance.
\$6,709,366 $\$ 7,898,574$
잡 Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle July 11 '31, p. 284

## Continental-Diamond Fibre Co. <br> (Including Foreign Subsidiaries.)

 Earnings for 3 Months Ended March 311932. Loss after all charginDepreciation.......

Net loss.-.-.-......................................................... $\$ 162,374$ For the first quarter of 1931, company reported, exclusive of European subsidiaries, a deficit of $\$ 37,593$ after depreciation, inventory write-down
and all other charges as compared with a profit of $\$ 175,968$ in the first quarter of 1930 , or 37 cents per share on the 480,000 shares outstanding t that time.
$(2)$ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 23 '32, p. 3102
Eastern Shore Public Service Co.


## Net from retirement and dividends.... <br> and dividends

$\$ 143.820$
$\$ 80,248$
\$426,149


Total surp

* Deficit.


## Engineers Public Service Corp.

(And Constituent Companies)

| Gross ear | ,72: | 52 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 4,0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Reserve for Balance |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Divs. on pref. stock of const. cos. (accrue |  |  |  |  |
| Balance <br> Amount applic. to com. stock of constituent cos. in hands of public |  |  | \$6,027, |  |
|  |  |  | 53,5 |  |
| Balance for dividends and surplus <br> Divs. on pref. stock of Engineers Public Service <br> Co. (accrued) |  |  | \$5,973 |  |
|  |  |  | 2,323,54 | ,118,501 |
| Bal. for com. stock divs. and surplus.-_-..... |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Earnings per share |  |  |  |  |
| xucting $9.3 \%$ of gross earnings for retirements. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Evans Products Co.
3. Months Ended March 31-


General Motors Corporation.
Condensed Consolidated Income Account Three Months Ended March 31. Sales of car \& truck units
Retail sales by dealers $\begin{array}{llll}143,514 & 231,881 & 286,690 & 351,079\end{array}$ Canada and foreign Net sales-value-
Profit from oper inv.
after all exp. incident after all $\exp$. incident
prec. of rl. est. plants
prec. of ri. est. plants
\& equipment.
Prov. for deprec. of real Prov. for deprec. of real
est., plants \& equipm't
Net profit from oper. $\&$ investments
Non-oper. profit (net) Net profit
Less
Payment to Gen. Motors
Management Corp Employees'
savings
investment investment fund ....-s
Spec., pay. to employees
under stock subs, plan Fed. \& for inck income taxes Net income--.....-
Gen. Motors Corp. proportion of net income${ }_{5} 5$ prividends $s$ dividends. Deb. div. at rate of $6 \%$ $7 \%$ pref. stock dividends Total dividends.. Amt.earned on com.str.*.
*Incl. Gen. Mot. Corp.
equity in the undivided. equity in the undivided
profits or losses of cos. profits or losses of cos.
below $(x)$, the amount $\begin{array}{crrrr}\text { earned on com. stk. is } & 7,348,820 & 26,655,840 & 42,545,963 & 59,559,217 \\ \text { Earned per share on com } & \$ 0.17 & \$ 0.61 & \$ 0.98 & \$ 1.37\end{array}$ x Including the General Motors Corp.'s equity in the undivided profits
or the losses of Yellow Truck \& Coach Mfg. Co., Ethyl Gasoline Corp., Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., Adam Opel A. G. (1930. 1931 and 1932), Bendix Aviation Corp. (1930, 1931 and 1932), General Aviation Corp., succeasor
to Fokker Aircraft of America (1930, 1931 and 1932). General Motors Radio Corp. (1930, 1931 and 1932) and Kinetic Chemicals, Inc. (since Jan. 1 1 1931. and General Motors Acceptance Corp. and General Exchance
Insur. Corp. (in 1929 only; income for 1930 and 1931 is consolidated) $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Surplus Account March } 31 . & 1930 . & 1929 . \\ 1932 . & 1931 .\end{array}$
 $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Amt. arned on com. stk. } \\ \begin{array}{c}\text { as per income account } \\ \text { Cap.surp.arising through }\end{array} \\ 7,348,820\end{array} \\ & 28,185,470\end{aligned} \quad 42,557,573 \quad 57,455,241$ exchange of $6 \%$ deb. \&
$6 \%$ pref.stk.for $7 \%$ stk -....-- --..-- Cr9,000 Cr23,325 Cap.surp.transf. to res.
for sumdry

Less-Cash divs. paid on com. stock col paid on $308,615,302 \quad 372,450,745 \quad 423,126,846 \quad 342,913,836$

Surp. at end of period_286,865,302 $339,825,745390,501,846310,288,832$ ret Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 23 '32, p. 3086
and Mar. 19 32, p. 2136.

## Georgia Power Co.

(The Commonwealth \& Southern Corp. System)

| Gross earnings <br> Operating expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance | $\begin{gathered} \text { Month } \\ \begin{array}{c} 1932 \\ \$ 1,837,409 \\ 829,995 \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1931 \\ & \$ 2,141,260 \end{aligned}$ | -12 Mos. End. Apr. 1932 . <br> $\$ 24,335,980$ \$25,954,721 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1,024,724 | 11,290,218 | 13,035,298 |
| Gross income Fixed charges. | \$1,007,413 | \$1,116,535 | \$13,045,761 5,508,225 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 12,919,422 \\ 4,809,867 \end{array}$ |
| Nrovision for retireme |  |  | $\$ 7,537,536$ $1,306,156$ $\mathbf{3}$ |  |
| Dividends on first preferr | red stock |  | 3,443,423 | 3,329,397 |
| Balance |  |  | \$2,787,955 | \$3,452,671 |

## Granite City Steel Co.

Quarters Ended Mar. 31- 1932.

 Honolulu Rapid Transit Co., Ltd.

| Gross rev. from transp. Operating expenses. | $\begin{aligned} & - \text { Month } \\ & 1932 \\ & \$ 75.868 \\ & 51,288 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1931 . \\ \$ 63,280 \\ 51,294 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mos. End } \\ & 1932 . \\ & \$ 305,894 \\ & 207,107 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } 30- \\ 19310 \\ \$ 330.835 \\ 201,983 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net rev. from transp. Rev. other than transp. | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 24,580 \\ 1,492 \end{array}$ | $\$ 31,986$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 98,787 \\ & 6,104 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 128,852 \\ 4,087 \end{array}$ |
| Net rev. from oper---Deductions- | \$26,072 | \$32.950 | \$104,891 | \$132,939 |
| Taxes assign. to ry. oper. Depreciation | $\begin{aligned} & 10,377 \\ & 10,504 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7,744 \\ 10 ; 457 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 41.509 \\ & 42.017 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 33,485 \\ & 41,828 \end{aligned}$ |
| Tot. deduct. from rev. Net revenue. स압 Last complete annui | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 20.881 \\ 5,190 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 18.201 \\ 14.749 \end{array}$ ncial Chron | $\$ 83.526$ $\text { Mar. } 19$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 75.313 \\ 57.627 \\ \text { p. } 2145 \end{array}$ |

Hudson \& Manhttaan RR. Co.

| Gross oper. revenue Operating exps. \& taxes. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Month } \\ 1932, \\ \$ 829,428 \\ 444,918 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 4pril- } \\ & 1931 . \\ & \$ 999.307 \\ & 485,937 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -4 \text { Mos. En } \\ 1932 . \\ \$ 3,343.647 \\ 1,806,535 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { April } 30- \\ 1931 \\ \$ 3,787.632 \\ 1.963,031 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating income-.--- Non-operating income | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 384,510 \\ & 27,743 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 473,369 \\ 42,958 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,537,112 \\ 120,735 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\$ 1,824,600$ 169,775 |
| Uross income- | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 412,253 \\ & 313,871 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 516,327 \\ & 335,145 \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 1,657,847$ $1,269,019$ | $\$ 1,994,375$ $1,340,823$ |
| Ne | \$98,382 | \$181,182 | \$388 | 653,552 |


| Illinois Water Service Co. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12 Months Ended March 31- | 1932. | 1931. |
| Operating revenues | \$659,040 | \$671,724 |
| Maintenance | -43,.027 | 262.259 42,255 |
| General taxes | 36,759 | 49,618 |
| Net earnings from operat | \$345,526 | \$317.591 |
| Other income | 2,052 | ${ }^{817.963}$ |
| Gross corporate income- |  |  |
| Interest on long-term debt | 157,278 | $\begin{array}{r} 151,867 \\ 4,241 \end{array}$ |
| Reserved for retirements, replacements \& Federal |  |  |
| income tax \& miscellaneous deduction | 29,225 | 32,493 |



## International Hydro-Electric System.




## (Byron) Jackson Co.



## Jersey Central Power \& Light Co.

| Period End. Mar. $31-1$ Gross oper. revenue | 1932-3 Mos.-1931. |  | 1932-12 M | $\begin{aligned} & o s .=1931.46 \\ & \$ 8,473,460 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Avail. for interest. \& | 1,295,517 | 1,001 |  |  |
| Int. on long term debt-. |  | 363,259 | 1,858,196 |  |
| er deductions | 84,8 | 77. | 179,936 | 1 |

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Net from retirement }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Keystone Public Service Co.



## Lee Rubber \& Tire Corp.



## Loblaw Groceterias, Ltd.

 Net profit after charges $\$ 1,158,512$ \$1,245,511 $\$ 14,004,152 \$ 15,724,235$


## Metro-Goldwyn Pictures Corp.

Resulls 28 Wks. End.-Mar. 12'32. Mar. 13 '31. Mar. 14'30, Mar. $10^{\prime} 29$.
Gross profit


 Net profit-_..........
x Before deducting Federal taxes. से Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Dec. 19 '31, p. 4168

## Municipal Service Co.

 | owned by Mun. s. Co | 722,856 | 641,059 | $2,213,414$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | $\mathbf{2 , 5 3 0 , 0 2 1}$ Other income of Municipal service Co Int. \& other deductions Net for retire. s. Sock-

of Municipal s. Co

| 38.784 | 601,806 | 39,865 | 606,571 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



| Motor Wheel Corp. (And Subsidiaries) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quar. End. Mar. 31Gross earnings Other income | $\begin{aligned} & 1932 \\ & \$ 17.018 \\ & 38.874 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1931, \\ \$ 554,920 \\ 55,962 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1930 . \\ \$ 841,684 \\ 85,853 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1929 . \\ & \$ 1,504.093 \\ & 72,021 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total inco | \$55,892 | \$310,882 | \$927,537 | \$1,576,114 |
| Expenses, \& | 234,985 49,516 | 215,779 44, 4 | 215,711 | 254,039 70026 |
| Federal |  | 6,107 | 73,469 | 150,246 |
| Net profit. | 228,609 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 44,791 \\ & 315,355 \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 594,435$ 609897 | 101,803 343,750 |
| eficit | \$228,609 | \$270,564 | 5,462 | rs7 |
| Shares common stock outstanding (no par)- | 850,000 |  |  |  |
| Earnings per share |  | \$0.05 | \$0.72 | \$1.60 |

## Murray Corp. of America.

| Quar. End. March 31- | 1932. | 1931. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross profit-........-loss | \$179 | \$440,407 | \$968.911 | \$1,115,543 |
| Expe |  | 281,418 |  |  |
| Depr |  |  | 299 |  |
| Federal |  | 54,30 |  |  |
| Net profit W. Murray Mfg.Corp. <br> J. W. Murray Mfg.Corp preferred dividends | oss8798,471 loss\$204,983 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | \$295,193 | 903 |
|  | 3.958 | 4,218 | 4,348 | 4,348 |
| Surplus | ss \$802,429 loss 8209,201 |  | \$290,845 | 80 |
|  |  |  | 2 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## National Power \& Light Co. <br> (And Subsidiaries)

Subsidiaries-
Operating revenues
Operating revenues
Net revenues from operation.
Other income.
Gross corporate income
er deductions.
Interest to public and other d
Preferred dividends to public.
Retirement (deprecistion reserve approp
Portion applicable to minority inter
Balance applicable to National Power \& Lt. Co $\$ 11,778,533$ \$12,667,061
National Poleable
Balance of subsidiaries income applicable to Na

| Balance or subsidiaries income applicable to |
| :--- |
| tion 1 Po |
| Other incomer \& IIght Co. (as shown above)-.... |

Total in come
Expenses, including taxe

Balance applicable to preferced stock
Dividends on preferred stock-
Dividends on common stock
Balance
Earnings
Balance ...........................
(e) Last complete annual report in Financial Chrenicls $\$ 1.65$

## (The) Nevada-California Electric Corp.

(And Subsidiary Companies)


## Nevada Consolidated Copper Co

| Quar. End. Mar. 31- | 1932 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net lbs. of copper prod. | $16,902,963$ 5.634 .321 | ${ }_{\text {32, }}^{32} \mathbf{7 8 6 . 3 3 8}$ | 39,699,76 |  |
| Aver. menyOper. profit from copper |  |  |  |  |
| production - | sss 8304.965 | 810 | , | 59 |
|  | 129,259 | 385 | 616,0 | 5 |
| Total income |  | 395,21 | \$2,674,7 | 85 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income-..........loss $\$ 559,001$ loss $\$ 56.995 \quad \$ 2,224,425 \quad \$ 6,724,519$ (F) Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 16 '32, p. 2923 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| New York Dock Co. <br> (Including New York Dock Trade Facilities Corp.) |  |  |  |  |
| Quar. End. Mar. 31- | 1932 | 1931 | 193 |  |
| Revenues | S845, 4063 406 | \$895,2 | -135.140 | \$801, 254 |
| Expenses--̇- ${ }_{\text {Taxes, }}$ interest, | 329,021 | 371,994 | 361,267 | 146,1 |
| et inc | 8110, 177 | \$102 | \$1 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

k중 Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 23 '32, p. 3109

## New York \& Richmond Gas Co.

Earnings for Quarter Ended March 311932.
 (ex) Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. $9^{\prime}$ '32, p. 2719

New York Water Service Corp.
(And Subsidiary, Rochester \& Lake Ontario Water Service Corp.) 12 Months Ended March 31-


| Net earnings from operation | \$1,712,356 | \$1,620,207 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ater Co. \& South Bay Cons. Wate | 28.720 | 12,507 | Water Co. \& South Bay Cons. Water Co., IncGross corporate income

Interest on mort gage debt Interest on gold notes Miscellaneous interest charges Interest received from affiliated companies. Reserved for retirements \& replacements.-.-.
Federal income tax \& miscellaneous deductions

Net income

| 28,720 |  | 12,507 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 26,099 |  | 54,192 |
|  | $\$ 1,767,176$ | $\$ 1,686,907$ |
| 793,643 | 722,465 |  |
| 100.000 | 30,000 |  |
| 25,377 | 21,837 |  |
| $C r 41,368$ | $C r 17,510$ |  |
| 153,750 | 166,250 |  |
| 124,979 | 86,566 |  |
|  | $\$ 610,794$ | $\$ 677,299$ |

a Earnings accruing to common stock holdings in subsidiaries not consolidated.

120,155
 a Common stocks of Western New York Water Co., South Bay Cons.
Water Co., Inc. and Cortlardt-Harmon Water Service Corp. are shown as investments, and the earnings accruing to the common stock holdings in these companies are included as an addition to net income. $\mathbf{b} \$ 151.229$
which have not been declared nor accrued on the books which have not been declared nor accrued on the books. but which are
cumulative are not included in the preferred dividends for the year ended cumulative are
March 31
1932 .
Les Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 30 '32, p. 3272
New York Westchester \& Boston Ry. Co.

| Railway oper. revenues Railway oper. expenses | $\begin{gathered} \text { Month } \\ \text { M1932. } \\ 1156,614 \\ 114,311 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ { }_{1931}^{186,708} \\ 118,472 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -4 \mathrm{Mos} . \mathrm{En} \\ 1932 . \\ \$ 625,782 \\ 466,327 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } 30- \\ 1931 . \\ 571,97 \\ 503,705 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net operating revenue | \$42,151 | $\$ 68,236$ 23,360 | 8159,454 93,500 | 92 |
| Operating incom | \$18,776 | 4.8 | 5,954 | 5,3 |
| Non.operating income- | 2,104 | 1,80 | 9.191 | 8,218 |
| Gross income | \$ 20.881 | \$46.680 | \$75,145 | \$123,570 |
| Rents. | 36,260 | 36,260 | 145,040 | 152,769 |
| Bond, note, equip trust ctf. int. (all int. on advances) | 1,740 | 197,370 |  |  |
| Other reductions. | 2,139 | 2,191 | 9,468 | 8,746 |
| Total reductions | \$240,140 | \$235,823 | \$961.693 | \$961,217 |
| Net income- $D$ | \$219,258 | \$189,142 | \$886,548 | \$827,6 |

## Northeastern Public Service Co.

| Period Ended March $311932-$ | 3 M ${ }^{\text {Sonths }}$ | 9. Months |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross earnings of subsidiaries --.... | \$605,991 | 82.123,493 |
| eastern Public Service ©o | 282,716 | 1,003,038 |
| Pubic Service Co | 133.914 | 500.894 |

## Northwestern Public Service Co.

 Available for int., \&c..-Int. on long-term debt-

Net for retire. \& divs_ $\$ 188,623 \quad \$ 232,836$ (T) Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 16 '32, p. 2908
(The Commonwealth \& Southern Corp. System.) Month of April 12 Mos. Ended April 30
 $\$ 1,350,566 \quad \$ 1,571,435 \quad \$ 17,234,130 \$ 19,026,512$

 Net income
Provision for retirement reserve

Note. Ohio Edison Co organized as of July 1 1930; operations prior
thereto are of predecessor companies thereto are of predecessor companies

## Ohio Electric Power Co.

| Period End. Mar. 31 | 1932-3 ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  | 1 | s.-1931. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross | \$318,013 | \$295,651 | \$1.141.471 | 81,093.341 |
| Avaliable |  |  |  |  |
| Other deductions. | 26,772 | 5,983 | 45,950 | 12,62 |
| Net for retire. \& divs |  |  |  |  |

## Ohio Water Service Co.

## 12 Months Ended Operating revenues <br> Operating rexenues

Maintenance- $\square$ 1 C 31.
$\$ 612.092$
186.059

Net earnings from operation.
Other income.
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 267.318 \\ 20.493 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\$ 333.783$
22.669
Gross corporate income
Interest on long term debt
Interest on long term debt.-.
Miscellaneous interest charges
$\begin{array}{rr}\$ 287,811 & \$ 356,452 \\ 190,990 & 176,993\end{array}$
Interest on construction capitalized
3,785
Cr33,007
176.993
10.397
Cr 18.254

Reserved for retirements, replacements and Federal
45,247
55.429

Net income
$\begin{array}{lr}\$ 80,797 & \$ 131,886 \\ \$ 48,058 & \$ 72.326\end{array}$
$\dagger \$ 28,979$ which have not been declared nor accrued on books, but which t $\$ 28,979$ which have not been declared nor accrued on books, but which
are cumulative, are not included in the preferred dividends for the year
ended March ended March 311932.
$\mathbb{R} \mathbb{R}^{9}$ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 16 '32, p. 2908

| Operating revenues <br> Oper. exps., inc. taxes, but excl. depreciation | $\begin{aligned} & - \text { Month } \\ & 1932 \\ & \$ 56,550 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { pril-} \\ 1931, \\ \$ 59,251 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \text { Mos. Eno } \\ & 1932 . \dot{5} . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1931 . \\ & \$ 765,261 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 29,362 | 30,868 | 406.716 | 428,872 |
| Inc. aft. exps. \& taxes Depreciation | \$27,188 | \$28.383 | \$356,874 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 336,389 \\ & 83,826 \end{aligned}$ |
| Operating in | $\$ 19,802$ 1,283 | $\$ 21,150$ 1,470 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 269,470 \\ & 22,636 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 252,563 \\ 20,929 \end{array}$ |
| Gross income <br> t. on funded | $\begin{array}{\|c} \$ 21,085 \\ 5,208 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 22,620 \\ 5,208 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 292,106 \\ 62,500 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 273,492 \\ 62,500 \end{array}$ |
| Balance -Other interest | \$15,877 | \$17,412 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 229,606 \\ 1,131 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 210,992 \\ 3,456 \end{array}$ |
| Balance Amortization deduc'ns | $\$ 15,847$ 1,052 | $\$ 17,312$ 1,052 | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 228,475 \\ & 12,626 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 207,536 \\ 12,627 \end{array}$ |
| Balance Other deductions | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 14,795 \\ & 333 \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 16,260$ | \$215,849 4,511 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 194,909 \\ 4,433 \end{array}$ |
| Balance | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 14,462 \\ & 7,467 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 15,927 \\ 6,135 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 211,338 \\ 75,044 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 190,476 \\ 69,584 \end{array}$ |
|  | \$6,995 | \$9,792 | \$136,29 | \$120,892 |
| cluded in oper. exps | 2,350 | 2,160 | 32.700 | 30,8 |

## Oregon Washington Water Service Co.

12 Months Ended March 31 -
Operating revenues
Operating expenses
Maintenance-
General taxes
Net earnings from operation.
Other income............

Interest on ong term debt, replacements, \& Federal
Reserved for retirements,
income tax and miscellaneous deductions.-....
Net income-
 Note.- The decrease in revenues, expenses and charges is partly due to
the sale of Hoquiam Plant during May 1930. Ler Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 16 '32, p. 2908

## Pacific Public Service Co.

3 Months Fnded March 31 (And Subsidiaries)


| 1932. | 1931 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 1,221.654$ |  |
| 718,210 |  |
| 64,975 | $\$ 1,154.294$ |
|  | 725,507 |
| 59,247 |  |

Net operating income
Gross corporate income.
Interest deductions Federal taxes
Depreciation

Net income avaiable for dividends.
Dividends on preferred stocks of sun. companies.

| $\$ 438,469$ 14,591 | 8369,539 21,409 |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$453,060 | \$390,949 |
| 198.741 | 114.271 |
|  | 17.960 |
| 98,852 | 91,021 |

Net profit to surplus $\$ 106,985$
81,954 $\$ 158,665$
82,706

Net proft Note. -During the year 1931 the Butane plants of Natural Gas Prop-
erties.
 first of the year 1932 , these were placed on a regular operating basis. there-
fore the consolidated earnings for 1932 include the results from these plants. Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 9 '32, y. 2721

Park \& Tilford, Inc.
3 Months Enced March 31- (And Subsidiaries)
Net loss after charges.
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle $\quad 128,413 \quad{ }_{\$ 35,767}^{1931}$
Parmelee Transportation Co.
Quarter Ended March 31 (And Subsidiaries)
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { et loss after depreciation, int., \&c_- } & \$ 343,437 & \$ 79,574 & \text { pf. } \$ 1730.657\end{array}$ Pry Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 28 '32, p. 3993

## Pittsburgh Suburban Water Service Co.

 12 Months Ended March 31 -
## Operating revenues Operating expenses

Maintenance


| Gr | \$196,018 | 89,289 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest on long term debt, |  |  |
| Miscellaneous interest charges |  | 1,420 |
| income tax and miscellaneous deductions...-- | 23.521 | 21,203 |
|  | 6 | 78,747 |
|  |  | , 200 |

सP $^{\circ}$ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apru 16 '32, p. 2908

## Public Service Co. of Oklahoma.

Period End. Mar. 31-
Gross oper. revenues--
Avail. for interest \&-c.-
Int.on long term debt--
Other deductions.-.--

Net for retirement and
dividends.
Ritter Dental Manufacturing Co., Inc.
Quar. Ended Mar. 31 -
et profit after taxes and
other charges........
Earns. per sh. on 160.000
shares common stock


1932-12 Mos.- 1931. $\begin{array}{r}38,70,250 \\ 4,278,146 \\ 1,398,730 \\ \hline\end{array}$

## United Light \& Power Co. <br> (And Subsidiaries)

12 Months Ended March 31 . Groas oper. earaings ift subs. and controlled cos Maintenance, charged to operationTaxes, general
Depreciation.

Net earnings from operations of subs. and con trolled companies $\begin{aligned} & \text { ton } \\ & \text { Noperating income }\end{aligned}$ Total income of subs, and controlled $\cos$ -
nterest, amort, and pref. dividends of subsidiary and controlled companies:


Equity of Un. Light \& Power Co in earnings of subsidiary and controlled companies....
Expenses of United Light \& Power Co.
Gross income of United Light \& Power Co...
Holding company deductions: nterest on funded debt

Balance available for dividends
Balance available for common stock dividends
Average number of common shares outstanding


## United Gas Corporation.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended March 311932.
[Inter-company items eliminated] Subsidiaries-
Operating revenues
Operating




 United Gas Corp.-
Balance of subsidiaries' income applicable to United Gas Corp


Total income | $\$ 11,109,106$ |
| :---: |
| 133,638 |

Expenses, including taxe $\qquad$

$\qquad$ s.iace Denit \$466.403 Deficit applicable to common stock
Note.-United Gas Corp. owns about $49 \%$ of the voting trust certificate representing the class B (voting) stock of Consoldated Gas Utilities Co 1938 vests trust agreement dated June 1928 vee not controlled by United Gas Corp. No earnings of Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. are included in this statement
Ler Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 26 '32, p. 2339

## Western New York Water Co.

 स्स) Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 16 '32, p. 2911

## West Texas Utilities Co.



Available for interest, \&c ther deductions


Net for retire'ts \& divs
$\qquad$
(H. F.) Wilcox Oil \& Gas Co.

3 Months Ended March $31-$ | Pperaning incom |
| :---: |
| Oher income. |

${ }^{1932}$ ${ }_{\$ 1,084,235}^{1931}$

Total incomeProduction, gasoinie, refining \& mar
General and administrative expenses Property abandonments, \&c.
Interest charkes Interest charges Bond discount \& organization expense amortized.-
Miscellaneous charges Miscellaneous charges.-1.- $\qquad$
Net profit.

it.-. $\$ 48,372$

loss $\$ 175,476$
April 23 '32, p. 3113

York Railways Co.


## FINANCIAL REPORTS

United Gas Corporation. (Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)
S. Z. Mitchell, Chairman, and Ralph B. Feagin, President, state in part:
Income. - The income of company and subsidiaries for 1931 reflects the 1ow rate or general business activity prevailing during the year and particparticuarly fueu oil. The orume of business and the average rate received
for natural las sold were lower than in 1930 but the resulting decline in or natural gas sold were 1 ower than in 1930, but the resulning decine th
pevenues was offset somewhat by additional business obtained during the
 and purchase) and by reductions in operating expenses.
Operating revenues or subsidaries for 1931 (including revenues for à
portion of the year from certain new properties added through construction portion of the year from certain new properties added through construction
 193 compared with $\$ 17,307,215$ reported for 1930 .
The gross earnings of company for 1931 and the undistributed income of subsidiaries applicable to company (arter the deduction of all interest
charges and dividends on securities of these companies held by the public

 Tor 1930 . The balance for 1931 , after deducting all expenses, including
taxes, and interesest to public and other deductions of company, was 88.270 .-
 there remained a balance of $8555, .275$, equivalent to 8.07 per share on the

For the year 1931 the appropriations by subsidiaries to reserves for re-
trements (deopreciation) and depletion amounted to $\$ 2,083,000$ as comtirements deidrectation and depletion amounted ths with $\$ 3,495,056$ as reported for 1930 . one of the principal factors in-

 Which were brounght tuder the control or ocompany at the beginning of busi-
ness in Jume 1930, had theretofore for the most part been financed, eonness in June 1930 , had theretofore for the most part been financed, con-
structed and operated as independent and relatively smal disconeted
sit structed and operated as as indepenendent and relatively smail discomedectex ownershipcor or physicial interoconenetion availabie to the system as a wholed
A larger proportional amount of charges for depletion of gas reserves and A largerp proroortional amount of charges for depletion of gas reserves and amor tization of lines during the life of such reserves was therefore necessary
for the independent units than is now necessary for the unified system. IIn
 depleted during 1933. It is estimated that more than 4688 billion cubic feet
of reserves were added during 1931 while only 176 billon cubbic feet were of reserves, were added during 1931 while only 176 bilion cubic feet were
withdrawn, leaving a net addition of approximately 292 billion cubic feet withdrawn, leaving a net addition of approximately.
Current Income.- Income for 1932 to date continues to reflect the low rate sidiaries showed a decline of approximately $15 \%$ in net revenues from operation as against the same period for 1931.
Dividends.-The regular quarterly dividends of $\$ 1.75$ per share ( $\$ 7 \mathrm{per}$ share per annum) were paid during the year on the $\$ 7$ preferred stock and
also on the $\$ 7$ second preferred stock of company. No dividends have been paid to date on the common stock.
Issuance of Securities.-During 1931 securities were issued as follows:
(1) Company called and in Dec. 1931 received payment of the (1) Company called and in Dec. 1931 received payment of the balance of
$\$ 24,000,000$ due from Electric Power \& Light Corp. on its subscription made $\$ 24,000,000$ due from Electric Power \& Light Corp. on its subscription made
in June 1930 to $\$ 30,000,000$ of units of junior securities of company, evidenced by allotment certificates, each such unit consisting of one share of $\$ 7$ second preferred stock, 2 shares of common stock and option warrants
unlimited as to time to purchase 3 shares of common stock at $\$ 331 / 4$ per unlimited as to time to purchase 3 shares of common stock at $\$ 331 / 4$ per
share. Against the payment of $\$ 6,000,000$ made on these allotment certishare. Against the payment or $\$ 6,000,000$ made on these allotment certi-
ficates in 1930 company at that time issued 60,000 shares of its $\$ 7$ second preferred stock. The common stock and option warrants were not issuable until the allotment certificates were fuly paid. 1931 against the payment of the balance of $\$ 24,000,000$, the remaining 240,000 shares of $\$ 7$ second preferred stock and and stock covered by said allotment certificates. The proceeds of this payment were used in Dec. 1931 to retire $\$ 21,250,000$
of company and to improve its cash position.
(2) In the early part of $1931,21,637$ shares of $\$ 7$ preferred stock were
issued and sold for cash to bankers and were placed by them in foreign issued and
(3) 11,385 shares of $\$ 7$ preferred stock, 3,908-2-8 shares of common stock and option warrants (of the kind referred to above) to purchase 20,000
shares of common stock were issued in exchange for certain of the outstandshares of common stock were issued in exiends, debentures and other securities of subsidiary companies.
(4) Common stock purchase warrants equivalent to 3,015 shares were
issued by the company as successor to a former subsidiary which was merged into company during 1931. These common stock purchase warrants give the holders thereof the right to purchase one share of common stock of company at any time on or before Feb. 11933 at $\$ 18.66-2-3$ per share and thereafter at any time on or before Feb. 1 1938, at $\$ 20$ per share for each such common stock purchase warrant surrendered. The right to purchase
common stock through these warrants expires Feb. 11938 .

Maturities.-Company has no long term debt. As shown by balance sheet, ount is unchanged as of May 1211922 . These consist of $\$ 21,250,000$ owing to
banks and $\$ 25,925,000$ to Electric Bond \& Share Co. Arrangements have banks and $\$ 25,925,000$ to Electric Bond \& Share Co. Arrangements have now been made to extend year to July 201933 . All of the securities owned by company are held free of pledge.
Subsidiaries have no bank debt. As shown by the consolidated balance
sheet, the long term debt of subsidiaries in the hands of the public at Dec. 31 1931 aggregated $\$ 23,309,600$. Long term debt of subsidiaries maturing
prior to 1935 is: $\$ 4,607,000$ due in $1932 ; \$ 20,000$ in 1933 ; and $\$ 20,000$ in 1934 .

The 1932 maturities of $\$ 4,607.000$ consist principally of $\$ 4.587 .000$ of
Houston Gas \& Fuel Co. bonds issued in 1912 and due Sept. 1.1932 , more
 collateral trust gold bonds of Houston Gas Securities Co. This latter compose of carrying out a proposed plan to acquire these bonds. Houston Gas
Securities Co. will issue in exchange for the bonds received an equal principal amount of is 20 -year $5 \%$ collateral trust gold bonds which will be initially
secured by the Houston Gas $\&$ Fuel $\mathbf{C}$. bonds so received and also by an secured by the Houston Gas \& Fuel Co. bonds so received and also by an
equal principal amount of 20-year $6 \%$ gold debentures of United Gas Public are a special issue and are due March 11952 . All capital stock of Houston Gas securities Co is owned by your company.
Houston Gas \& Fuel Co. owns and operat system in Houston, Texas. Your company at the time it beca distribution system in Houston, Texas. Your company at the time it began business in 1930 acquired, along with other securities, substantially all of the capital
stock of Houston GuIf Gas Co. Which at that time owned and still owns all of
the common stock of Houston Gas \& Fuel Co. This latter company was the common stock of Houston Gas \& Fuel Co. This latter company was
originally a manufactured gas company, but began the distribution of originally a manufactured gas company, but began the distribution of
natural gas in 1926. Shortly thereafter a franchise was granted to a comnetitive company which subsequently built and is now operating a natural
per gas system covering a portion of the city and duplicating to a substantial
extent the facilities of Houston Gas \& Fuel Co. Due to this competitive extent the facilities of Houston Gas \& Fuel Co, Due to this competitive
situation and to unprofitable rates, Houston Gas \& Fuel Co. has been operating at a loss for a number of years. It has not fully earned its interest charges in any year since 1926 and the interest due March 11932 on its bonds was not paid. that at a future date it may be feasible to work out a satisfactory solution of the difficulties of this company.
Simplification of Underlying Corporate Structure.- Company at the begin-
ning of business acquired the control of approximately 40 separate companies It was thought desirable to simplify the corporate structure and to provide. one operating subsidiary to function so far as feasible in the future operation. development and extension of the properties and service. United Gas Public Service Co. was organized for this purpose and oegan to function Dec. 31 and also acquired from your company the securities owned by it of all other operating natural gas companies which it controlled. During 1931 a number of these latter companies conveyed their properties to United Gas Public Service Co. The number of active companies in the group has now been
reduced to 13. Still further simplification of the corporate structure may be redamplished.
accoles now owned by United Gas Public Service Co. direct and through its wholly owned subsidiaries, United Production Corp, and controlled by your company. There are no liens against any of the properties owned by these companies, except three divisional liens aggregating $\$ 5,770$.-
$000(\$ 5,883,500$ at Dec. 31 1931) in the hands of the public which, respecYour company now owns ame otions of the property. tures of United Gas Public Service Co. It is contemplated in due course to fund part or all of these debentures through an issue of bonds of United Gas company.
A comparative consolidated income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1931, together with a balance sheet of the company itself (not consolidated) were given in V. 134, p. 2339 .

ANALYSIS OF CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31,1931 .
Total. $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Earned } & \text { Capital } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Surplus of } \\ \text { Subsids. at }\end{array} \\ \text { Surplus. } & \text { Surplus. } & \text { Acquisition }\end{array}$

Consol. surplus balance Total. Surplus. Surplus. $\begin{gathered}\text { Subsids, at } \\ \text { Acquisilion }\end{gathered}$ at Dec. 311930 ...... | $\$ 63,367,302$ | $\$ 1,855,763$ | $\$ 35,583,760$ | $\$ 25,927,778$ |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $2,707,634$ | 58,125 | $\cdots+\cdots$ | $2,649,509$ |

 all pref. \& 2d pref. stks,
12 months ended Des. 12 months ended Dec. Minority int, in undistri-
buted inc. for 12 mths. buted inc. for 12 mths.
ended Dec. 31,1931 .. ended Dec. 31, 1931-
Deficit of subs. at date of
acquisition transferred
through merger.
$575,274 \quad 575,274$
$8,307 \quad 8,307$

Total Surplus bal. of subsids. quidated during period
Property value of subsid. co, at date of a cquisitn.
Miscel. deductions applic-
able to consolidated able to consolidated
surplus (net)
Balance
Minority interest in sur-
plus of subsidiaries

| 131,058 | $\operatorname{Cr} 105,157$ | 814 | 235,401 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\frac{82,42,869}{\$ 35,299,128}$ |  | $\$ 7,131,309$ |
| 145,580 | 53,773 | $\ldots \ldots$ | 91,806 |

Consol. surplus balance
at Dec. 311931

-...-- $\quad$......- $\operatorname{Dr} 283,818 \quad 283,818$ | \$2,497,471 |
| :--- |
| $\$ 35,299,942$ |
| $\$ 28,861,105$ |
| 1058,519 | 11,732,041 159,758 -..--- $11,572,282$ CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 311931

[Intercompany Accounts Eliminated]


United Gas C
Pref. stocks of subsids. at
liquidating vacks. liquidating value
Minority interest in commo
ue..... stock of subsidiaries....
Cap. stock subscribed $1,308,200$ 369,806 825,170 $20,936,900$
$2,372,700$
415,147 415,147
11,733
$\times 47,177,200$ stock of subsid.)
ong term debt of su
(held by publie)-
Mortgage bonds-..
Debenture bonds. Debenture bonds.-.
Contractual liabilities Diviraetual liabilitiles Accounts payable... Customers payaboeAccrued accounts.
Miscel. current Miscel. current labilitio......
Matured interest long term
debt decrued interest long term
debt debt Rundry credits. Retirem't \& deplet'n res'ves
Res've for uncollectible ac'ts Other reserves.............
Minority interest in surplu Mor subsidlaries...............
Capital surplus.-........
Surplus of subs, at accuisi-
tion, less am't accruing to minority interests_....... Earned, less am't accruing
to minority interests....Total_................ $\frac{2,389,09}{\$ 394,929,056}$ Total ................... $8394,929,056$ Total_-................ $894,929,050$ $\$ 21,250,000$ represents bank loans now due July 20 , 1932 . Arrangements

Note.-United Gas Public Service Co. is contingently liable in the amount
of $\$ 1.700,000$ (without interest) in connection with contracts for acquisition of certain properties, such liability to attach upon showing of net earnings of certain properties, such liability to attach upon showing of net earnings
and volume of gas sales as provided in contracts.-V, 134, p. 3276 .

## Pacific Gas \& Electric Company.

(26th Annual Report-Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)
The remarks of President A. F. Hockenbeamer are cited on subsequent pages, togher with the income account, balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1931, and other statistical tables. Our usual comparative tables were given in V. 134, p. 2514.

## General Motors Corporation.

(Financial Statement - 3 Months Ended March 31 1932.)
President Alfred P. Sloan Jr., wrote in part:
President Alfred P. Sloan Jr, wrote in part:
Net earnings of General Motors Corp., in
divided profits or the losses of subsidiary and affiliated equities in the unconsolidated, for the first quarter ended Mary and affiliated companies not
After deducting dividends of $\$ 2,344207$ on the After deducting dividends of $\$ 2,344,207$ on the preferred stock, there remain earnings in the amount of $\$ 7,348,820$ applicable to the common
stock, equivalent to $\$ 0.17$ per share. This compares with earnings of $\$ 28,999,409$ for the first quarter of last year which, after preferred dividends to $\$ 0.61$ per share.
Cash, United States Government and other marketable securities at
March 311932 amounted to $\$ 186,777,639$, compared with $\$ 205,029,119$ at Dec. 311931 and $\$ 179,133,114$ at March 31 1931. Net working capital at March 311932 amounted to $\$ 271,536,282$, compared
at Dec. 311931 and $\$ 292,723,601$ at March 311931 .
The above statistical statement of the corporation's position at the end of the first quarter demonstrates that its financial position has been well
maintained during the period, both with respect to cash and cash investmitions existing as they do at the moment and with the unusual difficulty of looking forward and determining ghe necessities of the future, it is more important than ever that the financ
a position of impregnable strength.
During the period under review, General Motors dealers in the United States delivered to consumers 143,514 cars, compared with 231,881 cars
in the corresponding period of 1931. Sales by General Motors operating divisions to dealers in the United States for the first quarter amounted to 166.304 cars, compared with 255.997 cars in the corresponding period of
1931 . Total sales to dealers, including Canadian sales and overseas shipments, amounted to 197,256 cars, compared with 304,547 cars in the From the above statement ago.
That the existing industrial depression has adversely affected the corpora-
tion's operations during the tion's operations during the period under review. As a matter of fact retail sales, upon which the corporation's production schedules are based, month of March which was out of line with part of February and in the standing the fact that during this period the corporation obtained a somewhat improved percentage of the total business. In order to keep inventory in the hands of dealers at a minimum-so essential under present cir-
cumstances-production schedules were curtailed. This decline in volume was due to decreasing purchasing power, accentuated by the lack of confilso in an important degree to a tendency to delay purchases pending the also in an important degree to a tendency to delay purchases pending the
product announcement of an important manufacturer in the industry. In view of the fact that this statement is necessarily written after the close of the period, and although it has been my practice to deal only with
events within the period under review, nevertheless, in view of the imevents within the period under review, nevertheless, in view of the im-
portance of the matter and the interest of our stockholders. I might state portance of the matter and the interest of our stockholders, I might state
that the trend during the month of April improved; in fact, in excess of the
normal seasonal improvement. However, it must be recognized that the normal seasonal improvement. However, it must be recognized that the corporation's sales, depending as they do in such an intensive way upon
the whole country and upon the whole world, must necessarily be influenced fundamentally by the two factors already mentioned-confidence and purchasing power. It is hardly logical to expect any lasting change in the trend until a foundation has been built for improvement of the former and for the return, at least to a degree, of the latter.
Naturally it is as impossible for me as for any one else to make any fore-
cast of the trend during the next few months or during the next year. I cast of the trend during the next few months or during the next year. I
can only repeat what I have stated many times in different ways, and in which I believe thoroughly; viz, that normal times will return when
the period of readjustment is completed and the errors of the past have the period of readjustment is completed and the errors of the past have
been corrected. The world is in no sense finished in its building-as a matter of fact, it never can be and that being so, the future will surely and for industrial development as have ever existed in the past.
For income statement for 3 months ended March 31 see 'Earnings Department' on a preceding page.

| Assets | March 311932. | Dec. 311931. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash | \$110.408,462 | \$119,842,358 |
| U. S. Govern | 68,974,396 | 74,615,059 |
| Other marketable securities (short term) | 7,394,781 | 10,571,702 |
| General Motors Management Corp, serial 6\% debenture bonds due March 151932 |  | 3,125,000 |
| Sight drafts with bills of lading attached \& |  | 3,125,000 |
| C.O.D. items | 4,410,763 | 6,079,681 |
| Notes receivable | 3,890,689 | 3,514,560 |
| Accounts receivable \& trade | 27,150,745 | 30,263,463 |
| Inventories | 109,808,331 | 106,471,332 |
| Prepaid expenses Sub \& affil cos no consol \& misc inve | 3,227,302 | 4,019,424 |
| General Motors Management Corp. serial $6 \%$ debenture bonds. | $212,776,006$ $39,875,000$ | $211,548,200$ $39,875,000$ |
| General Motors Corp. capital stock held in treasury |  |  |
| Real estate, plants | $8,640,170$ $599,490,510$ | 604,100.810 |
| Deferred expenses | 18,456,423 | 21,788,939 |
| Goodwill, patents | 51,839,988 | 51,939,157 |
| ota | 266,343.566 | \$1,300,267,222 |
| Liabilities- |  |  |
| Accounts payable | \$21,453,165 | \$33,671,796 |
| Taxes, payrolls, \& sundry | 17,169,161 | 16,171,229 |
| U. S. \& foreign income taxes | 12,143,335 | 14,339,501 |
| Employees sav funds, payable within 1 year Contractual liability to General Motors | 11,400.721 | 14,875,637 |
| Management Corp., due March 101932 - |  | 3,965,688 |
| Accrued dividends on preferred capital stock | 1,562,805 | 1, 562, 805 |
| Eepreciation of real estate, plants \& equipm't | $\begin{array}{r} 246.580 .098 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $241,472.694$ $6,830.260$ |
| Employees sav. fds., pay. subsequent to 1 yr . | 31,806,243 | 31,231,137 |
| Sundry and contingencies | 10,936,558 | 18,006.512 |
| Preferred stock | $\mathbf{x 1 8 7 , 5 3 6 , 6 0 0}$ $\mathbf{y} 435,000,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & 187,536,600 \\ & 435,000,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Interest of minority stockholders in subsidi- |  |  |
| ary cos. with respect to capital and surplus. Earned surplus | $\begin{array}{r} 2.328,835 \\ 286.865 .302 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,336,881 \\ 301,266.482 \end{array}$ |

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## Seneral Corporate and Jnuestment 目ews.

## STEAM RAILROADS.

Cotton Rates Cut $20 \%$ for 2 Months.- Southern railroads have been au-
horized by the I.-S. C . Commission to make a maximum reduction of $20 \%$ thorized by the I-S. C. Commission to make a maximum reduction of $20 \%$
in rates on cotton from Mississippi River territory to and from points.
Southeastern and portse ostio River crosolina arteries, including Gulf and South Atlantic
Street Journal May M1., p. \& . Al . southern Virginia destinations. "Wall


 ailroads from Reconstruction Finance Corp. approved by 1.-S. C. Com-
mission Loans agregrating \$1.30.000 to four roads denied Fruther
applications totaling $\$ 14,207.271$ filed. p. $3759 ;$ (c) $1-$-s. C. Commission

 approved by Senate Committee Repeal recommended of recanturee clause,
p. $3763 .(\mathbf{f})$.Railway Age" on train speeds and employees hours and wages,
p. 3764. More Freight Cars in Need of Repairs.-Class I railroads on May 1 had
218,303 freight cars in need of repair. or 10.1 or or the number line
according to the car service division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 9,031 cars above the number in need of repair on
Thical
 need of light repa
pared with April
Locomotives in Need of Repairs Increase.-Class I railroads of this country
on May 1 had 7,851 locomotives in need of classified repairs, or $15 \%$ of
the number on tine the number on line, according to reports just filied by the carriers with the
car service division of the American Railway Association. This was an
 on May 1 had 10,731 serviceable locomotives in storage compared with
10,193 on April 1 .
Alton RR.-Reconstruction Finance Corporation Loan of $\$ 2,500,000$ Approved. See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.-V. 134, p. 1364

Atlantic Coast Line Co.-Dividend Omitted.-The directors on May 24 voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about June 10 on the outstanding $\$ 11,760,000$ capital stock, par $\$ 50$. Quarterly distributions of $2 \%$. $\$ 1$ per share) were made on March 10 last and on Dec. 101931 as compared with $31 / 2 \%$ on Sept. 101931 , and $5 \%$ each quarter from 1926 to and incl. June 10 1931. In addition extras were paid as follows: $2 \%$ in 1926 and $4 \%$ each in 1927 and 1928.-V. 133, p. 3626
Baltimore \& Ohio RR.-Completes Arrangements to Refinance Maturing Notes.-
The company has completed the necessary arrangements to refinance
$17.500,000$ of its $\$ 35,000,000$ notes maturing Aug. 10 1932, without further assistanco from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, other
than the loan from that corporation of $\$ 25,500,000$ which will enable the than the loan from that corporation of $\$ 25,500,000$ which will enable the
company to pay the balance of these notes $(\$ 17,500,000)$ and $\$ 8,000,000$ of secured notes, payment of which latter was made on the 25 th instant.
The holders. of the notes maturing Aug. 10 1932, will receive for the no-half of their notes not to be repaid in cash at maturity new $6 \%$ secured bankers who carried through the arrangements were Kuhn, Loeb is Speyer \& Co., and the National City Co., none of whom made any charge In its decision under date of May 16 1932, the I.-S. C. Commission stated were issued in larce denominations, drawn to the applicant's own order and endorsed in blank - are held chiefly by bankers and financial institutions which largely participated in the financing of this issue in
May 1931. These same interests are also important holders of the $\$ 35$.000,000 of unsecured notes maturing in August. The active participatio of this banking yroup and the co-operation of the note holders generally
have made practicable the refinancing of these important maturities on the basis proposed
Bank of Manhattan Trust Co. has been appointed trustee for the issue of
$\$ 17,500,000$ secured gold notes due Aug. 10 1934.-V. 134, p. 3878 .
Carlton \& Coast RR.-Seeks Reconstruction Finance Corporation Loan of $\$ 981,000$.-See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.-V. 123, p. 838.
Chicago Rock Island \& Gulf Ry.-Bonds A uthorized.$\$ 1,305.000$ of extension first-mortgage gold bonds and $\$ 60,000$ of capital stock (par $\$ 100$ ), the bonds and stock to be delivered to the Chicag Rock Island \& Pacific Ry, at par in payment of an equal amount of ad-
Chicago \& Western Indiana RR.-Bonds Authorized. The I.-S. C. Commission on May 21 authorized the company to issue s1.000,000 \& ref. mtge. gold bonds, series B, in reimbursement for capital expenditures, the bonds to
Cincinnati Union Terminal Co.-Securities Authorized. The I.S. C. Commission on May 17 authorized the company to issue sory notes, the proceeds to be used for the construction of its terminal.-
V. 134, p. 3452 .

## Consolidated Railroads of Cuba.- No Dividend Action.

 The directors at their scheduled meeting held on May 18 took no action n the quarterly dividend due July 1 on the $6 \%$ cum. pref. stock, par $\$ 100$. be called tor that purpose prior to July 11932 . 1 . 1 . 1 ar at a special meeting toOn April 1 last a distribution of 50 cents per share was made on the above issue, prior to which regular quarterly dividends of $\$ 1.50$ per share were
Cuba RR.-Defers Dividend Action.-
No action was taken on the quarterly dividend due Aug. 1 next on the $6 \%$ non-cum, pref. stock, par si100, at the regular meeting of the boerd meeting to be called for that purpose on or before Aug. 1 .
The last regular quarterly payment of $11 / 2 \%$ was made on this isue on
Denver \& Rio Grande Western RR.-Assumption of Obligation and Liability.
The I.-S. C. Commission on May 18 authorized the company to issue and assume obligation and liability in respect of $\$ 1,44,000$ of Denver \&
Rio Grande RR. 1st consol. mitge. $4 \%$ bonds, $\$ 662,000$ thereof to be pledged with the Railroad Credit Corporation as security for a proposed
loan of $\$ 500,000$; $\$ 10,000$ of Rio Grande Western Ry. 1st trust mitge. $4 \%$
bonds, and $\$ 1,395,000$ of Rio Grande Western Ry. 1st consel. mtge. $4 \%$
The report of the Commission says in part:
The Denver \& Rio Grande Western RR
railroad engaged in inter-State commerce, has duily a common carrier by undig Section 20 A of the Inter-State Commerce Act to issue and assume forth, aggregating $\$ 2,850,000$, of which $\$ 662.000$ is proposed to be per set as collateral security for a proposed loan of $\$ 500.000$ from the Railroad
Credit Corporation. No objection to the granting of the application has been presented to us. $\$ 2,500,000$ by the Reconstruction Finance
We ropproved a loan for
Corporation to the applicant $\$ 500,000$ to Corporation to the applicant, $\$ 500,000$ to be made for one year from April
1 1932 and $\$ 2,000,000$ for a period not exceeding three years from the making of the several parts of the loan, Our certificate approving the
loan provided that the funds be made available in installments of $\$ 750$
on or on or before April $11932, \$ 750,000$ on or before July 11932 , and $\$ 1,000,000$ condition that the applicant should pledge, among other securities, the
 Western Ry. 1 st consol, mtge. $4 \%$ bonds. It appears that the applicant also made application to the Railroad the board of directors of that Corporation for a term of one year from April 1932 , the loan to be made when funds become available upor unom
condition that there be pledged as collateral $\$ 662,000$ of Denver \& Rio Grande RR. 1st consel. mtge. 4\%/ bonds. Which constitute a portion of
the bonds required to be pledged with the Finance Corporation. It is ditions of our certificate that on the order of the applicant, these bonds be surrendered to the Credit Corporation upon the repayment
by that Corporation of $\$ 500,000$ of the loan made by the Finance Corporation.
Finance applicant has given two notes dated March 291932 in favor of the
 1st consol. mtge. $4 \%$ bonds. The other note is for $\$ 250,000$, payable
three years after date and secured by $\$ 783,000$ of bonds of the same class and sio.000 of Rio Grande Western Ry. 1st trust mtge $4 \%$, bonds The
applicant has also delivered to that Corporation in connection with the first installment loan of $\$ 750.000$ an agreement that it will make appli-
cation to us for full authority for the issuance, sale and negotiation (in addition to us plod full authority for the issuance, sale and ne notiation (in
for the locurities given or to be given as collateral security to the loan approved by us. The applicant accordingly requests authority
to assume obligation and liability in respect of the $\$ 2,850,000$ of treaty bonds offered as collateral security for the loan so that they may be pledged as proposed. The assumption of obligation and hiabity trustees under the mortgages securing the bonds, whereby the applicant assumes payment when due of the principal of and interest on the bonds.
Our authorization under Section 20A of the Inter-State Commerce Act is not necessary for the pledging of securities required as collateral for loans
made to carriers under the provisions of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act.
Bonds Authorized.
$\$ 718$ 1.-s. O. Commission on May 20 authorized the company to issue in reimbursement for capital expenditures heretofore made, to be pledged and repledged as collateral security for short-term notes.
To Seek Extension of Time for Dotsero Construction further extension of nine months for cut-off and also exercising the Commission's authority to acquire minority stock or the Denver \& Salt Lake Ry. It was proposed that the application

Florida East Coast Ry.-Payments on Equip. Trusts.The receivers announce that funds are available for payments on series
$\mathbf{H}$ and G equipment trust certificates. Holders of series E certificates maturing March 1 should present them to J. P. Morgan \& Co. for payment.
Holders of series H, due on March 1 , and series G maturing on April 1 . Holders of series $H$, due on March 1 , and series $G$, maturing on
should present them to the Bankers Trust Co.-V. 134, p. 3451 .

Fonda Johnstown \& Gloversville RR.-Wins Release of \$640,000 Tied Up by New York Bank-Can Now Use It to Buy Prior Lien Bonds.
The following is taken from the "Leader-Republican" of Gloversville
and Johnstown, $N$. Y.: The company May 20 scored a notable victory in Supreme Court before some 8640.000 of its money which for some years past has been tied up in the vaults of the New York Trust Co. River Regulating District for condemnation of raitroad lands for the Sacandaga Reservoir, has been tied up by the bank, it has drawn . . inter-
est. Now, the company will be able to apply the money on prior lien
bonds, and it is claimed save some $s 2.000$ a month in interest charges. bonds, and it is claimed save some $\$ 2,000$ a month in interest charges.
The action has been hanging fire for some time and was started when the company formally asked the New York Trust Ca. for the right to use the company formally asked the New York risust District Board after the condemation award. The trust company maintained that the money was
paid by the Hudson Board to the rairroad company as damages and that paid by the Hudson Board to the railroad company as damages and that
under the law as it construed it the company could only use the money for the expansion of its line, not for general purposes.
When formal request was made for the release. of the money, Attorney
Weon Burke of N. Y. City, appearing for Samuel Lemler of that city Leon Burke of N. Y. City, appearing for Samuel Lemler of 'that city,

opposed the application. Lemler owns two $\$ 2,000$ bonds of the railroad | opposed the application in |
| :--- |
| company's total issue of |
| $8,000,000$ |

In its claims the railroad company declared that if the New York Trust Co. Would release the $\$ 640,000$ turned over to it by the Hudson Board after the condemnation proceedings, it could be used to acquire prior lien
bonds of the company and save $\$ 2.000$ per month interest. For some time the Trust company has only paid $1 \%$ on the money. Judge Hefferran heard arguments in the case in Amsterdam May 20
and held He 20 and held at the conclusion of a short hearing that the railroad company had
the right to use its own money and ordered release of it to buy prior lien the righ

Wage Reduction of $10 \%$ Accepted.-
Alectric Hailwaymam, President of the Cayadutta division's local, American the union have officially accepted the $10 \%$ deduction in wages proposed by J. Ledilie Hees, President of the road.
employee on the pay roll of the company roactive to May 1, affects every employee on the pay roll of the company, both union and non-union, in
both steam and electric divisions, the bus lines and the clerical staff. It also affects all execuţive officials of the company.-V. 134 , p. 3452 .
Garyville Northern RR.-Abandonment.-
road (a) to abandon onseration as to issued a certificate permitting the over a railroad owned by the Lyon Lumber Co. in $\mathbf{S t}$. John the Baptist, as to inter-State and foreign commerce its own railroad in Livingston
Parish. 16.27 miles; and (b) abandon p. 2943.

Long Island RR.-Paid \$2,478,012 Taxes in 1931. $\$ 2,478.012$ ane kind or another paid by the road in 1931 amounted to May 25 that the company is probably the heaviest single taxpayer on This tax bill of nearly $21 / 2$ million dollars includes city, state, county,
town, welfare, highway, health, water, light, fire, police, sanitation, sidewalk and school taxes.
Annual payments of taxes are made by the road to three cities, 12 towns
and 40 incorporated villages.- V , 134 .

Maryland \& Delaware Seacoast RR.-Organized. The Maryland \& Delaware Seacoast RR., a new company, has asked the 1.S. C. Commission for authost Ry, which it purchased recently under
of the Maryland \& Delaware Coast
fore forelosure proceedings. The line extends from West Denton, Md., 40
miles, to Lewe,
The incorporator of the new company was the owner of the majority of The incorporator of the new company was the owner of the majority of
the bonds which were foreclosed upon default. The application includes a letter from A. J. County, financial Vice-
President of the Pennsylvania RR., in which he stated his company dosires to have an option to purchase the stock of the new company provided it can get legal approval. Mr. County expressed the view that this line
would fit in well with his company's lines in the Dellmar Bay peninsula.

Maryland \& Delaware Coast Ry.-Successor.-
Missouri Pacific RR.-Loan Not Required.-
and immediate comph hequirements are now such that that its cash balances and immediate cash requirements are now such that it will not presently The application with respect to this particular instalment has, therefore, been withdrawn
This amount was included in the funds which the road asked to borrow
from the Reconstruction Finance Corp. in applications previously filed p. 3632 .

New Orleans Great Northern RR.-Earnings Catendar Years
Average miles operated. Average miles
Gross revenue Operating expense.-----
Taxes \& uncoll. ry.
 -V. 134, p. 3819, 2519
New York New Haven \& Hartford RR.-Dividend Action Postponed.
The directors on May 24 deferred action on the quarterly dividend due July 1 on the $\$ 9,036.7007 \%$ cum. pret. stock on the quarterly dividend duntil the directors'
meeting June 14 14 . The last previous payment of $\$ 1.75$ per share was made April 1 1932.-V. 134, p. 3269.

Pennsylvania RR.-Now Asks Revised Loan TermsSeeks \$27,500,000 from Reconstruction Finance Corporation Without Raising Equal Amount.-Wants Loan in Instalments Beginning June 1 Instead of Wole Amount on Oct. 1.-See under "Current Events" on a preceeding page.

Asks Authority to Unify Six Lines.-
The company May 25 asked the I-S. C. Commission to permit it to
unify the operations of six of its subsidiaries as a means of economy In a series of petitions filed by the Pennsylvania and its subsidiaries the Commission was asked to authorize the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago
\& St. Louis RR., a component of the Pennsylvania, to issue $\$ 13,323,348$ or stock. It would be exchanged for stock or the Englewood Connecting
RR. the Indianapolise \& Frankfort RR., the Ohio Connecting Ry., the
South Chicago \& Southern RR. and the Wheeling Terminal Ry All are operated uudern lease to the Pennsylvania, but have separate organizations. Under the plan they would become part of the Pittsburgh
Cmcinnati Chicago \& St. Louis and would be operated through on or-
Number of Stockholders Increases.-
The number of Pennsylvania RR, stockholders continues to increase, according to announcement made on May 25, which disclosed that 249.228
stockholders were registered on the company's books on May 1. This is an increase of 904 stockholders over the preceding month, reflecting the further distribution of the company's shares of stock. date when the increasingy arge number of shareholders brought the average holding down to 52.81 shares per stockholder
The total number of shares of Pennsylvania stock outstanding on May 1
Southern Pacific Co.-Merger Plan of 1929 Modified.The I.-S. O. Commission in a second supplemental report has modified
its official consolidation plan of 1929 so as to assign the St. Lounis Southwestern Ry., the Paris \& Mt. Pleasant RY, and the Waco Beaumont Illinois Central, as provided under the merger plan. The Commission recently authorized the Southern Pacific to acquire
majority control of the Cotton Belt.-V. 134, p. 3820 .

St. Louis Southwestern Ry.-Time Limit for Deposits of Mortgage Bonds Will Expire on May 31.-
In a final effort to a vert receivership for the road, directors have extended the refonding plan for meeting the June 1 maturity of this issue. May 26 that diligent efforts to round up the holders of these bonds and secure their assent to the plan had resulted in the deposit of only $87 \%$
of the issue, whereas $90 \%$ acceptance is required as a condition of extension of a loan from the Reconstruetion Finance Corporation. somewhat over $\$ 20,000,000$ are outstanding and mature June 1, would receive payment of one half of the issue through funds obtained from the
Finance Corporation and the balance refunded into $5 \%$ general \& ref. bonds.
The statement issued by the company follows:
"At the meeting of the board of directors of the St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Co., held today, the situation arising by reasons of the ract that the depository reported that the holders of but $87 \%$ of the outstanding 1 st
consol. mtge. bonds had deposited their bonds under the refunding plan, was careftully considered, after which it was decided to declare the plan
operative, but upon the condition that on or before May 311932 not less operative, but upon the condition that on or before May 311932 not less
than 90\% of the bonds outstanding shal have been unconditionally depos-
ited "The officers were directed to again canvass the non-assenting bondholders in an endeavor to induce the holders of the required number to deposit
their bonds and thereby avert the consequences which would follow failure of the plan."-V. 134, p. 3820.
Union Pacific RR.-Four Lines in. Unification Plan.The company May 23 applied to the 1,-s. C. Commission for permission
to lease four roads in which it already owns controling stock. The pur-
pose of the application is to effect economies in accounting through a uni-
fied system. Tied system, subsidiaries that would be affected are the Oregon Short Line, the and the St. Joseph \& Grand Island. The Union Pacific roads, effective one month after date of apponoval, until Dec. 31 . 1933 . by one or more of the parties concerned on a four months' noticinated The approval of the proposed leases of Union Pacific subsidiari granted at recent meetings of stockholders of the roads affected.-V. V . 134 ,
p. 3634 .

Wabash Ry.-Interest Payment.-
A disbursement of $\$ 119,774$ representing semi-annual interest on equip-
ment trust obligations of the company due June 1 has been authorized by


Wisconsin \& Michigan Ry.-Reconstruction Finance Corporation Loan of $\$ 99,000$ A pproved.- See under "Current Events' on a preceding page.-V. 127, p. 951.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Matters Covered in the Chronicle of May 21.-(a) Electric production
continues to decline, p. 3709 ; (b) Gas utility sales improve in March, p. 3710
Alabama Water Service Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for 12 m
Department" on a preceding page.
 Invest. in other
companies.-..-
Notes recelvable-:
Acts. receivable.:
Unbiled revenue
Unbilied revenue-
Due from affli. cos
Materifil \& \&uppl.
xDet. chgs. \& pre-
xDef. chgs. \& pre-
paid accounts
89,315
Total_........-88,011,193 $\overline{\$ 7,957,142}$ Total_.........-88,011,193 $\overline{\$ 7,957,142}$ x Including unamortized debt discount and expense and commission on
capital stock.
6,000 shares (no perresented by 6,799 shares (no par).
z Represented by 6,000 shares (no par).-v. 134, p. 3453
Arkansas-Missouri Power Co.-Didivend Deferred.The directors recently voted to defer the regular quarterly dividend due May 1 on the $7 \%$ cum pref, stock, par $\$ 100$. The last regular quarterly
payment of $13 \%$ was made on this issue on Feb. 11932 .-V. 134, p. 3453 .
Associated Gas \& Electric Co.-Current Indebtedness All Paid-One-Year Notes of Subsidiaries-May Be Funded.-
It is announced that all of the current indebtedness of this company has
been paid and that neither the company nor its direct subsidiary, the been paid and that neither che company nor tis direct subsidiary, the
Associated Gas \& Electric Corp., has any bank loans or other similar in-
 companies is in 1940 when the recent isuse of so-called "baby" bonds will
mature (of which upwards of $\$ 7,000,000$ have been marketed). The next maturity is not until 1948, a period of 16 years from the present date, when
the 41 y immediately succeeding years are all convertible at the holder's option.

The Company's announcement further states:
It is, of course, quite possible, in view of the swing which takes place in
the market price of stocks over a period of years, that these convertible issues may be largely converted into stodk thereby, reducing the amount to the Associated Gas \& Electric Co. plify its corporate structure by exercisisu gits privilege of converting a large ferred stocks of issucs and number and variety of different securities issued. In view of the depressed prices of debentures of prally all kinds of companies even public utility companies, at the present time. it is conCo., will attempt to do any further financing for a considerable period of time. With its activities reduced to the mere receipt and disbursement of interest and dividends and the simplification of its capital structure there
would appear to be considerably less need for substantial banking representation on the board of the parent company and it is possible that changes
may shortly occur in the personnel of its board so that its supervision will may shortly occur in the personnel of its board so that its supervision will
be more largely or entirely in the hands of those actively connected with the be more largely or entirely in the hands of those artively connected with the some further current maturities to meet in the form of one year notes which were publicly issued by bankers in the late spring and summer of last year. If the bond market improves sufficiently these notes may be paid off prin-
cipally by the issuance of mortgage bonds of the respective companies concerned. Should this hoped for improvement not materialize, the most satisfactory method will probably be the issuance of new notes for a reduced aggregate principal amount at a somewhat increased rate of interest. The
revuction in aggregate principal amount is made possible in part by substantial accumulations of cash from earnings, due to curtailment of expansion during the past two years, and in part to the sale of the so-called "Baby" bonds.
The
annual report of the company is in preparation and will shortly be report indicate that the conservative policy as to depreciation, \&c., shown on the preliminary statement has been duplicated in other respects, while nevertheless been pushed with great vigor and activities which results in the substantially reduced decline in output and earnings shown by the Associated System as compared with the average for the public utilities of the country
as a whole.-V. 134, p. 3820 .
Bell Telephone Co. of Canada.-Dividend Rate Reduced to $7 \%$ from $8 \%$ per-Annum-Wage Cut. The directors on May 25 declared a quarterly dividend of $13 \%$ on the $\$ 76,619,300$ capital stock, par $\$ 100$, payable July 15 to holders of record June 23. This compares with quarterly distributions of $2 \%$ made from Jan. 11891 to and including April 151932.
At the same time, a further reduction in wages was announced to become effective July 1. Employees of the company on April 1 last received a cut of $5 \%$ in wages and salaries. This is to be increased to $10 \%$. The directors' fees have undergone the same reduction, and will be included in the July 1 action.
An official statement, issued from the offices of the company, said in part:
Falling off in business, particularly long distance, coupled with substan-
ial increases in taxation has so effected net earnings as to compel this As stated in the annual report for 1931, economies in controllable expenses have resulted in savings of more than \$1.800.000. The company is conses have the policy of spreading its wark by means of reduced worling
continuing order to provide employment to as large a staff as possible.-V. 134 . hours in
p. 1576 .

California-Oregon Power Co.-Bond Issues A pproved.Issue and sell at not less than $87, \$ 4,000,00061 / 2 \%$ conv. ref. mttge. bonds due in 1942 debentures due in 1942 at not less than 97 The debentures will or
be accurired by btandard Gas \& Electric Co." While the bonds will be sold
to a banking group.-V. 134, p. $3634,3455,3095,2903$.

California Water Service Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings DeComparat
 Total_-.......... $18,364,20618,512,071$ Total_-.......-18,364,206 18,512,071
x Including unamortized debt discount and expense and commission on capital stock. $y$ Less reserve for uncollectible
by 29,142 shares of $\$ 100$ par.-V. 134, p. 3821 .

Central \& South West Utilities Co.-Earnings:-
For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended March 31 see ${ }^{\text {-Earnings }}$ For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended M .
Central States Electric Corp.-Has No Bank Loans or Notes Payable.-An official statement issued May 25 says: Cash on hand May 24 of more than $\$ 2,300,000$ exceeds the cash balance
at Dec. 31 1931. There are no bank loans or notes payable. Cash on hand is thus equivalent to more than a full year's interest and sinking fund requirement on the $\$ 39,062,000$ debentuees now outstanding in the hands of the public. The debentures outstanding have been The major investments continue to be in the common stocks of the Shareholdings Corp. and Shenandoah Corp., as to each of which the number The holding of common stock of the North American Co. continues to be in excess of 700,000 shares.-V. 134, p. 1016 .

Chester Water Service Co.-Earnings.-
For income tatement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on

Comparative Balance Sheet.

| Assets- | Mar. 31 '32. Dec.31'31. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plant, prop., equipment, \&c | ,009,533 | \$6,006,614 |  |
| Miscell. special dep | 73,360 | 73,858 |  |
| Cash | 21,036 | 9,712 |  |
| Acets, receivable.- | 46,633 | 50,808 |  |
| Unbilled revenue-- | 38,850 | 39,400 |  |
| Materials \& suppl | 35,891 | 35,542 |  |
| prepald accts | 178,885 | 182,993 |  |

Mar. 31 '32. Dec. 31 ' 31 ${ }_{\text {Plant, prop.,equ }}^{\text {Asets }}$ | $6,009,533$ | $\$ 6,006,614$ | First |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 73,360 | 73,858 | ge |
| 21,036 | 9,712 | pue |
| 46,633 | 50,808 | ece |
| 38,850 | 39,400 | Due |
| 35,891 | 35,542 | Acer |
| 178,885 | 182,993 | defe |
|  |  | de |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

Total_.......- $\overline{\$ 6,404,189} \overline{\$ 6,398,927} \bar{T}$ Total_.......--\$6,404,189 $\overline{\$ 6,398,927}$ x Including unamortized debt discount and expenses and commission on capital stock. y Represented by 12,000 shares
sented by 12,000 shares (no par).-V. 134, p. 3455 .
 $\qquad$ $\$ 19$.


Mrofit and loss surplus



Total_-.-.-......
Columbus Delaware \& Marion Electric Co.-Earnings.
For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.-V. 133, p. 3887
 $0,3 5 7 \longdiv { \$ 1 9 , 9 0 4 , 3 2 1 }$


| Balance Sheet Dec. 31. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underset{\$}{1931 .}$ | $1930 .$ | Llabu | $\underset{8}{1931 .}$ | ${ }_{8}^{1930 .}$ |
| Properties, , tranch., organizat'n, doo. 40 |  | 49,465,311 | 1st pref. stock $6{ }^{\circ}$ Ser.B pf.stk. 6 | 8,186,864 <br> 5,014,660 | $\begin{aligned} & 8,186,849 \\ & 5,014,660 \end{aligned}$ |
| Notes payable. |  | 2,101,417 | Common stoc |  | 11,260,200 |
| Unadjusted debits | 1,392,648 | 1,452,078 | Funded debt | 8,380,000 | 18,502,000 |
| Cash | 1,350,833 | 373,627 | Notes payabie-- Acets. payable- |  | 500,000 523,095 |
| Fed. bank \& Gov. | ,543,831 | 1,697 | Accts. payabe | 384,300 | 9,327 |
| Acets. receivable | 829,364 | 869,390 | Dividends p | 17 | 54,158 |
| Interest receivable | 26,462 |  | Accrued taxes--i- | 989,868 | 640,807 |
| Unadjusted a acts. | 731,736 | 768,569 | Deerrea | 5,902,414 |  |
|  | 127,272 | 77,876 | Surplus.- | 2,371,088 | 6,248,730 |
| dep |  |  |  |  |  |
| fun |  |  |  |  |  |
| uspense- |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 56,835, |  | 66,971,862 | 56,835,164 |


Commonwealth Edison Co.-Bond Issues A uthorized.The Ilinois Commerce Commission, May 25 authorized the Common-
wealth Edison Co., the People's Gas, Light \& Coke Co, and the Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois to issue a total of $\$ 70,0000,000$ of mortgage bonds, in accordance with applications received May 24 . The money will enable the companies to retire all obligations maturar for other purposes burse their treasuries for expenditures made this year for orther purposes.
Halsey Stuart \& Co. will head a banking syndicate to float the issues. The Edison company is authorized to issue $\$ 18,000,00051 / 2 \%$ 30-year bonds. On July 30 it will have $\$ 20,000,000$ of $31 / 2 \%$ one-year notes maturing, and apparently expects to draw on its casi to some extend the Commonwealth Subsidiary Corporation, reported $\$ 20,000,000$ in cash and no bank loans.
Public Service of Northern Illinois is authorized to sell $\$ 32,000,000$ of $6 \frac{1}{2} \%$ 20-year bonds. 1ts maturing obligations comprise 81,000, one
 $\$ 27,000,000$. On April 15 the company reported more than $\$ 7,000,000$
cash and no bank loans. cash and no bank loans.
People's Gas Light
due on July 30 and its part of the authorization comprises $\$ 20,000,000$ of $51 / 2 \% 25$-year bonds. On April 15 the company and its subsidiary cor-
poration had more than $\$ 88,000,000$ in cash. Its nearest maturit after
July 30 , is $\$ 2,000,000$ for $41 \%$ serial notes, due on Feb. July 30, i
p. 3096 .

| Commonwealth Utilities <br> Calendar Years- <br> Operating revenues. Operating expenses <br> Operating expenses -...................... | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ubs.). } \\ \begin{array}{c} \text { 1931. } \\ \$ 4,636 \\ 3,295,760 \end{array} \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { xnngs.- } 1930 . \\ & \$ 5,700.614 \\ & 3,828,580 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating income | $.567,923$ | \$1,872,034 |
| ere | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,652,546 \\ & 888,463 \end{aligned}$ | , 142,230 |
| Net income. <br> Dive. on pref. stocks of subs. \& other prior deduct Divs, on pref. stocks of Commonwealth Util. Corp Minority and former interests | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 764,083 \\ 137,194 \\ 117,386 \\ 68,596 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \$ 1,424,516 \\ 162.819 \\ 122.182 \\ 317.61 \end{array}$ |

Balance applicable to common stock of Common-
$\times 1930$ fore- $\$ 440,907$
\$821,904
$x 1930$ figures restated and adjusted for comparati Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
1931.
1930.
$\$$ Property \& plant
Excess cost of hold-
ing co. of sub
cos. cos. securities.-
nvestments Sinke fund \& spec.
deposits deposits.-......-
Cash-ates receivable Notes receivable-
Accts. recelvable. Accts. receivable--
Materials \& suppls Prepald accounts.
Deferred accounts.
373,708
312,202
72,
494
62
532
265
53
551

## $5,541,601$ $3,855,09$

Eastern Utilities Investing Corp.-Offer Extended.The recent offer to holders of the $5 \%$ gold debentures, due 1954 to
exchangee all or any portion of their holdings on a par for par basis for
Associated Gas \& Flectric Co Associated Gas \& Electric Co. Gold debenture bonds, consolitated re-
funding $41 / \%$ series due 1958, up to the amount of such issue available for that purpose, has been extended to the close of business June 151932 . (See

General Gas \& Electric Corp.-Preferred Dividends Payable in Scrip-Distribution on Class A Common Stock Omitted.-
The directors on May 26 declared quarterly dividends of $\$ 1.50$ each on
the $\$ 6$ cum. pref. stock, series A and $\$ 6$ cum. conv, pref stock series B
 nive years. The dividends on the $\$ 6$ pref. A and B stocks are payable
five June 15 to holders of record June 3 , and the dividends on the $\$ 7$ and 88
pref. stocks are payable uly 1 to holders of record June 3. Previously
hese dividends these dividends were paid in cash.
stock. Quarterly distributions of 3 -200ths of a dividend on the class A common stock. Quarterly distributions of 3 -200ths of a share
stock were paid on this stock on Jan. 2 and April 1 last.
Exchange Offer Made to Holders of \$6 Preferred Stock.Holders of $\$ 6$ cumul. conv. pref. stocks, series A and series B, have been for any of the following securities on the following basis per sharee (a)
$\$ 100$ principal amount of Associated Gas \& Electric Co. $5 \%$ convertible bligations of 1932 ; (b) one share of Associated 55 div. pref. stock into Associated company.; (c) $\$ 100$ principal amount of Associated $6 \%$ or conv
certificates of 1932: or (d) one share of Associated $\$ 6$ pref. stock into which he $6 \%$ conv. certificates of 1932 are conv, at the option of the company ontinuous but not overlapping.
Holders who
Holders who desire to exchange their stock under the above offer should Porward their certificates to the stock transfer agent of the corporation,
Room 2016 . No. 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, at the same time indicating
which security is desired. The new securities will be issued and delivered s promptly as possible. This orfer will terminate at the close of business June 30 1932, unless
extended by the Associated Gas \& Electric Securities Co., Inc.-V. 134 ,

Hackensack Water Co.-Sells $\$ 5,100,000$ Notes.-The ompany has placed privately through bankers an issue of $55,100,000$ one-year $6 \%$ notes to be dated May 311932 This issue will provide funds to retire $83,000,0002$-year notes maturing
May 31 and tempurary borrowings maturing on the same date and also itai requirements extensis and impr Net earnings before interest charges for first four months of 1932 were
slighty larger than sime months 1931 according to Nicholas S. Hill Jr.
Dresident.-V. 134, p. 3456 .

Hamilton Gas Co.-To Default Interest Payments.W. Angamar Larner, President, in a letter to the owners of (a) $61 / 2 \%$ first
mortage sinking fund series $A$ gold bonds, due Dec. 111937 , and (b) $61 / 2 \%$ 5 -year sinking fund debenture gold notes, due Dec. 111932, anno 1 ances that
the receivers will not have the funds wherewith to pay the interest coupons the receivers will not have the funds wherewith to pay the interest coupons
due June 11932 on the above issues. The letter further states: hough it is improbable funds will be in hand for payment of 60 days. eriod. we had sound reason for believing that certain favorable developments then pending might materialize within a few weeks. Had that been the case the ments which concern increased markets for our shut in gas a vailable for immediate delivery have been retarded but no change has beea made ior our expectations.
to our revenues. which will be sent to security holders of all classes at an early date but are
pertinent to this letter. Sales, cash received_
Other receipts......

January 20 to May 241932.
$\$ 173,570$
5,000


Balance on hand.
\$13,205
This does not include certain small accruals not set up on the receiver's
books for the elapsed portion of the month of May, nor proceeds of gas sold and delivered in the same month which will be shortly due and payable.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.-Expenditures.
mounting to $\$ 278,223$ for additions and betterments to plant and properts in the City of Chicago and $\$ 14.418$ for improvements to plant outside of Chicago, or a total of $\$ 292,641$. This brings cumulative for such ex-
penditures so far this year to $\$ 7,557,609$.-V. 134, p. 3456 .
Illinois Water Service Co.-Earnings.
For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings
Department" on a preceding page.


Indianapolis Street Ry.-Sale.
Properties of the company, placed on the auction block May 20 at the President of the Fletcher American Co., reorganization manager designated by the bondholders and creditors, on a a bid of $2,600,000$.
The sale was held pursuant to an order by Judg Harry O . Ohamberlain The sale was held pursuant to an order by Judge Harry O. Ohamberlain of the Circuit Court of Indiana, on application made by George O. Forrey,
Jr., President of the Fletcher American Co., who has been receiver for the company since April 1930 .
Judge Chamberlin fixed May 31 as the date for final hearing on approval of the sale price.
The sale included all properties of the company except the 4,999 shares
the Peoples Motor Coach Co. stock, which are collateral for $\$ 500,000$ notes bought by Insull interests.

The plan of security holders in buying the street railway properties is to eorganize the system into two corporations to be known as the Indianapoli | will be entitled to proportionate holdings in the new corporations, plus the |
| :--- |
| privilege of making additional investments in new securities. (For full | privilege of making additional investments in new

details of plan see V. 133, p. 286.) -V. 134, p. 3271 .

International Hydro-Electric System.-Earnings.For income statement for three months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings

International Telephone \& Telegraph Corp.-Review $f$ Annual Report.
Reviewing the activities of the year 1931 in its annual report corporation
oints out that itt manufacturing busin ess abroad, while declining materially The telephone operating properties showed a substantial overall net profit re located entirely in foreign countries, as a whole materially impraved their results over the previous year. The corporation surfered, however,
with respect to its properties in the United States, which are almost wholly
telerres With regard to all three mainting properties of activity, the experience gained in
Whation the past year of economy and retrenchment has indicated that there is not
a single property in the corporation's structure, examining each property
to ogether with such minor properties as comprise a complete operating evel of business, should not show an adequate return on the in arvestrage herein made by the corporation.
hroughout the year on continuming and ine report states, "were concentrated conomies were realized progressived in the early part of 1930 . Since such is not reflected in the figure for operating expenses for year , their full effect rganization running at an annuw with operating expenses throughout the year 1931. Concerrently with the foregoing, the efforts of the management As a result of these efforts, and notwithstanding the fact that in the apital is always indispensable, it has been possible to arrive at a balance in the financial budget and, unless unforeseen factors make their appeartions of your corporation and its associated companies at the end of the sales campaign, increased its percentage of particintionsive and aggressive sales campaign, increased its percentage of participation in the total land
line telegraph business of the country. While the total domestic tele business of the United States decreased by approximately $16 \%$ under 1930. "The message revenue of the Commercial Cable Co. in 1931 declined by 19.4\% as compared with 1930 . The use of the cable is of course. largely Tith the volume of imports and exports. It is noteworthy, that the total 1931 by $33 \%$ as against a decline in Commercial Cable Europe declined in istics for imperts and exports betica Cables declined by $29.3 \%$ while staSouth American countries show a decline in 1931 States compared withal and 1930 "During the year 1931, the revenue messages handled by Mackay Radio
increased by approximately $17 \%$ over 1930 and the number of ships with which it has contracts for ship to shore service increased by $67 \%$ ships wit ciated telephone companies, including the of all of the corporation's assoon a comparable basis with the year 1930 showed an overall increase of $3.2 \%$ At the same time, net operating revenues on a like basis increased
by $15.5 \%$. "Eliminating the Spanish Telephone Co., which is treated as an investof income showed an increase of $10.6 \%$ over the corresponding figures for
1930. ${ }^{1930 .}$ to 769,920 . Of year the total telephones in service increased from 688,052 of the Rumanian system whim was acquired as of of Jan. 1 . 1931 . The
balance of over 30,000 stations represents a net overall increase of telephones in service in systems acquired before 1931
the telephone, are still far from the saturation ment, it is felt that the results achieved in the past year may be reveated and perhaps bettered, and that with restoration of credit and improvemen sess conditions, telephone development in such countries should properties and its manufacturing interests as well., equipment related to telephone, telegraph, cable and radio operations The total sales for all manufacturing companies outside of the Federal Kolster group which was acquired in 1931 were $\$ 61,310,000$ as compare $\$ 80,32,000 \mathrm{in} 1930$. The decrease in sales, brought about a deccime of
$\$ 2.547,000 \mathrm{in}$ net income. These companies, however, closed the year
with an overall net income Kreuger \& Toll.
In June of last year a contract was made, pursuant to which Kreuger \& shares, of the par value of 50 kroner each out of a total of $2,016,626$ shares European concerns engazed in the mufactere telephe of the oldes 111 operation of telephone systems. Part of the consideration, consisting of should be paid in stock of this corporation act providing that the balance Ericsson stock. The exact amount of the stock of this cornal amount of delivered was to be dependent upon the result of an audit of the Ericsson ear, however tion, certain remresentations of fact, upon which the agreement was based, escinded, thus terminarcurate and the entire arrangement was accordingly o deliver any of its own shares obligation on the part of this corporation or ericsson Company previously delivered is held by the Swedish bank Isarco Hydro-Electric Co. (Societa Idroelettricia
dell' Isarco).-Bonds Purchased Hallgarten \& Co., fiscal agents, announce that there have been purchased oonds (closed mortgage), dated May mige, 25 -year $7 \%$ sinking fund gold


Jersey Central Power \& Light Co.-Earnings.
lepartment" on a preceding page.-V. 134, p. 3636 . 31 see "Earnings
Keystone Public Service Co.-Earnings.-
For income'statement tor 3 and 12 months anded March 31 see 'Earnings
Fepartment" on a preceding page.- V. 134, p. 2905.
Louisville Gas \& Elec. Co. of Del. (\& Subs.).-Earnings


 Approp. for retirement
deprec.), depletion \&
$\begin{array}{llrr}892,500 & 817,500 & 915,000 & 811,336\end{array}$
The foregoing income account given in V, $\$ 2, \overline{\$ 2,123,924} \overline{\$ 2,154,533} \overline{\$ 1,817,392}$
 1930 and 1931. To correct this misleading statement we again give the
income statement, with the depreciation \&c., figures shown.-V. 134,

Lone Star Gas Corp.-Dividend Payable in Stock.The directors on May 24 declared a quarterry divicend of 16 cents per
share on the common stock payable in new $6 \%$ cum. conv. pref. stock.

On March 31 last a cash dividend of 15 cents per share was paid on the
common stock as compared with distributions of 22 cents per share in precommon stock
The corporation states that its bonded indebtedness has been reduced
since Jan. 1 by $\$ 780,000$ and bank loans during the same since Jan. 1 by $\$ 780,000$ and bank loans during the same period by $\$ 1,-$ hand increased during the same period approximately $\$ 400,000$ to $\$ 1,963,000$


Lowell Gas Light Co.-Note Exchange Offer.
The "Boston News Bureau" of May 26 states:
The company is offering to holders of its outstanding $\$ 1,500,0003 \%$
notes due June 151932 its new $5 \%$ notes as follows: Holders limited law to investments maturing within one year from date thereof, an equal
principa amount of $5 \%$ notes of one-year series, plus a premium of $\$ 10$ for each $\$ 1,000$ principal amount of $3 \%$ notes; to all other holders an equal amount of 3 -year $5 \%$ notes plus, a premium of $\$ 40$ for each $\$ 1,000$
principal amount of $3 \%$ notes exchanged. The offer extends to the close of business on Jume 8 . of Lowell Gas Light Co. capital stock is owned by
American Commontely $98 \%$ alths Power Associates and the latter owes a substantial amount to Lowell Gas. At or before consummation of this exchange offer and as a condition thereof, the two companies will enter into an agreement whereby dividends received on Lowell Gas stock by American
Commonwealths will be applied to the payment of interest or the reduction of the latter's obligation to Lowell Gas. So long as any notes of the new
series are outstanding Lowell Gas may not make further advances to the Associates, American Gas \& Power Co. or any interests affiliated with For the first three months of 1932 Lowell Gas Light Co. reports operating
revenues of $\$ 209241$ against $\$ 219542$ for the first revenues of $\$ 209,241$ against $\$ 219,542$ for the first quarter of last year,
Total income before interest, \&c., was $\$ 60,931$ for the initial quarter this year, against $\$ 71,045$ for the same period a year ago.-V. 133, p. 4158
Manufacturers' Water Co., Phila.-Bonds Called.There have been called for payment $\$ 30,000$ of 1 st mtge. $5 \% \mathrm{~s}$. f. gold
bonds, due 1939 at 101 and int. as of June 1932 . Payment will be
Massachusetts Lighting Cos.-Annual Report.Income Statement of Trustees Holding Company.
$\begin{gathered}\text { Calendar Years- } \\ \text { Total income }\end{gathered} 1931$. 1930.

 Consolidated Operating Accounts of Companies Whose Shares Are Owned by
Massachusetts Lighting Companies.
 Gross income after exp.,
Net
deprec. \& taxes, \&c.$\begin{array}{cccccc}\text { deprec. \& taxes, \&c-- } & 956,998 & & 847,067 & 928,682 & 909,514 \\ \text { Other income } & 166,515 & & 153,307 & & 142,022\end{array}$ Total income. Interest charges_
Balance, surplus
Trustees' balance
Total surplus Mass. Light, pref. divs.
Mass. Light, com. divs

 x Figured on average number of shares outstanding during the year the
earnings per share amounted to $\$ 5.67 .-\mathrm{V}, 132$, p. 3335 .
Memphis Power \& Light Co.-Transfers $\$ 8,200,000$ from Capital to Surplus.The transfer of $\$ 8,200,000$ from capital to the surplus account was
effected on May 19 at the annual meeting of stockholders.
The change in the balance sheet, described as a bookkeeping transfer, as suggested by the management May 9 in a letter to the stockholders. The National Power \& Light Co., a subsidiary of Electric Bond \& Share, and dictates its operation. Preferred stock holders, with 62,000 shares have a voting strength of only $15 \%$.
The transfer reduces the capitalization of the company from $\$ 22,000,000$
to $\$ 14,000,000$, but not the number of shares of common stock, which have no par value. the company deny that the creation of the large surplus is for the purpose of declaring dividends for the benefit of the parent company, but contend that it is for the protection of the Memphis Power \&
Light Co. holdings in the Memphis Street Ry. Co., now financially embarrassed because of a decline in patronage.
As stated in the letter to the stockholders, "The directors deem it advisable to adjus created against which an adjustment of the book assets on account of the condition of your company's investment of the Memphis Street Ry. Co. can be made if it seems desirable."-V. 133, p. 641.
Middle West Utilities Co.-Common Stockholders' Protective Committee.
At the request of the holders of a substantial amount of the common stock of the company, and for the purpose of according effective representa-
tion of the stock in the equity proceedings now pending in the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois, the following have consented to act as a protective committee. Assurances received
by the committee make certain the deposit of several million shares, it is byid.

Edmonds and Howland $S$ Day, Davis. Taylor. Miller. Busch \& Boyder Edmonds and Howland S. Davis. Taylor, Miller, Busch \& Boyder, Depositaries.-The Northern Trust Co., 50 South La Salle St., Chicago, III. and N. V. Het Administratiekantoor van Gebroeders Boiss

Receivership Widened.-
Edward N. Hurley and Charles A. Mc(Culloch of Chicago, two of the
three equity receivers appointed there for the company, were named equity three equity receivers appointed there for the company, were named equity C. Winne, representing the Lincoln Printing Co. the complainant in the original action. It was said the action was taken to protect the interests

Minnesota Power \& Light Co.-Earnings.$\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Calendar Years- } & 1931 . & 1930 & & 1929 \\ \text { Gross earnings from oper } & \$ 6,091,539 & \$ 6,479,225 & \$ 6,229,714 & \$ 6.037 .634 \\ \text { Oper. exps., incl. taxes -- } & 2,265,500 & 2,501,627 & 2,280,130 & 2,159,509\end{array}$

 Balance Divs. on 2nd pref. stock

Balance

| 68,601 | 77,787 | 8,890 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$2,216,362 | \$2,358,157 | \$2,467,629 |
| -994,542 | 1,001,872 | 9274,605 |
| 250,000 | 250,000 | 27,300 250.000 |
| \$971,820 | \$1,106,285 | \$1,215.72 |



Total $\overline{80,137,088} \overline{80,306,638}$ Total $\mathbf{x}$ Represented by $\%$ preferred stock ( $\$ 100$ par)

preferred stock $\$ 100$ par |  | Dec. 31 1931. Dec. 31 | 1930. |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 8100 par |  |  | $\$ 6$ preferred stock (no par)

Common stock ( $\$ 10$ par) 132 , - Cash for payment included in trust funds and special deposits. - V 132, p. 4410
Mississippi Valley Utilities Investment Co.-Protective Committee.
A protective committee has been organized for holders of prior preferred Municipal Service Co.-Earnings
For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings
National Electric Power Co.-Dividends Deferred.July 1 on the $6 \%$ and $7 \%$ cum. pref. stocks, par $\$ 100$. The dividend on the class A common stock had previously been omitted. The last regular quarterly payments of $11 / 2 \%$ and $13 / 4 \%$, respectively,
on the $6 \%$ and $7 \%$ pref. stocks, were made on April $11932 .-\mathrm{V}$. $134, \mathrm{p} .3458$.
National Power \& Light Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings
Department" on a preceding page. Balance.
Balance Sheet March 31

| Assets- | $1932 .$ | $\underset{8}{1931 .}$ | Liabilities- | 1932. | $1931 .$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Investments ... | 138,589,576 | 138,720,746 | xCapital stock | 125,705,714 | 125,665,794 |
| Cash. | 6,875,823 | 2,244,691 | Long term debt. | 24,500,000 | 24,500,000 |
| Bankers accepts. |  |  | Contractual liab | 12,100 | 24,500,330 |
| \& U. S. Govt. |  |  | Divs. declared.- | 419,567 | 419,545 |
| securities..-- | 7,675,655 |  | Accts. payable. | 41,213 | 66,588 |
| State, munic. \& |  |  | Accrued accts.- | 413,507 | 422,911 |
| teoth. short | 544,241 |  | Stock subscrip'ns |  |  |
| Notes \& loans | 544,241 |  | Resenve |  | 125,000 |
| receiv., subs. | 3,987,000 | 16.092,800 | Surplus......-. | $9,805,394$ | 281,378 $9,489,842$ |
| Notes and loans receiv., others |  |  |  | 9,805,394 | 9,489,842 |
| Accts. rec., subs. | 512,571 | 891,845 |  |  |  |

正
Accts
Unai
dis

| $\begin{array}{c}\text { diset. \& exp. }\end{array}$ | $2,741,081$ | $2,769,298$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $\begin{array}{c}\text { tk. subse. rights } \\ \text { (contra) }\end{array}$ |  | 125,000 |
| undry debits... | 139,856 | 139,848 |

 x Represented by: $\$ 6$ pref. stock (value in liquidation, $\$ 100$ a share),
National Public Service Co-Dividends Deferred
National Public Service Co.-Dividends Deferred, dee-
The directors on May 26 voted to defer the regular quarterly dividends The directors on May 26 voted to defer the regular quarterly dividends
of $871 /$ cents per share due June 1 on the $\$ 3.50$ cum. conv. pref. stock, no
par value, and of $\$ 1.75$ per share due par value, and of $\$ 1.75$ per share due July 1 on the $7 \%$ cum. series A pref. due June 15 on the $\$ 1.60$ class A common stock, no par value, and of 40 no par value. Dividends are cum. at the rate of $\$ 1.60$ per share per annum On class A stock to the extent earned in any calendar year.
On March 1 last, quarterly distributions of $871 / 2$ cents and 40 cents per On March 1 last, quarterly distributions of $871 / 2$ cents and 40 cents per
share, respectively, were made on the $\$ 3.50$ pref. and class $B$ stocks, while on March 15 a quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share was paid on the class A stock. The last regular quarterly payment of $\$ 1.75$ per share on
the $7 \%$ pref. stock was made on April 1 1932.-V. $134, \mathrm{p} .3824$.

## Nebraska Power Co.-Earnings.-

| Calendar Years- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating revenues | \$6,809,599 | $\begin{aligned} & 1930 . \\ & \$ 6,603,262 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1929 . \\ \$ 5,983,870 \end{gathered}$ |
| Operating expenses, including taxes | 3,211,284 | 3,234,752 | 3,020,169 |
| Rent for leased property | 72,460 | 191,304 | 159,820 |
| Balance | \$3,525,855 | \$3,177,206 | \$2,803,881 |
| Other income | 165,620 | 197,528 | 82,804,998 |
| Gross corporate income | \$3,691,475 | \$3,374,734 | \$3,008,879 |
| Interest on long term debt | 885,813 | 807,000 | 807,000 |
| ther interest \& deductions | 108,432 | 88,431 | 68,198 |
| Balance | \$2,697,230 | \$2,479,303 |  |
| Dividends on preferred stock | 481,908 | \$2,424,000 | +133,681 |
| Retirement deprec. res. appropriation | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 |
| Balance | \$1,915,322 | \$1,755,303 | \$1,469,681 |


| Balance Sheet Dec. 31. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| sets | $1931 .$ | $1930 .$ | Tiablities- | $1931 .$ | $1930 .$ |
| Plant \& investm'ts3 | 1,864,852 | 27,917,565 | xCapital stock.- | 13,000,000 | 11,700,000 |
| Cash. | 624,242 | 341,284 | Long term debt... | 20,000,000 | 15,050,000 |
| Time deposit | 300,000 |  | Notes \& loans pay- |  | 714,000 |
| Liquid temp. inv- | 494,053 |  | Accounts payable | 121,875 | 434,590 |
| Notes \& loans rec. | 854,965 | 764,842 | Customers' dep.-- | 84,789 | 70,372 |
| Accts. receivable.- | 1,016,125 | 1,240,544 | Accr. accounts.-. | 555,315 | 485,833 |
| Materials \& supp. | 693,264 | 757,754 | Pref. stock held for |  |  |
| Prepayments----- | 14,442 | 153,592 | subscribers.- | 60,500 | 95,800 |
| Misc. curr. assets | 56,951 |  | Matured int. long- |  |  |
| Pref. stock held for |  |  | term debt.-.--- |  | 303,668 |
| subscribers.-... | 60,500 | 95,800 | Sundry credits | 1696,721 |  |
| Special deposits- |  |  |  |  |  |
| nortized debt discount \& exp. | 2,412,505 | 1,586,164 | Surplus | 2.983 .910 | 2,569,551 |

discount \& debt
Sundry debits
Total_........-38,520,024 $\overline{33,162,922}$ x Represented by
Preferred stock ( $7 \%$ $6 \%$ preferred stock (par value $\$ 100$ ).

Total_...........38,520,024$\overline{33,162,922}$
 Note.-Cash for payment included in special deposits.-V.-1, 132, p. 4762 .
Nelsonville Athens Electric Ry.-Seeks Reconstruction Finance Corporation Loan of $\$ 115,000$. See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.

New York \& Richmond Gas Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for three months ended March 31 see "Earnings
New York Water Service Corp. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.For income statement for 12 m
Department" on a preceding page.

## Assets- $\begin{gathered}\text { Plant, } \\ \text { equipme }\end{gathered}$ equipment, \&c-2 equt, Invest. in affiliated

 M other cos. Casc. speclal dep. Notes receivable.:-Accts. receivable. Accts.recelvable-Misceli. \& prepaid accounts.-.-...-
Int. divs, receiv Int. divs, receiv-:-
Mats. \& suppliesUnbilied revenueConstruction adv, xDef. chgs.\&prep'd
accounts

| 7,268,960 | 27,265,225 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2,609,863 | 2,609,863 |
| 35,017 | 2,169 |
| 272,050 | 114,276 6,721 |
| 508, 320 | 485,260 |
|  | 26,081 |
| 50,850 |  |
| 113.839 | 111,865 |
| 102,812 | 103,719 |
| 183,900 | 250,000 |
| 800,781 | 807,657 |

Ohio Water Service Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings
Department" on a preceding paze.
 Total_........ $\overline{\$ 8,012,772} \overline{\$ 8,025,643} \mid$ Total_........ $\overline{\$ 8,012,772} \overline{\$ 8,025,643}$ $x$ Including unamortized debt discount and expense and commission on
capital stock. capital stock. $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { y Represent } \\ \text { payable.-V. } \\ 34\end{array}\right)$ p. 3458.

Oregon Washington Water Service Co.-Earnings.For income statement for 12 m
Department" on a preceding page.

| Balance Sheet. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets- <br> xPlant, property, |  |  | Liabilities- |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec.31'31 } \\ & \$ 2,676,500 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | Funded debt Mise. def. Hab | \$2,676,500 |  |
| Misc. speclal deps. | 3,163 | 3,453 | unadjust. credi | ts 18,093 | 17,306 |
| Cash.-.----.-.-- | 31,777 | 17,346 | Due aftil. cos | 25,500 | 40,500 |
| Accounts receiv'le- | 35,376 | 34,862 | Accts. payable | 6,108 | 5,714 |
| Unbilled revenue_ | 4,433 | 4,433 | Due affil. cos. (cur |  |  |
| Mats. \& supp'1s.-- | 38,187 | 39,273 | rent) | 2,109 | 5,899 |
| Def. chgs. \& prepaid accounts. | 100,073 | 89,797 | Acer. int | 144,157 | 101,376 |
|  | 100,073 |  | Reserves | 728,507 | 722,586 |
|  |  |  | apital |  |  |
|  |  |  | surplus | 1,479,454 | 1,478,588 |
| Total | 0,428 | \$5,048, | Tot |  |  | $x$ Plant and property at appraised values. y Represented by 6,416

shares of $\$ 6$ cum. pref. stock (no par) and 42,500 shares of common stock shares of $\$ 6$ cum , pref. stoc
(no par).-V. 134, p. 3825.

Pacific Northwest Public Service Co. (\& Subs.). Consolidated Income Account for Year Ended Dec. 31 1931. ${ }^{\text {. }}$. Operating revenue----
Non-operating revenue-



| Interest charges of Pacific | $3,011,825$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

 Total surplus
Dividends on pref. stocks of Pacific Northwest Public Ser. Co--
Sundry charges and credits
Cr Sundry charges and credits


Total_-......... $31,946.39231,790,293$ Total-.-.-.-- $31,946,39231,790,293$
x Including unamortized debt discount and expenses and commission on
apital stock. y Represented by 26,015 shares of $\$ 100$ par value. z At capital stock. y Represented by 26,015 shares of $\$ 100$ par value. z At
April 301932 . $\$ 27,00041 / \%$ notes due Dec. 1191 had not been ex-
changed for the $6 \%$ notes due Nov. 301932 .-V. $134, \mathrm{p} .3458$.

North American Co. (\&Subs.).-Balance Sheet March 31.
 Prop. \& plant_- 6
Cash \& secs. on
deposit with trustees ....- 1,884,449 1,794,441 Div. payable in 1,742,409 1,580,281 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Investments } & & 1,-\mathrm{a} \\ 142,574,198 & 135,794,441\end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{lrr}\text { Notes \& bilis rec. } & 583,987 & 5,27,563 \\ \text { Acts. receivable } & 12,939,368 & 14,007,256 \\ \text { Mat. \& supplies } & 9,871,731 & 9,985,293\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrr}\text { Accts. recelvable } & 12,939,368 & 14,007,256 \\ \text { Mat. \& supplies } & 9,871,731 & 9,985,293 \\ \text { Prepaid accts.-. } & 1,712,211 & 953,512\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrr}\text { Prepaid accts...- } & 1,712,211 & 953,512 \\ \text { Disct. \& exps. on } \\ \text { securities.... } & 13,400,009 & 14,228,338\end{array}$ Pref. stocks of
subs.......138,
Min. int. 134,633
\& surp. of sub.
\& $139,545,936$
Fd. febt of No.
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Amer. Co. }\end{aligned}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Amer. Co.: } \\
& 5 \% \text { debs. due } \\
& \text { Feb. 1 1961.... } 25 \\
& \text { Fund. debt of } \\
& \text { subs. } 286
\end{aligned}
$$

 $\begin{array}{lrr}\text { Taxes accrued.. } & 1,534,648 & 11,389,242 \\ \text { Int. acerued..... } & 3,794,826 & 3,974,154 \\ \text { Divs. accrued.- } & 1,391,929 & 1,356,682\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrr}\text { Divs. accrued-- } & 1,391,929 & 1,356,682 \\ \text { Dund accr. } 1 \text { iab. } & 94,916 & 123,209 \\ \text { Deprec. reserves } & 92,595,058 & 91,129,614\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Res, for conting. } 12,000,000 \\ \text { Other reserves.- } & 15,958,639 \\ 15,203,709\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Capital surplus._ } & 31,208,866 & 28,838,533 \\ \text { Undiv. profits_c121,058,102 } & 122,267,070\end{array}$ Total $\overline{878,346,821} \overline{860,002,202}$
 (represented in part by shares of the April 11932 dividend stock) acquired on balance by a sub. which purchases and sells div. Stock and scrip orsion of
holders. b Represented by $6,995,414$ no par shares. After deduction
reserve for contingencies, $\$ 12,000,000$, created Dec. 311931 .-V. 134, reserve
p. 3272 .

North American Edison Co.-Balance Sheet March 31.-
 a Represented by 367,660 no par shares. b Represented by 470,000 no
par shares.-V. 134, p. 3636 . pars.

Northeastern Public Serivce Co.-Earnings, For income statement for three and nine months ended March 311932
"Earnings Department" on a preceding page.-V. 134, p. 3272 .
Northwestern Public Service Co.-Earnings.For income statement for three and twelve months ended March 31 see

Ohio Electric Power Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for three and twelve months ended March 31 see 'Earnings Department' on a preceding page.-V. 134, p. 3273 .


 | Investments -- | 70,678 | 67,006 | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Common stock_ }\end{array}$ | $3,000,000$ | $3,000,000$ |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sinking funds \& | 3,514 | 98,135 | Carned surplus. | 701,977 | 489,363 |
| Capltal surplus_ | $4,519,217$ | $-\ldots .$. |  |  |  | special depos.

Cash. Acc'ts recelvable Other consumers notes receivMat'ls \& suppl's
Rec. from affil Rec. from alm
fated cos-
Unamort. debt Unamort. debt
disc. \& exps.-Prepaymentstaxes, de-... Def. deb. items.
Total ….... 12
Pacific Power \& Light Corp.-In Liquidation.
The New York Stock Exchange has received notice from the Southern California Edison Co., Ltd., that the Pacific Light \& Power Corp, all but a
few of whose outstanding shares were owned by the former company, is in
process of liquidation. In the distribution of assets of Pa process of liquidation. In the distribution of assets of Pacific corporation of common stock of Southern California Edison Co., Ltd., including 456,872 shares not listed and 335 shares which were listed on the New York cancelled, and the Pacific corporation stock, held by Southern California in connection with the dissolution of that company.- $\mathbf{V}, 133, \mathbf{p} .642$.

Pacific Public Service Co.-Earnings.
For income statement for three months ended March 31 see "Earnings
Peoples Gas Light \& Coke Co.-Bonds Authorized.-
see Commonwealth Edison Co. above.-V. 134, p. 3098.
Pittsburgh Suburban Water Service Co.-Earnings.For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.
 equipment, \&c-
deposits.......
Cash_----......-
Accts. receivable--
Unbiled revenue-
Materials and sup-

| 2 |
| :---: |
| 3 |
| 2 |
| 2 |
| nd |

Def. charges and
prepald accounts
898
24,502
36,973
21,904
20,551
149,613

Total ........- $\overline{\$ 3,673,844} \overline{\$ 3,654,882}$

Total .......-- $\$ 3,673,844 \overline{\$ 3,654,882}$ capital stock. y Represented by 5.000 shares (no par). z Represented by shares (no par).-V. 134, p. 3459.
Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois.-Bonds Authorized.-
See Commonwealth Edison Co. above.-V. 134, p. 3098.

Public Service Co. of Oklahoma.- Earnings.For income statement" for three and twelve months ended M
Earnings Department on a preceding page.-V. 134, p. 3825 .
Quebec Power Co.-Earnings.-
 Int. on bonds \& debs
Nivs. on common stock
k-
$\left.\begin{array}{c}81,241,12 \\ 1,313,8 \\ \hline\end{array}\right)$
Surplus Sur. from prev. year
xTotal surplus.
Trans. for reserves
Profit and loss surplus
Sarns. per sts. on com come
$\mathbf{x}$ Subject to deduct


Total-..... $\overline{32,371,133} \overline{32,133,933}$
$32,371,133$ 32 133 033 urp Liabilities-
YCapital stock-...-
Bonds............
Debentures_-.-.
Acounts payable.
Bills payable...-
Acount interest.-
Dividends payable
General reserves_Deprec. 2909
R. C. A. Communications, Inc.-Shows Profit for 1931 The conclusion drawn by some financial writers that this corporation
perated at a loss in 1931 is entirely erroneous. W. A. Winterbottom, VicePresident and General Manager, said on May 24:
"As a matter of fact," Mr. Winterbottom said, "the company showed a substantial profit for the volume of business during the year.
-Due to world-wide economic conditions substantial
in the 1931 surplus account to condict value, and the conclusion that the reduction in surplus reflects an operating loss is, therefore, incorrect. ota Commumications, Inc., more than maintained its relative importance in
this field last year and still is doing so in 1932."-V. 134, p. 1371, 1023,
Radio Corp. of America.-Dividend Action Postponed.The directors on May 20 decided to postpone action until June 17 on
the quarterly dividend of $13 \%$ ( $871 / 2$ cents per share) which is due in July on the series A $7 \%$ ond. cum, pref. stock, par $\$ 50$. The last regular quarterly
distribution on this issue was made on April 151932 . ristion on this is
rust Suit Set for October.
Oct. 19 has been fixed for the start of the trial of the Government anti
rust suit axainst Radio Corp. of America, Gieneral Electric Co. Nationa trust suit against Mroadcasting Co., Westinghouse Electria \& Mfr. Co. and other concern in the rastio business. The date was set by Federal Judge John P. Nields on application of Warner Olney Jr., a special assistant to the Attorney
General of the United States. The suit was filed more than a year amo The Government charges. the companies have created a m monopoly in Thio Get and tube margutacturing in restraint of inter-state commerce.
mation
The Government seeks to have dissolved contractual relationships between The Government seeks to have dissolved
the various companies.- V. 134, p. 3636 .

Rochester Gas \& Electric Corp.-Earnings.- "Earnings For income statement for 12 mo

Comparative Balance Sheet.
Mar. $31^{\prime} 32$. Dec. $31^{\prime} 31$

| Assets- M | Mar. 31 '32 Dec. 31 '31. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fixed capital. | 4,613,318 | 0,659,209 |
| Uncomplet. constr. | 732,146 | 690,669 |
| Inv. (less res., S83.- | 16,313 | 830,563 |
| Adv, to affil. cos.- | 57,797 | 2,805,742 |
| Current assets cash | 597,096 | 705,640 |
| Special deposits..- | 204,203 | 574,962 |
| Accts.rec. (less res. - \$708,064 in '32 |  |  |
| \& \$634,040 in'31) | 1,855,271 | 2,012,234 |
| Material \& supplles | 857,853 | 930,044 |
| Prepayments | 369,057 | 114,615 |
| Unamortized debt discount \& exp. |  |  |
| Other def'd items_ | 667,674 | 628,566 |

$\qquad$
$\xrightarrow[\text { Fixed capital }]{ }$ Uncomplet. constr.
Inv. (less res., S83.Adv, to affil. cos Current assets cash Accts rec . Material \& supplies ortized debt -V. 134, p. 3825.
Rochester \& Lake Ontario Water Service Co.-Earns. For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page

Comparative Balance Sheet.
Assets- Mar. 31'32. Dec. 31'31. Liabluties-Mar. 31'32. Dec. 31'31. \&c............. $\$ 5,149,742 \$ 5,147,216 \left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { ist mtge. } 5 \% \text { gold } \\ \text { bonds........ } \$ 2,500,000 \\ 53,50,500,000\end{gathered}\right.$


Cash............... Accounts recelv'le
Unbilled revenue. Mats. \& supplies Def. chgs. \& prepd. 149,742
36,153
64,38
64
2,388 $\begin{array}{lrr}\text { accounts } & 20,512 & 16,686\end{array}$

Total

Total -........- $\$ 5,313,163$ \$5,328,269 Total $-\ldots . . . .-\overline{\$ 5,313,163} \overline{\$ 5,328,269}$
Represented by 2,000 shares (no par) - V. 134, p. 3459
South Bay Consolidated Water Co., Inc.-Bal. Sheet.-

 Cash and working
funds Accounts recelvable Unbilled revenue. Materials \& suppl Prepald accounge \& unadj. debts.

13,961
51,758
43,400
40,239
3,788

Total .......
228,624
$6,727,710$ \$6,806,976 x Including unamortized debt discount and expense, y Represented by
10,482 shares of $\$ 100$ par. $z$ Represented by 7,500 shares of $\$ 100$ par.V. 134, p. 3636

Southern California Edison Co., Ltd. -457,207 Common Shares Canceled-Pacific Light \& Power Corp. in Liquida-tion.-See latter corporation above.-V. 134, p. 3459.

Springfield Gas \& Electric Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings Calendar Years-
Gross earnings (all sources) Operating expenses and taxes Net income a vailable for dividends

Preferred stock dividends $\begin{array}{r}1931 . \\ \$ 1,539,524 \\ 950,107 \\ 188,803 \\ \hline\end{array}$ ${ }^{1930.110}$ $\$ 400,613$ | $\$ 56,265$ |
| :--- |
| 70,084 | - Surplus. .130. . 411 i . $\$ 321,779 \quad \begin{aligned} & \$ 492,181\end{aligned}$ Standard Public Service Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.Calendar Years-

Gross onerating r | $\$ 1,7177,709$ | $\$ 1,781,951$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1930 |  |


Net earnings from operations


Net income loss\$66,722 $\$ 5,537$ x Includes $\$ 43,627$ in 1931 and $\$ 140.773$ in 1930 respectively, as divi-
ends received during the respective periods from properties sold during 1931.

Fissets- capital. Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 311931 \begin{tabular}{c|c}
nvestment in stock of Do- Do <br>
minquez Water Co

 

Investment in stock of Do- \& 16,612 \& of public.............................. <br>
minquez Water Co...... \& $53 / 2 \%$ secured gold notes of <br>
Special dep. \& sink, funds..- \& 292,622 \& Assoc. Pub. Util. Corp. due
\end{tabular} Cash, incl. Working funds ccounts receivable......

ccounts recelv Mccounts receiv., miscell
Materials and supplies Unbiliald revenue....Miscell. current assets.-.-. ue on subscriptions to $7 \%$
series pref. shares of Asso-
ciated Pub. Util. Corp...
repaid and deferred charges March 11932 _-.....
Votes payable, others
otes payable, others
ccounts payable
cerued interest on funded Accrued int. on unfunded debt
Accr, taxes, State \& county. Accrued dividends-
Other current and

| 48,496 | Other current and acer. liab- |
| :--- | :--- |
| 65,822 | Consumers' meter \& main | 366,500

7,261
 Reserves -illed in advance Preferred stocks- Util. Pubilic
Minority int. in Service Co .............. 7,455
common stoek........................... 730,244

## Total <br> $\overline{\text { s12,629,096 }}$ <br> Total \$12,629,096

 a Associated Public Utilities Corp. $7 \%$ series, $\$ 25$ par value: Fully paid and2,121 shares $\$ 53,025$. Utilities Public Service On. $\$ 77$ series, 8,166 shares
no par value (at liquidating value), $\$ 816.600$. Standard Public Service C no par value (at liquidating value), $\$ 816,600$. Standard Public service 25,000 shares of common stock. c Less depreciation reserve of share) and d Less uncollectible accounts reserve of $\$ 234,192$.-V. 131, p. 337
Tide Water Power Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for three and twelve months ended March 31 -
Trenton Street Ry.-Extension of Two Bond IssuesIssues in Default.-
(1) Trenton Passenger Railway Co., Consolidated.-An agreement dated June 1 1931, between the Trenton Street Ry, (successor to Trenton Passenger RY. Co., Consolidated, and the Trenton Banking Co., trustee, and other holdersor or the bonds who deposited their bonds with the trustee, has become effective. The plan provided as follows: Trenton Passenger Ry. Co., Consolidated, and the bonds secured thereby. rom (b) United P 1 Po Oct. 1 1961, at the same rate or interes (b) United Power \& Transportation Co., the owner of $\$ 473.000$ of the
Trenton Passenger Ry. Co., Consolidated. $6 \%$ bonds due Oct. 1931 , 1931 ,
agreed to subordinate the bonds in lien to the remaining $\$ 367.000$ of bonds outsta
(c) $\$ 1,250$ monthly is to be paid into a sinking fund to be applied first
to the purchase of the $\$ 367,000$ unsubordinated bonds, after which the fund shall be applied to the purchase of the $\$ 473,000$ subordinated bonds. All the bonds so purchased are to be held uncanceled and active in the sinking fund for the benefit of the holders or outstanding bonds.
(2) Trenton Street Ry. Consolidated Mortgage Gold Bonds and
Fund.-An agreement dated Dec. 22 1931, between Trenton Sinking Street Ry, the United Power \& Transportation Co. of Camden, N. J.
owner of \$76.000 of the bonds. Trenton Transit OO., owner of' $\$ 4 ., 000$
of the bonds, Trenton Banking Co. of Trentan, N. J., trustee, and other of the bonds, Trenton Banking Co. of Trenton, N. J., trustee, and other
bondholders who deposited their bonds with the trustee, has become bffective. The plan provided as follows:
() Division of of $\$ 1.159,000$ bonds now outstanding into two classes,
class A to consist of all bonds ( 357 in number) held by persons other than the United Power \& Transportation Co. and Trenton Transit Co.. and class B to consist of 768 bonds held by United Power \& Transportation
Co., and 34 bonds held by Trenton Transit Co., making a total of 802 bonds in class B .
(b) Reduction of rate of interest from $5 \%$ to $4 \%$ upon class B bonds from Jan. 11932 . Interest upon class A bonds shall continue to be pald
(c) Creation of a sinking fund which shall be applied, first, to purchase of class A bonds, and after all class A bonds have been purchased, then to purchase of class B bonds. All bonds so purchased are to be held uncan-
celed in the sinking fund for the benefit of the holders of outstanding bonds. celed in the sinking fund for the beneal or paid into the sinking fund 8680 a month, and commencing Feb. 11935 such payment shall be increased by S1, 500 a month. When sinking fund created by an agreement dated
June 11931 for the retirement of the first $6 \%$ gold mortgage bonds of the June 11931 for the retirement of the first $6 \%$ gold mortgage bonds of the
Trenton Passenger Ry. Co.. Consolidated, has acquired all the outstanding unsubordinated bonds of that issue, the amount of monthly payments provided for by that agreement (namely, $\$ 3,085$ per month) shall be
paid into the sinking fund provided for in this agreement, in addition to the other payments above mentioned, and used in purchasing, first, the in the sinking fund provided for in the agreement shall be used for the purchase of bonds, and shall be used for that purpose at least once in each calendar year. Holders of class A bonds not joining in this agreement
shall have no rights hereunder (this agreement being made for the benefit Shall have no rights hereunder (this agreement being made for the benefft therein, but the trustee may, in its discretion, purchase such unextended bonds from time to time from and for the sinking fund.
(d) Class B Trenton Street Ry, consolidated mortgage bonds shall be (d) Class B Trenton Street Ry, consolidated mortgage bonds shall be
subordinated to extended class A bonds of the same issue as to sinking fund provisions only and not as to lien for principal or interest.
(e) The due date of the principal of the consolidated mortgage bonds of the Trenton Street Ry, is extended fom July 11938 July 1968 . Interest on Other Bonds in Default.-Interest on the in default as shown below: Out- Last Interest
is Bonds-
Trenton
standing.
$\$ 8500,000$

 *Mercer
p. 2230 .

Union Water Service Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings
Department" on a preceding page.

 x Including unamortized debt discount and expenses and commission on
capital stock. y Represented by 6,000 shares (no par). z Represented by
9,900 shares (no par).-V.

United Ga Corp - Dirnings.
For income statement for 12 months ended March 311932 see "Earnings
Fepartment" on a preceding page. Department" on a preceding page.

Total_...... $\overline{342,072,854} \overline{339,679,001}$ Total__...... $\overline { 3 4 2 , 0 7 2 , 8 5 4 } \longdiv { 3 3 9 , 6 7 9 , 0 0 1 }$ $\times$ Represented: $\$ 7$ preferred stock (value in liquidation $\$ 100$ a share),
449.751 shares: $\$ 7$ second preferred stock (value in liquidation 100 a share), 884,680 shares; common stock, $7,817,1435 \%$ shares; option warrants to purchase common stock equivalent to $4,864,9671 / 2$ shares. Holders of option
warrants outstanding are entitled to purchase one share of common stock without limitation as to time, at $\$ 33.331-3$ per share for each option warrant held, and each share of the company's 8 \% second preferred stock, when accompanied by three option warrants, will be accepted at $\$ 100$ in payment
for three shares of such common stock in lieu of cash. There are also outstanding common stock purchase warrants equivaient to 3,015 shares These were issued by United Gas Corp. as sucecssor to a former subsidiary (merged in 1931 into the corporation) and give holders the ripht to pur-
chase one share of common stock of United Gas Corp. at any time, on or chase one share of common stock of United Gas Corp. at any time on or
berore Feb. 1933 at $\$ 18.662-3$ per share and thereatter at any time on
or before Feb. 11938 , at $\$ 20$ per share for each common stock warrant of the company surrendered. yoo this ammount stock purchase owing to Electric Bond \& Share Co. and $\$ 21.250,000$ represents bank loans bank loans to July 201933 .
Note.- Included in the amounts of outstanding securities shown above
are 240,000 shares of $\$ 7$ second preferred stock, 600,000 shares of common stock and option warrants to purchase 900,000 shares of common stock Corp. of the balance of $\$ 24,000,000$ on its subscription to Power \& Light securities of United Gas Corp. The right to subseribe to these units was
evidenced by allotment certificates on which a payment of $\$ 6,000,000$ had
been made in June 1930. -V. 134, p. 3276.

> Utah Power \& Light Co.-Annual Report.[Incl. Utah Power \& Light Co. and Western Colorado Power Co.] (Inter-company items eliminated).

Calendar Years-
including taxes

$\begin{array}{r}1931 . \\ -\quad \$ 10.643 .615 \\ -5,043.955 \\ \hline\end{array}$ \$11,233,43 | \$11,743. 132 |
| :--- |
| $5,322,442$ |




 Betire. (deprec.) res. appropriation.$\underset{\substack{\$ 1,163,989 \\ 500,000}}{\$ 1}$

 Balance. arec.) res. appropriation $\$ 663,989 \quad$| $\$ 1,206,255$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 1,647,554$ | Comparative Consolidated Statement of Income (Inter-co. Items Eliminated). [Utah Power \& Light Co.. Western Colorado Power Co. and

Years Ended Dec. 31 -


 Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Inter-co. Accounts Eliminated). [Utah Power \& Light Co. and Western Colorado Power Co.]

|  | $1931 .$ | 1930. | ${ }_{\text {Liabiuties- }}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plant, leaseho |  | 77,001,043 | xCapital stock-- |  |  |
| Cash. | 855,819 | 97,975,690 | Divs, declared.- | $42,347,000$ 452,487 | 887 |
| Notes \& I'ns r | 5,376,843 | 5,526,167 | Notes \& loans |  |  |
| cts. recelv | 4,271 | 3,981,732 | payable | 240,000 |  |
| at'ls. \& s |  |  | Acets. payable. | 455,636 | 483,444 |
| epayme |  | 37,894 | Customers' dep's | 495,972 |  |
| eclal |  |  | d arcts | 1,595,581 | 586,550 |
| ram |  |  | Guaranty - Utah |  |  |
|  | 13,872,000 | 13,872,000 | Co. bonds... | 13,872,000 | 13,872 |
| demp. fund | 10,500 |  | Mat. int. long |  |  |
| Unamort. debt |  |  | term debt | 41,788 10.500 |  |
| disc. \& exp-.-. |  |  | Sundry er |  |  |
| nary debits.- |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 3,740,88 | 3,975,022 |
| Total-.....-- | 25,249,465 | 25,203,919 | Total | 125,249,465 | 25,203,919 |
| Represented | d by: |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

United Light \& Power Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings
Department" on a preceding page.-V.
United Public Utilities Co.-Receiver Authorized to Pay Interest on Bonds Defaulted A pril 1 .
The receiver has obtained authority from the Federal court to pay interest
which was defaulted April 1 on $\$ 14.505 .800$ of first lien bonds series ${ }_{B}$ which was defaulted April 1 on $\$ 14,505,800$ of first lien bonds. series $A$, $\mathbf{B}$,
and Interes
period allowed after wefo paid by May 31 , the end of the 60 -day gace

Utah Light \& Traction Co.-Income Account.





|  | $\underset{8}{1931 .}$ | ${ }_{8}^{1930}$ |  | ${ }_{8}^{93}$ | 1930. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 23,603,704 | Capital stock | $\stackrel{8}{1.150,875}$ | 1,150 |
| Cash .........- | ${ }_{750.422}$ | 82.149 | Long term debt | 4,358,300 | 4,358,30 |
| (eate | 75,604 208861 |  | Notes \& loans pa | 5,281,595 | 5,41 |
|  | 3,054 | 6,326 | Accounts payable- | 43.649 |  |
| Trust funds \& spec.deposits. |  |  | Matured int. long |  |  |
|  | 62,444 | 56,537 | term debt | 5.173 |  |
| Redemption funds Unamortized debt aisc. \&e expense |  |  | Acerued int. |  |  |
|  | 73,569 | 88,738 | Redemption |  |  |
|  |  |  | Sundry credits | 29,031 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Surplus. | 1,601,902 | 1,661,019 |

Total_...........24,103,784
Note.-Cash for payment included in trust funds and special deposits.-Note.-Cash
Y. 129, p. 282.

| Virginia Public Catendar Years Operating revenues Operating expenses Operating expenses | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Service } \\ & 1931 \\ & \$ 7.570,750 \\ & 4,117,877 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { o. }- \text { Earn } \\ & \$ 79030.508,748 \\ & 4,044,425 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1929, \\ & \$ 6.855,090 \\ & 3,697,057 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 1928 . \\ \substack{101,06 \\ 3.327,503 \\ \hline} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating income-- Non-operating iscome | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 3,452,874 \\ & 274,208 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 3,464,323 \\ 29,238 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 3,158,033 \\ 48,497 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2,774,104 \\ & 25,368 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total income | 83,727,082 | \$3,493,561 | \$3,206,530 | \$2,799,472 |
| paid or accrued. | 1,623,555 | 1,338,725 | 1,426,182 | ,394,060 |
| Amortiz. of debt disct. \& expense | 148,372 | 91,840 | 87,779 | 9,568 |
| Miscell. amort. charge- |  |  |  |  |
| Miscell. deductions from |  |  |  | 7 |
| gross income. | ,479 |  |  |  |
| Petirement approp.n--- | 56,654 | $\begin{array}{r} 435,565 \\ 98,713 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 376,919 \\ 50,394 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |
| $t$ | 81,444,022 | 528,7 | \$1,265,255 | \$930,026 |
| $7 \%$ preferred dividends | , | 283, | 87 |  |
| Common dividends | 1,055,700 | 972,700 | 784,700 | 400,0 |
| Balance, su | f\$105,344 | \$159,284 | \$133,620 | 3226,52 |


| Washington Gas Calendar YearsOperating revenues.... Operating expenses... | Light 1931.\$5,971,114 <br> $3,697,140$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { o.-Earni } \\ & \$ 5.659 ., 599 \\ & 3,855,134 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1929 .{ }^{1} 55.536 .207 \\ 3,727,065 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1928 . \\ \$ 5.532,37 \\ 3,772,863 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other operating revenue | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 2,273,974 \\ & 36,159 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,804,465 \\ 29,439 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,809,142 \\ 40,505 \end{array}$ | $\$ 1,759,508$ |
| Total income | \$2,310,133 | \$1,833,904 | 849,647 | ,809,378 |
| Taxes \& uncollectibles.- |  |  | 343:210 | 461,412 |
| Interest Amord debt disc.sexp | 754.103 <br> 56.078 | 715,264 | 208.627 | 663.453 |
| Amort. of debt disc.\&exp |  | 21.249 4.392 | 18,206 | 18,206 7.537 |
| Net income | \$1,141,835 | \$743,536 | \$772,442 |  |
| ividends (\$3 | 468,000 | 468,000 | 468,000 | 68,000 |
| Net corporate incomeShares of cap, stk, outstanding (par \$20) Earns. per sh.on cap.stk. | 3673,835 | \$275,536 | \$304,442 | \$190,769 |
|  | 130,000 | 130.000 | 130,000 | 0.000 |
|  | 88.78 | 85.71 | 85.94 | \$5.07 |
| Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years (Incl. Subs.) |  |  |  |  |
| Calendar Years- |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating income_ Non-operating income |  |  | 158,364 | ,695,611 |
|  |  |  | , | 15,196 |
| Gross corporate income-Interest on long term debt |  |  | 150,810 | 710,807 |
|  |  |  | 774,975 | 648,225 |
| Interest on long term debInterest on notes payableMiscellaneous interest ded |  |  |  | 104.972 |
| Amortization of debt discount and e |  |  |  |  |
| Miscellaneous deductions.....--- |  |  | 8,194 | 5,397 |
| Net income Dividends paid- |  |  | \$1,277,632 | 3910,4 |
|  |  |  | 68,000 | 468,000 |
| Balance, surplus_ <br> Earned per share on 130,000 shs. stock (par $\$ 20$ ) -V. 134, p. 3637 |  |  | 9,632 | 42,446 |
|  |  |  | \$9.83 | \$7.00 |


$\$ 442,446$
$\$ 7.00$
Western New York Water Co.-Earnings.- $\quad$ "Earnings For income statement for 12 m
Department" on a preceding page.

Comparative Balance Sheet.


Western United Gas \& Electric Co.-Flans Bond Issue. The company has applied to the Illinois Commerce Commissirn for
uthority to issue and sell $\$ 1.000 .000$ Ist matge. $6, \%$ bonds. series $C$, dated May 11932 and maturing May 1 1952.- V. 134, p. 2339.

West Texas Utilities Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for three and twelve months ended March 31 see
West Virginia Water Service Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page. Comparative Balance Sheet. Assets
Plant
Papiopert $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Mar. } 31^{\prime} \text { '32 } & \text { Dec. } 31 \text { '31. } \\ \$ 87.284,762 & \$ 7.269 .997\end{array}$ Latabilities-
Cong-term debt-..
Constr. advances
 equipment, \&c-
Masc specialdeps
Cash and working funds. Notes receevabive. Unbilled revenue-
Mat 1 s $\&$ supplies Miscell, \& prepaid maccounts.
Deterred charges
42.082
1144.427
18.857
77.621
89.262
7,734
7
\& unadj. debits. 734,357
© unad
 127.500
53.456
31,343
100.500
35.570 D 122,548

280,943 83,035
574,760
84.010
55.55 $\begin{array}{r}84,010 \\ 552.555 \\ \hline 144 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\$ 6$ prefes.-- -3 a-.
86 cum 36 cum. 2 d pt . stk
$\qquad$$1,114,000$
365,000 $\overline{\$ 8,405,875} \overline{88,480,605}$
 x Including unamortized debt discount and expense and commission on
capital stock. y Represented by 12,000 shares no par value.-V. p. 3460

York Railways Co.-Earnings.--
For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings For incomes sta a preceding page.-V. 134, p. 3461

# York Utilities Co.-Earnings.- 

Operating revenue. End. Dec. 31
Operating expenses


Net revenue
Non-operating income
Gross income-
Coupon interest Taxes

Net deficit._.............
Profit \& previous yrs.
Total deficit
V. 132, p. 2390 .

## INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Cigarelte Sales Drop Increased.- The rate of decline in cigarette consump
ion in the United States increased steadily in the first four months of 193 . reaching the maximum decline for the year in April, when output declined $1,908,330,926$ cigarettes, or $20.15 \%$. This volume decline has been exceeded only once in the history of the tobacco industry the decline last
October being just short of two billion cigarettes. "Wall Street Journal May 23, p. 7 Wages Must Be Cut Printers Are Told.-Until Typogrpahical Union No. 6 agrees to discuss the proposal of a wage reduction the Printers League (Closed Shop Section) of the New York Employing Printers' Association expiring on Oct. 1, the employers announced May 25, N. N. Y. "Times"
May 26, p. 46 . Pay Cut Set at $15 \%$ for Bricklayers.- An arbitration award of $\$ 1.65$ an
our, or $\$ 13.20$ a day, $15 \%$ below the previous wage of $\$ 15.40 \mathrm{a}$ day, was hour, or $\$ 13.20$ a day, $15 \%$ below the previous wage of $\$ 15.40$ a day, was
fixed by" Professor Joseph P. Chamberlain of Columbia University. N. Y.
"Times" May 21, p. 27 . "Times"May 21, p. 27 . Chronicle of May 21.-(a) United States Supreme Court upholds State authority to limit oil output- Proration plan of
Oklahoma declared valid No price-fixing seen, p. 3701 ; (b) Sears, Roebuck
\& Co and Montgomery Ward \& Co. reduce prices from 5 to $50 \%$ p. 3716 ; K Co.. and Montgomery Ward \& Co. reduce prices from 5 to $50 \%$. Roebuck
\&) 3716 ;
c) Partial settlement of strike in bulding trades in New York- Nearly c) Partial settlement of strike in bulding trades in New York-Nearly
all unions involved accept 20 to $30 \%$ wage reductions-New agreement russ to Dec. 311933 - Some trades opposed to signing - Bricklayers remain Large grocery chains fail to follow one cent increase cigar and drug storesLarge grocery chains fail to follow one cent increase, p. 3718; (e) American
Brass Co. and Revere Copper \& Brass Co. cut prices $1 / 2$-cent, p. 3720 ; uptey, p. 3741 .

Acadia Sugar Refining Co.-Div, on Accumulations.The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 15
cents per share on the $6 \%$ cum. pref. stock, par $\$ 5$, and a dividend of 5 cents per share on account of accumulations on the same issue, both payable June 15 to holders of record June 1. Accumulations up to June 15
will amount to $\$ 1.10$ per share, it is stated.-V. 132, p. 4768 .

Alliance Realty Co.-Stock Stricken from List.
The old common stock of no par value was stricken from the list of the The board of directors have decided not to list the new $\$ 5$ par value com-non-strares.-V. 134, p. 3638.
Aluminum Co. of America.-75c. Preferred Dividend.um. pref. stock, par $\$ 100$, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15 A similar payment was made on this issue on Appril 11932 as compared
with regular quarterly distributions of $11 / 2 \%$ made previously.
$10 \%$ Reduction in Salaries and Wages.-
The company on May 26 announced a $10 \%$ reduction in salaries and wages effective on June 1 . The cut will
and its subsidiaries.-V. 134, p. 2724 .
American Cigar Co.-Resumes Common Dividends.-The directors on May 23 declared a dividend of $\$ 2$ per share on the outstanding $\$ 20,000,000$ common stock, par $\$ 100$, payable June 15 to holders of record June 4 , and the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.50$ per share on the $6 \%$ cum. pref. stock, par $\$ 100$, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20. The common dividend is the first since Nov. 11929 on which date a regular quarterly payment of $\$ 2$ per share was made.

This company is controlled, through stock ownership, by the American Tobacco Co.-V. 134, p. 3099.
American Electric Securities Corp.-Reduces Capitaliza-tion-25c. Dividend Declared.

At the special meeting of the shareholders held on May 161932 the decrease in the par
$\$ 5$ per share and the reduction in capital were duly approved (see $V .134$,
p. 3462 ). In order to avoid the expense of preparing new certificates for $\$ 0$ per share and order to avoid the expense of preparing new certificates for
p. 3462 In .
the participating pref. shares the directors have decided to use certificates the participating pref. shares the directors have decided to use certificates
in the form now used with a legend imprinted thereon reciting the change in the par value of such shares.
The directors on the same date declared a dividend of 25 c . per share on the $\$ 1$ cum. partic. pref. shares, payable on Aug. 11932 to the holder of record July 151932 . This dividend, in reality, is that which ordinarily
would have become payable about June 1. A similar payment was made would have become payable about June 1. A sim
on Feb. 1 and on April 1 last.-V. 134, p. 3639 .

American Republics Corp.-Would Oust Receiver.A petition has been filed in Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., by a
roup of preferred and common stockholders headed by Thomas P. Lee, group of preferred and common stockholders headed By Hom, of Houston, petitioners contend that the business policies of Cullinan are in conflict with the poiliceso of a substantial minority interest of stocknolders.
The Court has taken the petition under advisement.-V. 134, p. 3462 .
Armour \& Co. (Ill.).-Rehearing in Packers' Case Denied. The S , Supreme court has denied the petition of Armour \& Co. and other packers for a rehearing of its decision of May 2 which reverse the
ruling of District of Columbia Supreme Court allowing modification of
Packers Consent Decree of 1920 .-
Associates Investment Co.-Regular Divs.-Status. The directors on May 16 declared the regular quarterly dividends of $\$ 1$
per share on the no par common stock and $\$ 1.75$ per share on the pref.
 President E . M. Morris states:
The volume of business purcha The volume of business purchased during the first four months of this
year showed a decline from business purchased for the same period of year. However, during the month of May, the volume has been increasing and last week was the largest week this yeer. It is felt as the the easean ad,
vances and the Ford Motor Co. increases its production, that a satisfactory vances and the Ford Motor Co. increases its production, that a satisfactory
volume of business will accrue to this company, inasmuch as we are constantly increasing our dealer customers.
stanthe compreaning is continuing customers.
which is enabive credit and collection policy,
when us to keep our repossessed cars and delinquents in exwhich is enabling us to keep our repossessed cars and delinquents in excellent shape. The earnings for the first four months show a decrease its dividends for the first six months on common and pref. stock. The April 30 balance sheet continues to show a strong position with a in excess of $\$ 11,800,000$, or a ratio to current iliabilities of 2.19 to 1 . Total current assets are approximately $96 \%$ of total assets. The net worth of the company has increased within the year from $\$ 5,775,000$ to $\$ 5,980,000$ and pref. stock and providing ample reserves for future possible credit and pref. stock and providing ample reserves
losses and unearned discount.- V. 134, p. 3100 .

Atlantic Securities Corp.- $92.77 \%$ of Common and $91.05 \%$ of Preferred Stock Deposited Under Plan.-

See Atlas Utilities Corp. below.-V. 134, p. 3827
Atlas Utilities Corp.-Exchange Offer Extended.
This corporation has received $92.77 \%$ of the common and $91.05 \%$ of
he $\$ 3$ cumul. pref. stock of Atlantic Securities Corp. under its offer exchange made on April 8 1932, it was announced on May 23 . In addition he management of Ats of the Atlantic \& in to ask permission to tender their shares of the offer. These requests total 1.070 shares of common and 145 shares of pref. stock. Thus the total shares submitted for exchange are 157,146
of common stock, comprising $93.4 \%$ of the total of 168.250 shares, and of common stock, comprising $93.4 \%$ of the total of 168.250 shares, and
46,480 shares of the preferred, comprising $91.34 \%$ of the 50,889 shares outstanding.-V. 134, p. 2913.

## Babcock \& Wilcox Co.-Dividend Rate Cut.-

A quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the tributistock, par $\$ 100$. payabe maty to holders of record June 20. Distributions of $\$ 1$ per share were made on Jan. 2 and April 1 last as compared
with quarterly payments of $\$ 1.75$ per share previously.-V. 134, p. 1766 .

## Bayway Terminal Co.-Receivership.-

Judge Alfred A. Stein, equity receiver for the company, has been ordered by vice-chancellin cecelver Tho application was made by the Neve York Trust Co. The
cetition sets forth that in October 1926 the Bayway Terminal executed mort gage of $\$ 3,0000000$ on its property in Eitazaeth and Linden. and bonds
Beardsley \& Wolcott Mfg. Co.-Proposed Exchange Offer. A special meeting of stockholders will be held on June 2 to act on the recoreplace the outstanding debentures. Already $95 \%$ of the holders of the outstanding debentures have consented to the change. The amount of the proposed issue wirne 1935 a sum orsto The company has operated during the past four months at a small profit, as tavorable ago a loss was Bendix Aviation Corp.-Omits Dividend.-The directors on May 23 voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about July 1 on the common stock of no par value. On April 1 last a dividend of 15 cents per share was paid, while from Jan. 21931 to and incl. Jan. 2 1932 quarterly distributions of 25 cents per share were made The directors also voted to purchase "a substantial block The directors also voted to purchase a substantial block of the company's stock in the open market'' because of the present low price of the issue. Walter J. Buettner, Treasurer, said the company was in an excellent cash position, with no bank loans or funded debt outstanding.--V. 134, p. 3278.
Blue Bird Mfg. Co., St. Louis.-Dividend to Creditors.This company, in receivership since May 22 1920, prior to which about
S1 100 ,oon was invested in the firm. which manufactured electric washing machines, is "about ready to pay a dividend." it was stated in a report machies, is
filed with the Circuit Court at St Lt Louis. Mo., on May 20 .
The present receiver. Walter Villiam H. Moloney, who succeeded The present receiver. Walter V. Moioney, who succeeded William H.
Schaumburg, who died last July, was allowed $\$ 3,000$ in receiver's fees Schaumburg, who died last July, was allowed $\$ 3,000$ in receiver's fees
by Judge Hogan and the receiver's attorney, Herbert S . Hadley, was by Juded $\$ 1,600$.
allowed $\$ 1,600$ if the company, it is indicated in a report, total about $\$ 4,000$
Live assets or
notes. comprised of Liberty bonds, a bank account and U. S. Treasury
notes. notes. $\$ \$ 000.000$ claims were friled by creditors, most of them before the
About
leal deadine fell in May of 1921. However, many claimants are dead. while other creditor corporations have gowe out of business. It will require some extensive checking to determine just which claims will be allowed. locknolders are without hope. (St. Louis "Globe-Democrat.")
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50 c a share on the class B stock, payable July 1 it quarterly hoders of of record of June 50 . 19 ,
and the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ a share on the class A stock, payable and the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ a share on the class A stock, payable
July 31 to holders of record July 15 . An extra of $\$ 1$ per share was paid on the A stock on July 30 and Nov. 13 paid on the B stock in January of each vear from 1927 to and incl. 1932 , in paid on the Novecker 1929 and in July 1930 and 1931 . 19 and
July ange Link Jr., has been elected a director.-V. 134, p. 3640 .
Boston Manufacturing Co. 1901.-Receivers' Report.Superior Corrt allowed the sixth report of Lafavette R. Chamberlin and George $W$. Summersby as receivers and allowed them each $\$ 1500$ more
for fees in addition to the $\$ 25.500$ each has so far been paid as fees. The court also at his request discharged Mr. summershy as receiver, as he de sires to pave the state. Their firth account, covering the period Jan. 1 to May 11 last, shows the receivers have on hand $\$ 56,965$, plus real estate
in Waitham assesed for $\$ 604$ ono and a claim against the city for abate-
Bourjois, Inc.-25c. Dividend.-
The directors have declared a dividend of 25 c . per share, payable June 15 to holders of record June 1. A similiar payment was m
and Dec. 151931 and on Dec. 31 1930.-V. 133, p. 484 .

Botany Consolidated Mills, Inc.-Listing of Certificates of Deposit for 10-Year Secured 61/2\% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Due April 1 1934.-
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of certificates
of deposit representing $\$ 7,007,000$ 10-year secured $61 / 2 \%$ sinking fund gold
bonds, due April 11934 .-V. 134, p. 2727 .
Bower Roller Bearing Co.-Smaller Dividend.-
The directors have declared a dividend of 20c. per share, payable July 25
to holders of record June 30. Previously the company made quarterly
distributions of 25c. per share on the stock.-V. 134, p. 1960.
Bowman-Biltmore Hotels Corp.-Proposed Plan.A joint letter submitting a program for the protection of the holders of the
1st metge. leasehold $7 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds, dated March 11924 . was
recently sent out by the officers and directors and the bondholders. pro-
 Since inviting the deposit or bonds in its letter of March 23 1932, the
committee has been in conference with Mr. Sweeney. President and his
associates with committee has been in conference with Mr. Sweeney. President and his
associates with a view to submitting as early as possibie their joint recom-
mendations to to the bondholders. Meanwhile, the bondholders have had associates with a dew submitcing as eari, as possibie their joint recom-
mendations to the bondololeres. Meanwhile, the bondholders have had
the benefit of the stateme of the trustees embodied in their letter of the benefit of the statement of the trustees embodied in their letter of
April 7933 . As a result of these conferences and a study of the situation
the committee and the management desire to submit to the bondholders the committee and the management desire to submit to reco bondhouders
the following statements and recommendations. Such recommendations
might be considered a a plan of reorganization or readjustment. It is felt
then that as they merely contemplate solving in part the present problems, they
should be considered only as a declaration of present program, pending the formulation of a definite joint plan.
The committee and the management agree that all cash in the hands of
the trustee should be made available for distribution in partial payment of
the bonds sith the trustee should be made available for distribution in partial payment of
the bonds. Without discussing whether this fund could be used to cover the bonds. Without discussing whether this fund could be used to cover
expenses that might be incurred in attempting to reaize by freclosure or
otherwise on other collateral, especially the leaseholds, the committee as otherwise on other collateral, especially the leaseholds, the committee as purpose would be disadvantageous to the boncholders. The management
has agreed that the reasonable expenses of the committee will be paid by the
company without recourse to the cash and other collateral held by the company
trustees.
If one
it would or both of the hotel leaseholds should be foreclosed at this time of such corporation as might be organized to acquire them in foreclosure to provide management of the hotels and meet the obligations accruing to the or to believe that a better management could be provided by mondhagoment or the committee. Realty \& Terminal Co., as landlord, has expressed in a letter dated March 21 1932, its willingness to grant concessions to the If the cash in the hands of the trustees should be distributed the trustees
would continue to hold in their own possession with other collateral the note in the amount of $\$ 380,025$ of Harrison-Rye Realty Corp. guaranteed Co., Inc. The interest on this note is collectible directly by the trustees The trustees are likewise entitled to collect income accruing from the stock. As and when these items of collateral, and perhaps any other items now of
dubious value, are realized upon by the trustees the cash proceeds should be made available for distribution
Under these circumstances the disposition from the standpoint of the
bondholders of the Biltmore and Commodore leases becomes a subject for consideration. In the hotel company's letter signed by Mr. Sweeney it was interest until Sept. 1 1935. While the question of extension of the maturity date of the bonds as recommended may later require consideration, there are certain practical difficulties to the making of any such arrangement, such extension
not obligated to commence torecertgage the trustees have the right but are so to do by the holders of $25 \%$ in principal amount of the bonds at the time outstanding and unless they are properly indemnified against expense. in refraining from making any such request it is probable that no foreclosure will be instituted and the benefits of extension will be gained without
jeopardy of priority. Under present conditions, there is no intention to request foreclosure of
the leaseholds, it being felt that the real hope of bondholders rests in the possibility of increased carit is when git (1.) The cash held by the trustees be made available for distribution to (2.) No foreclosure of the hotel leaseholds be requested under existing
circumstances. (3.) The other items of collateral be preserved by the trustees so that when realized upon the proceeds may be made available for distribution.
(4.) That the bondholders through the committee, and the management, co-operate with the landlords in the application of the net earrining from the payable under the leases thereof.
In order that the lessors of the hotel leaseholds may be assured of the co-operation between bondholders and the management and that the foregoing recommendations
be taken by bondholders. carried Accordingly, the committee and the management request that bond-
holders immediately deposit their bonds with all interest coupons maturing on and after Sept. 11932 attached, with either of the depositaries of the committee, namely, Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland, 1.0 or Chemic
$\&$ Trust Co., 165 Broadway, New York, N. Y.-V. 134, p. 3827 .
Brown Shoe Co., Inc., St. Louis.-Reduces Pref. Stock.In accordance with requirements of its certificate of incorporation, the
company has cancelled 1,375 shares of its pref stock, representing the full company has cancelled 1,37 shares of its pref. stock, representing the full
requirements for the ear 1933 , thus reducing the outstanding preferred to requirements for the year 1933 , thus reducing
34,375 shares from 35,750 .-V. 133 , p. 3783 .
Brunswick Terminal \& Railway Securities Co.Capital Increased-Earnings.The stockholders have voted to increase the authorized to selt the new
from 300,000 to 600,000 shares and authorized the directors
stock for cash or properties without further submission to stockholders. George W. Steele, President, said several offers had been received for the stock.

## Earnings.-

For income statement for three months ended March 31 see "Earnings 34, p. 1960.
Burns \& Co., Ltd.-Delay of Interest Authorized.A resolution authorizing company to postpone until Dec. 1 1933, bond
interest payments due on June 1 and Dec. 1, this year, and June 11933 was approved at a meeting of bondholders May 26 . It also permits post-
poning until Dec. 1933 , the balance of sinking fund payments due on poning until Dec. 1 1933, the balance of sinking fund payments due on
next Jan. 1 . Provision for the a aointment of a committee to safeguard next Jan. 1 Provision for the apointme
interests of the bondholders and to co-ope
trustees also was made.-V. 134, p. 3827 .

Byrndun Corp.-New Name for Knox Hat.-See Knox Hat Co., Inc., below.

## Calton Court Apartments, New Rochelle, N. Y.-

 Deposits.-Wm. F. Sey, chairman of the committee for the protection of certificate diate deposit of the certificates with Manufacturers Trust Co.. depositary.
The other members of the committee are Helmuth C. Kranich, Edward A. The other members of the commit
Keeler and Thomas W. Wasson.
Caterpillar Tractor Co.-Earnings.
For income statement for 4 months ended Apri1 301932 see "Earnings
Department" on a preceding page.-V. 134, p. 3827.

Champlin Refining Co.-U. S. Supreme Court Upholds State Authority to Limit Oil Output-Proration Plan of Oklahoma Declared Valid.-V. 131, p. 3535.
Chicago Railway Equipment Co.-Obituary.--
Edward B. Leigh, President, died in Chicago on May 17.-V. 134, p. Cincinnati Advertising Products Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for 3 months ended March 31 see "Earnings For income statement for 3 months ended March 31 see "Earnings
Department" on a preceding page.-V. 134 . p. 3827 . Value of Common
City Stores Co.-To Reduce Stated Value Stock.-
The stockholders will vote at the annual meeting June 15 on reducing the stated value of the outstanding $1,067.941$ comm onn stock on (no par) to
$\$ 1$ pper share and transferring to canital surplus the balance of the capital
account remaining, viz. $\$ 11,205.680$. The company having failed to declare and pay, or set aside for payment
in full the quarteryy dividend on the class A stock issued and outstanding
for five succeeding quarterly dividend payments the holders of the class for five succeeding quarterly dividend payments, the holders of the class A
stock have the eright, voting a a class. by plurality vote, to elect a majority
of the members of the board of directors, and the holders of common tick of no par value have the right to elect the minority of the members of the
board of directors.-V. 134 p. 1199 .

Commercial Credit Co.-Reduces Common Dividend.The directors on May 26 declared a quarterly dividend of $121 / 2$ cents per share on the outstanding common stock, nopar value, payable June 30 to holders of record June 10 A distribution of 25 cents per share was made on March 31 last, 40 cents per share on Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 last, and 50 cents per share each quarter from March 301929 to and incl. June 301931.

## Earnings.

For income statement for 4 months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department on a preceding page.
An orficial statement dated May 26 has the following:
The reduction in net income was largely de
The reduction in net income was largely due to smaller current volume,
to less money being employed, and to higher interest rates than for the to less money being employed, and to higher interest rates than for the
same period in 1931. Expenses and losses were proportionately less than for the corresponding 1931 period.
Interest and discount charges were earned 1.90 times as compared with
2.28 times for 1931 . Dividends on the $61 / \% \%$ and $7 \%$ first preferred stocks 2.28 times for 1931 . Dividends on the $61 / \%$ and $7 \%$ first preferred stocks
were earned 3.59 times as compared with 4.76 times for 1931 . Liquidation of the assets of Kemsley, Millbourn \& Co., Ltd. foreign
subsidiary, continues satisfactorily; $\$ 1,829,306$ having been realized besueen Dec. 31191 and April 30 i932 with reduction in reserves of only
twe
$\$ 246,130$, leaving assets other than cash of $\$ 2,753,207$ vet to be liguid $\$ 246,130$, Ieaving assets other than cash of $\$ 2,753,207$ yet to be liquidated.
Against these assets there remained on April 30
1932
reserves of $\$ 1,154,931-$ Agarly $42 \%-$ which is now believed to be more than will be needed. Commercial Credit has continued to make a sizable profit on its domestic
operations despite conditions. Practically all of its assets are represented operations despite conditions. Practically all of its assets are represented
by cash and current well diversified receivables. The company has almosti by cash and current well diversified receivables. The company has almost
no investment in real estate, buildings. plant, machinery and the like. Its
Its receivabebtes are in rewed by several hundred thousand widely scattered debtors. usually in small amounts. the payment of which is not primarily dependent
upon the financial condition of the parties from whom they were purchased. These receivables are also generally protected by liens, withheld reserves, repurchase agreements, and insurance where necessary
On April 301932 consolidated invested capital of $t$
On April 301932 consolidated invested capital of the company was Its consolidated cash balance was $\$ 17,413,509$, short term loans $\$ 47,426$.are much smaller in proportion to invested capital of than for $\$ 368$, which With collections of over $\$ 19,000,000$ during April, it is significant that. if the company should discontinue current purchases and apply its cash
balances and collections against loans, it should be able to fiquidate its. balances and conections against loans, it shouli be able to iqquidate its.

Expansion in Canada.-
The company states that the Continental Guaranty Corp. of Canada, Ltd.. its subsidiary, has concluded a contract with the Ford Motor Co. of
Canada for the exclusive financing of Ford cars throughout Canada. The arrangement is expected by the company to produce a good increase in
Canadian business which has for many years been satisfactory and profit-

## Consolidated Machine Tool Corp. of America.-

 Protective Committee.The President of the corporation has announced that the corporation tanding 1st mort. 20 -year $7 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds, due June 11942 . The following have been requested and have agreed to act as a bondholders committee to reepresent the interests of holders of the bonds who deposit their bonds under a deposit agreement dated May 161932 . The in order that concerted action may be taken through united representation
on behalf and in the interest of bondholders who become parties to the on behalf and in th
deposit agreement.
Bonds may be de
orm and accompansited with either depositary and msut be in negotiable and subsequently. Upon such deposits transferable certificates of deposit will be issued. The depositaries are: Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Committee - Benedict J. Baker, Chairman (B,J, Baker \& Co. Inc.).
Boston, Wiliam Pe Fairman (Fairman \& Co.), Philadelphia, Pa.: Clarence E. Perkins (B. J. Baker \& Co., Inc.), Boston; Warren A. Tyson. Warrence A.
Tyson \& Co.), Philadelphia, Pac; J. Harvie Wilkinson Jr. (State-Planters Bank \& Trust Co.). Richmond, Va. Clarence E. Perkins, Secretary, 209 Washington St., Boston. John W. McAnarney, 209 Washington
St., Boston, Mass., counsel.-V. 131, p. 4220 .
Consolidated Oil Corp.-Receivership Asked-Shareholder Charges Merger Is Fraud and Illegal.-
A suit to dissolve the corporation, formed in a merger of several oil and pipe line companies March 1 has been filed in Federal Court at Chicago on
behalf of Roy Carney of Chicago, a stockholder of one of the merged
The Carney action entered May 20, also asked appointment of a receiver
The of the stockholders of the individual, companies involved. The suit is directed not only against the merged companies collectively,
but names most orthe individual concerns as defendants, among them the
Commonwealth Transportation Co., the Commonwealth Oil \& Gas Co., and the Siclelair Consolidated Oil Corp. \$700.000 in fees for assisting in the several months' negotiations for the consolidation and that due to the merger stockholders of the Prairie Pipe
Line and the Prairie Oil \& Gas companies were burdened with $\$ 100,000,000$ in debts of other companies.
Carney owns 3,825 shares of Prairie Pipe Line stock.-V. 134, p. 3102.

## Continental-Diamond Fibre Co.-Earnings.- - ${ }^{\text {Earnings }}$

 Department" on a preceding page.current assets as of March 31 . 1932 , amounted to approximately $\$ 3,-$
236,000 of which $\$ 1,183,000$ represented cash and marketable securities

Continental Motors Corp.-Officers of New Subsidiary.Wo. Rormed Angll has been elected President of the new Continental-Divco
the accuisition by the Continental Motors Corp. of Che Divco-Detroug Corp. Ocquer offricers elected aree. Roager Sherman Vice-
President: John Nicol. Vice-President and General Manager; Wallace Zweiner, Treasurer and Craig Keith, Secretary
The new company has opened a new branch at Medford, Mass., for sales,
parts and service, and will retain seven similar branches in New York.

Philadelphia. Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, Minneapolis and Los An-
Creole Petroleum Corp.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.-

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Inclv } \\ & 1931 . \end{aligned}$ | ding affilia | ed companies.] | 1931. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underset{\substack{\text { Assets- } \\ \text { Total fixed assets } \mathrm{y}}}{ }$ | 18,089,250 | 9,015,061 | Capital \& surp-..x ${ }^{5}$ | ,939,519 |  |
| Mat' \& supplies | 2,005,940 | 689,588 | Accounts payable. |  | 117,622 |
| ent | 61,288 | 84,530 | Other curr. liabil- | 20,997 118830 |  |
|  | 419,786 | ,08,059 | ded |  |  |
| Other curr. assets. | ${ }^{212,532}$ | 835.427 | Capital \& surpiss | 19,640 |  |
| d. \& def. ch | 396,093 14,936 |  |  |  |  |

Misfeell. securities.
30,403,885
Total_......-.51,579,589 $\overline{62,703,745}$ Total_...........51,579,589 $\overline{62,703,745}$ x Value of $6,974,356$ shares of no par value issued and outstanding
represented by carital and surplus. y . After deducting depreciation, de
pletion, and amortization of $\$ 8,270,098$ and includes organization costs of pletion, and amortization of $\$ 8,270.098$ and includes organization costs of
$\$ 6.32$. . 0 .
Our Our usual comparative income state
1931 was published in V. 134, p. 3828 .
Crown Willamette Paper Co.- $\$ 1$ Preferred Dividend.A dividend of $\$ 1$ per share has been declared on the $\$ 7$ cum. 1st pref. stock, paye in each of the four preceding quarters, prior to which payment stock
was made in
Davega Stores Corp.-Sells Cleveland and Michigan Stores. The corporation has sold its entire capital stock in Atlas Serlin Stores,
Inc., Detroit, to William J. Serlin and Jacob Ressler; and Atlas Lesser
Sta Stores. Inc., Cloveland, to Lou Balantzau. The purchasers were the man agers of each of these branches
York and Chicago.-V. 134 , pereafter
Defaulted Real Estate Bonds.-Committee Formed.A general committee to be known as the Protective Committee For
Defaulted Real Estate Bonds has been formed for holders of defaulted
 (Vice-Pres. City Bank Farmers Trust Co.); Lincoln Cromwell (Wm. Iselin Dowling (Pres. City Investing Co.); Henry R. Hayes (Vice-Pres. Stone \&
Webster and Blodget, Inc.), and James C. Stewart (Pres. James Stewart Co.). Hart, Sec., 22 William St., New York. Breed, Abbott \& Morgan,
Hounsei, 15 Broad St., New York. Counsel Estate Consuitants: Brown, Wheelock, Harris \& Co., Inc., The Cruishank Co., and Douglas L. Eiliman \& Co.. Inc.
Depositary: City Bank Farmers Trust Co., 22 Wiliam St., New York. Depositary: City Bank Farmers Trust Co.., 22 , wimam st,
The otarittee, in a statement issued May 23,
Defaults now exist in a number of real estate bond issues.
At the request of certain holders of defaulted bonds, we will act as a general committee to protect the interest of the holders of such bonds and
to represent them and similarly situated bondholders. represent them and similary situated bond
The committee is advised that bonds of thisted below are in default, and the committee at the present time is prepared to a aceept the under and subject to the provisions of a deposit agrement.
Holders of the bonds of these issues and holders of certificates of deposit who have deposited their bonds with other committees are urged to deposit heir bonds or certificates of deposit with the depositary
Bonds or certificates when deposited must be in negotiable form, and Transferable certificates of deposit will be issued to depositors.
Transferabie certificates of deposit
Brierfield Apt. Bld. 1 .st S . F . 6 s .
Lewris Morris Apt. Bldg. $1 \mathrm{st} 61 / \mathrm{s}$.
Lewis Morris Apt. Bldg. 1st $61 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$.
18 Gramery Park South 1 1tt 6 s .
48 West 48 th St. Bldg. 1 st 6 s .
48 West 48th St. Bldg. 1 st 6 s .
616 Madison Ave. Apt. Hotel 1 st $61 / \mathrm{s}$.
2450 Broaday Apt. Hotel 1 st . $61 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$.

610 Park Ave. Bldg. 1
Central Zone Building 1st 6s.
Fox Theatre (Brooklyn) 1st 6s.
The Granada
Lincoln Hotel Properties $15 \mathrm{st} 6 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$.

## De Laval Separator Co.-Tenders.

The New York Trust Co., trustee, 100 Broadway, New York City, will untill 2 p. m. On June 3 . receiv 151935 to an amount sufficient to exhaust ing fund gold notes due July 151935 to an amount surficient to
$\$ 50,000$ at a price not exceeding 100 and interest.-V. 133. p. 3467 .
Devoe \& Raynolds, Inc.-Common Dividends Omitted.The directors on May 26 decided to omit the quarterly dividends usually payable about July 1 on the class A and class B common stocks, no par value. From July 11931 to and incl. April 1 1932, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 15 cents per share on these issues as compared with 30 cents per share previously each quarter. -V. 134, p. 3104.
Dunean Mills, Greenville, S. C.-Dividend Omission.The directors recently decided to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about May 15 on the capital stock.
payment of $\$ 2$ per share was made on Feb. 151932 .-VV. 116. p. 2013 .
Durham Duplex Razor Co.-Smaller Pref. Dividend.The directors have declared a dividend of 25 c . per share on the $\$ 4$ cum. prior pref. stock, no par value, payable June 1 to horders of record May 27.
In each of the two preceding quarters s distribution of 50 c . per share was made on this issue.-V. 133, p. 3262.

Equitable Office Building Co.-Dividend Outlook, \&c.income at $\$ 1,634,000$ for the current fiscal year, which began May 11932. This is after deducting estimated expenses, including interest, real estate, Federal and State taxes, operating expenses. and the reduction of the
funded debt by $\$ 406.000$ and would be equal to $\$ 1.82$ a share on 895,464 rommon shares after deducing dividends on 67 shares of $7 \%$ pref. stock.
come $\$ 406.000$ payment on funded debt wil be charged against earnings
The as depreciation, Mr. du Pont states, in accordance with the company's
established policy. These payments continue each year under amortization established policy.
schedules which extinguish the funded debt at maturity Lower earnings outlook for the current year resulted in reduction in the dividend rate to s business being such that it is possible the forecast fairly of turatempan year in advance He added, however, that such forecast
accuraty
obviusly cannot foresee the effect on the earnings due to the possible deobviously cannot foresee the effect on the earnings due to the possible de-
fault on the part of any tenant
ont The management feels, Mr. du Pont stated that the new Sintin rate can be maintained during the next 12 monthen and at the same time carry forward to surplus
care of all contingencies, and at a substantial sum at the end of the year. See aividend 134, p. 3829.
Equity Savings \& Loan Co.-Dividend Omitted.-
The directors have voted to ompany on Dec. 10 paid a semi- ordinarily payaber about per share and an extra of $\$ 6$ per share.-V. V . $133, \mathrm{p} .3795$.

Evans Products Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for three months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.-V. 133, p. 3467.

Fashion Park Associates, Inc.-Registrar.-
The Chemical Bank Trust Co has been appointed registrar of the ting trust certificates for pref. stock.-V. 134, p. 2731.
Fifty Five Fifth Ave. Building. (Fifty Five Fifth Ave. Corp.), N. Y. City.-Bondholders' Protective Committee.A committee has been formed to protect the holders of the first mortgage
$6 \%$ gold loan consisting of Edward L. McBride. Charman Dougtas G.
.
 The committee in a circular dated May 23 , states:
The interest and sinking fund patment of $\$ 67,500$, due in the trustee's hands anterest and sinking fund payment of $\$ 66,500$, due in the trustee's
period has expired. In view of this default, the committee is being formed at the instance of the under writers of the first mortgage ce
ment which is on file with the depoititary.
The committee to protect your inter operation through the protect your interests will need your immediate co-
tary.-V. 119, p. 2293 .
(Wm.) Filene's Sons Co.-Reduces Dividend Rate A dividend of 20 c. per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable June 30 to holders of record June 20 . In each of the
three preceding quarters a distribution of 25 c . per share was made on
this issue. nis issue
Preferred Stock Reduced.-
The Boston Stock Exchange is advised that the authorized and out-
standing capital as represented by the pref, stock has been reduced by 1,251 standing capital as represented by the pref. stock has been reduced by 1,251
shares, these shares having been retrired and cancelled. The number of
Fire Association of Philadelphia.-To Readjust Capital.
A special meeting of the stockholders has been called for July 20 to vote on a plan of capital adjustment which wim rhases of new stock.
shares of present outstanding stock for five she
Proposals to be submitted for authorization by the stockholders include Proposals to be submitted ror authorization ey the the stackitalstork to $\$ 2.000 .000$ from $\$ 10.000 .000$;
the reduction of the authorize the reeuction of the issued and outstanding capital stock from $\$ 5,600,000$,
the reduction or $\$ 10$ to $\$ 2,000,000$, par $\$ 10$; in the event of such reduction, the transfer
par par $\$ 10$ to $\$ 2,600,000$ now outstanding in the capital account, from capital account to surplus account, and exchange of present shares of stock for new shares of same par value on the basis of 14 shares of present stock for five shares In an explanatory letter to the shareholders, President Otho E. Lane
says: ""The object of the meeting is to equalize the present authorized says: capital of $\$ 10.000,000$, and the present outstanding issued and paid-in capital of $\$ 1,600,000$ by reduction of both to $\$ 2,000,000$. The sum thus
arising out of capitai will be transferable to surplus account and will in-
crease crease fluid working funds to an amount that will meet all demands and
maintain the credit and position of the Association within the insurance maide and before the insuring public.
tradic. Conditions prevailing in the sec
conditions prevainng in the security markets are too well known to calfected in common with all other financial institutions, and that action similar to the proposals made herein has already been taken by several of the larger and more important insurance companies. The management
deems it imperative that association's assets, when walued at arrent
prices shall quirements
quirements.
autherizeadjustment plan proposed merely reduces the number of shares
autstanding to 200,000 instead of 560,000 . It does not authorized or to be outstanding to 200,000 instead of 560.000 . It does not
alter the equitable or proportionate interest of any shareholder in the Association.
The stock list committee of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange has admitted to the umlisted department Philadelphia new stock, when, as and if issued.
The New York Courb Exchange has admitted to unlisted trading privileges Fire Association of Philadelphia 200,000 shares of new capital stock par
value $\$ 10$
-Fisk Rubber Co.-New Committee Demands $20 \%$ Cash Distribution on Bonds and Notes.-
Formation of a committee representing the 1st mtge. 20 -year $8 \%$ sinking
fund gold bonds and the 5 -year $51 / 2 \%$ sinking fund gold notes, with a program calling for an immediate partial payment on account of at least $20 \%$ in cash to the holders of these securities, outstanding to the aggregate amount of more than $\$ 15.80,000$, was announced May 27 .
The committee is headed by Ferdinand Eberstadt of F . Eberstadt \& Co.,
Inc., as Chairman, and includes George N. Lindsay formerly of BancInc., as Chairman, and includes George N. Lindsay, formerly of Banc-
america-Blair Corp., and George Benard of Interstate Equities Corp america-Blair Corp., and George Benard of Interstate Equities Corp.
E. F. Willett. 39 Broadway, is Secretary of the committee, and Chadbourre, Stanchrield \& Levy are counsel.
The committee's demand for an immediate cash distribution on account to the bond and note holders is based upon its belief that the company's $\$ 6.750,000$ on Dec. 31 1931, are greatly in excess of its working capital requirements. In addition to its cash and Government bond holdings, which are said to have decreased since the first of the year, the company also had
at the end of 1931 accounts receivable and inventories aggregating over at the end of 1931 accounts receivable and inventories aggregating over
88.500 .000 after reserves, giving it quick assets approximately equal to its outstanding bonds and notes. mittee points out, Peaving sufficient working capital for the company, The committee is not limited in its demand to a $20 \%$ distribution, but will insist upon as large an immediate cash distribution as is possible without jeopardizing the amount ultimately to be recovered on the securities. In
the opinion of the committee, bond and note holders may expect a further substantial distribution in addition to the present $20 \%$ in cash. No charge will be made by the committee for its services unless a cash distribution is effected in line with its program. If a cash distribution is made, its charge of the deposited securities. in receivership since Jan. 1931, following its The company has been in receivership since Jan. 1931, following its inability to meet the maturity of its $51 / 2 \%$ notes. Committees were errite of the to the rece
of the company, as a result of conferences and negotiations between repre-
sentatives of the bondholders' committee, the noteholders' committee and reorganiz This plan proposed no cash distribution to security holders and was objected to by a committee representing the company's stockholders and publicly opposed by certain holders of its bonds and notes. The time limit for made made by the sponsors of the plan regarding its adoption. the new combetween the advocates and opponents of this plan.
Subsequent to the formulation of this plan, certain discussions took place regarding the possible acquisition of the company by the General Tire $\& ~$
Rubber Co. but the abandonment of these negotiations was recently announced., To enable it to take effective action in accomplssing the proposed cash
distribution the committee headed by Mr . Eberstadt is requesting the deposit of bonds, notes or certificicates of deposit therefor with the
turers Trust Co., New York, as depositary.-V. 134, p. 3644 .



[^3]Ford Motor Co.-Earnings, \&ec.
 Chancludes notes and accounts receivable, securities, patent rights, \&c.
Chat profit and loss account over the past 10 years as reported
the Mass. Corporations Commissioner, are


Net earnings and profits per share for the past years, as indicated by
the increase in profit and loss surplus, have been as follows:


## Foundation Co., N. Y.-New Directors, \&c.-

 George R. Johnson, Vice-President in charge of South American work, and States, have been elected directors, succeeding J. J. Brown and Harold John W. Doty, President, at the annual meeting held on May 23, toldthe stockholders' that the company was concentrating on cutting down operating expenses. He said that in 1929 operating expenses amounted to in 1931. They are now rumning at the rate of $\$ 220,000$ to $\$ 240$ still furt her annum. He further stated that in South America expenses have been cut to a low level, while in this country the company's organization has been He further stated that
be done on the Greek contract, which has been tak to $\$ 9,000,000$ of work to (Foreign) Co. and, which will take from 2 to $21 / 2$ years to complete. The rate of progress on this contract depends entiriely on how satisfactorily the exreek Government advances money to carry on. The
he explained, is on a cost plus basis.-V. 133, p. 3636.

Fox Film Corp.-William Fox Sells Note's Collateral.Theatres Equipment. Inc., was sold at auction for $\$ 450,000$, May 25 , by
Adrian Muller Adrian Muller \& Son, auctioneers, at 18 Vesey St. The note was by
 terect in the Fox Film Corp. represented by 151,000 shares of Fox class B
stock. The total paid to Mr. Fox was about $\$ 20,000,000$. The collateral sold consisted of 50,000 shares of Gran
brought $\$ 300.000$, and 108.000 shares of class $A$ stock of Fox Film, which were disposed of at $\$ 150,000$. These two blocks of stock were carried in
the balance sheet ot the General Theatres equipment on Dec. 31 I 1931 collateral held by the All-Continent Corp. against the Geeneral That as Mr. Fox. 82,000 . The All-Continent Corp. is said to be controlled by
note for $\$ 2$, The note for $\$ 2,300,000$ has been overdue for some time. General The-
atres Equipment has been in receivership since March 1.-V.
Fox Theatres Corp.-Receiver Asked.
revealed May 21 when the officers and directors, who are named as as
fendants, filed order for their a motion asking the New York Supreme Court to vacate who is reprex examination before trial. The plaintiff, Jacob Rubenstein suing as holder of 10,000 shares of class $A$ Frankenthaler, of 120 Broadway, ened the defendants conspired to mulet the corporation, whiches that the Inc., which owns all the vancial advantage of General Theaters Equipment The defendants are the Fox Theater Corp General Theaters Equip-
ment. Inc. Harley L. Clarke, president of both corportions; Winfield Sheeenan, Vice-President of the Fox company; Saul E. Rogers. Attorney Hetrick, O.S. Oldzknow, Fordyse, Robert C. Winwill, C. B. Sttuart, W. R. assets of the Fox Corp. for the financial benefit of General Theaters Equip ment. Inc., and the later's subsidiaries and to "dress up" their financial statements and balance sheets. The plaintiff stockholder charges specifically attorneys for services which were not of funds of the Fox Corp. to Corp. and also that $1,600,000$ shares of class A common of ther the Fox and owned by that corporation, were sold by the defendants at less than the market value.
Mr. Clarke
William Fox was compelled into control of the Fox theaters interests when it is alieged, received from the funds of the Fox Corp. large sums of mone without giving any consideration therefor. Mr. Rubenstein asked that all contracts between these defendants and the corporation be declared void moneys received by them and to which, the plaintiff charges, they are not entitled.
Mr. Ruben
Mr. Rubenstein made the further charge that no allowances were made the country. which had been replaced with new equipment purchased from General Theaters Equipment, Inc., and other companies.
Iu their reply to the charges of Mr. Rubenstein. the defendants deny Wrong-doing in connection with their handling of the affairs of the Fox these services were necessary and were rendered exclusively for the Fox Corp. As to the sale of the $1,600,000$ share mentioned by the plantitff, the defendants say that these shares were sold to General Theaters Equipment
(George A.) Fuller Co.-Preferred Dividends Deferred.July 1 on the $\$ 6$ cum. partic. prior pref. stock the quarterly dividends due
pref. stock the 86 cum. partic. of $\$ 5.50$ per share were made on these issues on April 1 1 1932 .- $\mathbf{V}$. 134 ,

## General Cigar Co., Inc.-Charge Dropped.

The Federal Trade Commission has dismissed a complaint charging
the company with entering into agreements with wholesalers regarding the company with entering into agreements with wholesalers regarding
exclusive territory arrangements. Commissioner McCullough dissented.-
General Electric Co.-Quarterly Dividend on Common Stock Reduced to 10c. a Sharefrom 25c.- The directors on May 27 declared a quarterly dividend of 10c. per share on the common stock, no par value, and the regular quarterly dividend of $11 / 2 \%$ on the $6 \%$ cum. special stock, par $\$ 10$, both pavable July 25 to holders of record June 24
On April 25 last a quarterly distribution of 25 c . per share was made on the common stock as compared with 40 c . per
share each quarter from April 251930 to and incl. Jan. 25 1932.-V. 134, p. 3830.

General Electric Co., Germany (Allgemeine Elektrizitaets Gesellschaft).-Comparative Balance Sheet.-
Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30 (in Reichsmarks).



##  Reserves Welfare funds Loand

 Loans.Accounts payable Unpaid divs. \& interest Net profit. Total.......... 51,556,308 571,718,000 $185.000,000200,000,000$ 103,931$42,093,870$
$7,723,831$
$140,833,500$
$3,518,050$
$153,018,737$
486,530
$18,777,859$

## General Empire Corp.-Off List.

The capital stock has been dropped from the Boston Stock Exchange list,
the Boston transfer and registration agencies having been discontinued. the Boston trans

## General Leather Co.-Receivers Named.-

James T. Smith was appointed receiver for the company May 17 by
Vice-Chancellor Berry of New Jersey. Toby Furst, who was named coreceiver, was directed to act as counsel also The appointment was made on application of the Standard Embossing
Plate Manufacturing Co., a creditor. The bill had been filed by Harry Plate Man
Phillipson
Vits
Vice-Chancellor Church several weeks ago refused to appoint a receiver cocause Edward B, Levy, a New York lawyer representing a creditors organization plan. Last week Vice-Chancellor Berry permitted Samue
General Railway Signal Co.-Smaller Common Dividend The directors on May 26 declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the outstanding 320,700 shares of common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 10 A dividend of 75 cents per share was paid on this issue on April 1 last, while from April 11927 to and incl. Jan. 2 1932 quarterly distributions of $\$ 1.25$ per share were made.
The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.50$ per share on the pref. stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 101932.
was arrived at in consideration of the board to reduce the common dividend signalling orders in hand as at April 301932 was only $82.6 \%$ of that of the during the first four months of 1932 had shown a substantial decline from those of the same period of 1931 .and that there is no assurance of an im
General Refractories Co.-New Vice-President.A. W. Clark has been appointed Vice-President. He has been associated
with Stone \& Webster Engineering Corp. for more than 15 years and has p. 3645 intimately connected with many of their large projects.-V. 134 ,

Georgian Inc.-Registrar.
The Boston Stock Exchange is advised that First National Bank of
Gillette Safety Razor Co.-Obtains New Patent-Suit.The "Boston News Bureau" of May 27 states:
The Gillette Satety Razor Co. on May 17 was awarded a United States patent, the claims of which are designed to cover any blade which can be
made to fit the new Gillette or Probak holders-models subsequent to the made to fit the new Gillette or Probak holders-models subsequent to the
three-hold blade type. In a letter to dealers, May 18 , it warned that hree-hold blade type In a letter to dealers, May 18, it warned that infringed the company's patents.
The Standard Safey Razor
The Standard. Safety Razor Corp. of Norwalk, Conn.. replying to this
letter declared. We and other manuacturers had been making double-
edge blades with varions edge blaces with various designs of slots for some time before the patent in question was filed. In the opinion of our patent attorneys, the patent is
invalid.
Oof the warning by Gillette to the trade. Standard declared: This procedure was foll thed by American safety Razor Corp. some time
ago. in connection with the sale of blades manufactured by us and suitable
for use in the Gem Microme ago. In connection wirithe sale or blades manuractured by us and suitable
for use in the Gem Micromatic type of ingle edge razor The U. Sistrict
Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania upheld our right to make these blades. An appeal has been argued in the United States Court of court in our favor will be upheld.
Asked by the Boston News Bureau" for a statement on the claims of
Standard Safety Razor Co., Gillette Safety Razor Co. made the following "On May 17 1932, we were granted United States Letters Patent No.
$1.858,316$ for improvements in safety razors. Its claims cover any doubleially as iong as the cuteng edze and having cut-away corners
Corp., and these infringe our said pated. We are to day (May 26 riling
suit in the United States District Court of Connecticut aginst the St Safety Razor Corp. of Norwalk, Conn., for an injunction and damages.


Granite City Steel Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for quarter ended March 31 see "Earnings De-
partment" on a preceding page.-V. 134, p. 2531.
Guarantee Co. of North America.-Extra Dividend.The directors have declared an extra dividend of $\$ 2.50$ per share in
addition to the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.50$ per share both payable July 15 to holders of record June 30 . Like amounts were paid on Jan. 15
and on April 15 last. $V$. 134, p. 2350 .
(W. F.) Hall Printing Co.-Increases No. of Employees.in the last month, it is said, and from 800 to 1.000 more are expected to adad by

## Haloid Co.-25c. Extra Dividend.-

stock in addition to the regz. per share has been declared on the common payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. Like amounts were paid on March 31 last. An extra payment of 50 . per share was made on this

The usua. quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$ per share has been declared on
ie preferred stock, payable on the same date.-V. 134 , p. 1382 . Hamburg-American Lines.-To Reduce Capitalization.The stockholders will vote June 29 on approving a proposal to cancel
00,000 marks of capital stock now held in the treasury, and on reducing 400,000 marks of capital stock now held in the treasury, and on reduccing
the rapitalization from $159,600.000$ marks (currently about
$\$ 38,144,400$ ) to $53,200.000$ marks (about $\$ 12,714,800$ ). $\begin{aligned} & \text { one new share }\end{aligned}$ share $\$ 38,144,400$ ) to $53,200.000$ marks (about $\$ 12,714,800$ ), one new share
to be issued in exchange for each three shares now held. $-\mathbf{V}$. 134 , p, 3830 . Harmony Mills, Cohoes, N. Y.-Liquidation Voted.-The stockholders on May 24 voted to liquidate the business "in an orderly
manner." Manufacturing will cease when all contracts have been exe manner." Manuf
cuted.
according
V. i 34, , .3646 .

Harrisburg Bridge Co.-Bonds Called.
A total of $\$ 72,000$ 1st mtge. $6 \% 20$-year sinking fund gold bonds, due
Dec. 11195, have been called for payment June 1 next at 102 and int.
at the Commonwealth Trust Co.. trustee. Philadelphia at the Commonwealth Trust Co., trustee. Philadelphia, Pa.-V. 133,
p. 3468 . Hercules Powder Co.-Dividend Decreased. -The directors on May 25 declared a quarterly dividend of 50 c . per share on the common stock, no par value, payable June 25
to holders of record June 14. From March 251929 to and to holders of record June 14. From March 251929 to and
incl. March 251932 quarterly distributions of 75 c . per share were made on this issue. In addition, an extra dividend of $\$ 1$ per share was paid on Dec. 241929.

The company also announced a $10 \%$ reduction in salaries, effective on June 1, and adoption of a five-day week for employees on salary, effective on June 1.-V. 134, p. 3283.
Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd.-Investments. Securities held by the International Bond \& Share Corp., a subsidiary,
had a market value of $\$ 3,104,440$ at the end of 1931, Noah Timmins. President of the Hollinger company, revealed at the annaal meeting. He explained that the book valuation of $\$ 11,195,980$ did not represent cost to
Hoilinger, but the market value of securities held as of Aug. 1929 . prac-
tically peak of bull market, and the time when the investment subsidiary Hollinger, but the market value of securities held as of Aut. 11929 , prac
tically peak of bull market, and the time when the investment subsidiary was formed.
Mr. Timm
Mr. Timmins stated it had always been the policy of the Hollinger com-
pany to build up a reserve for the purpose of extending the life of the pany to build up a reserve for the purpose of extending the life of the
company beyond life of original mine, and this reserve had enabled the
company to acguire additional mining properties such as Kamiskotia and Schumacher acquire additional mining properties such as Kamiskotia and At the end of 1931 the resources of the investment subsidiary were dis-
tributed as follows: Cash, $6.8 \%$; bonds, $32.1 \%$; preferred stock, $11.9 \%$; common stocks, $9.9 .2 \%$.
Recently the 4 Hollinger company took an option on treasury shares of
San Antonio Gold Mines, Ltd. which has recently completed a mill and San Antonio Gold Mines. Ltd. Which has
will be producing shortly.-V. 134 , p. 3647 .

Hudson Motor Car Co.-New Directors, \&ec.E. W. Hood and C. A. Oostdyk have been elected directors, succeeding elected Secretary, succeeding E. W. Sheldrick. known as the Standard serien, at a nowned low price, will be publicly pre-
sented in the very near future. In its essentials the sented in the very near future. In its essentials the new line is a com-
panion series to the Essex Pacemaker cars. It consists of four modelsa business coupe. coach, fouc-passenger coupe and three-window sedan. At the first annual meeting of Hudson-Essex of Canada, Ltd. Which Was held on May 20, the following officers were elected: W. J. McAneenyy;
Ohairman of the board A. Barit, President and Geeneral Manager;
C. G. Abbott, Vice-President; Maxit F. Wollering, Vice-President, and A.

Humble Oil \& Refining Co.-Buys New Property.The company has purchased from Strake Oil Corp. 5,000 acres in central
Montgomery County, just north of Houston, Texas, to develop as an oil Montgomery County, just north of Houston, Thas, to develop as an oil
prospect. The Strake Corp. drilled one well, the No. 1 South Texas De velopment Co., near Conroo, the county seat, and obtained 15, ,000,000
cubic feet of wet gas which yields 100 barrels of distillate daily when rum through a separator. The terms were $\$ 500.000$. partly in cash wand the oil, when, as and if produced. Humble will follow with one The payment of the $\$ 3.500,000$ will hinge on the prospects after these wells are drilled.

## Imports \& Exporters Insurance Co. of New York. -

 Reduces Dividend.A dividend of 25 c . per share has been declared on the outstanding
$\$ 1,000,000$ capital stock, par $\$ 25$, payable June 1 to holders of record $\$ 1,000,000$ capital stock, par $\$ 25$, payable June 1 to holders of record
May 21.
A quarterly distribution of 50 c . was made on March first payment since Sept. 11931 when a like amount was paid.-V. 134 ,
p. 1591.

Insu
Insurance Equities Corp.-Further Expansion.American Founders Corp. has passed to Insurance Equities Corfiliate of reported on May 20 . The hatter has purchaned Equities Corp., it was
South American Corp. held by American Founders of the North \&
 stock. deal further widens the scope of Insurance Equities, which recently
The purchased from United Founders Corp. control of Insuranshares Corp. alty freld the company has acguired control of thoyds Casualty, Con-
stitution Indemnity and Detront Fidelity \& surety Co Under its new parent company, the North \& South America Corp. has acquired the sponsorsh1p of nine semi-fixed trusts formerly sponsored hy United States Shares Corp., it is reported. These trusts are Common Trust
Shares, series 2; United Insurance Trust Shares, series F; United Oil Trust

International Business Machines Corp.-Dividends.The directors on May 24 declared two regular quarterly cash dividends
$\$ 1.50$ per share on the capital stock, no par value. payable July 11 and Oct. 10 to holders of record June 22 and Sept. 22 , respectively. Action on the October dividend was taken at this time because of the
possible lack of a quorum at the summer meeting.-V. 134, p. 3284 . International Carriers, Ltd.-Change in Par Value.
The stockholders will vote June 16 on changing the par value of the capital stock from no par to $\$ 1$ per share, each present share to be exchange-
able for one new share.-V. 134, D. 3831 .
International Cement Co.-Dividend Omitted. The directors on May 25 voted to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about June 30 on the outstanding 636,171 shares of common stock, no par value. A distribution of 50 c . per share was made on this issue on March 31 last as compared with 75 c . per share on Dec. 311931 and quarterly payments of \$1 per share from Dec. 311923 to and incl. Sept. 30 1931. A $10 \%$ stock dividend was also paid on Dec. 31 1924.-V. 134, p. 3648.

International Match Corp.-Diamond Match Sale.Counsel for the receivers for International Match Corp and for four
banks holding a secured loan of the company have agreed to an adjournment to June 8 of the a apeal from the referee's order restraining the banks
frem seling the 350.000 shares of Diamond Match common stock held as from selling the 350,000 shares of Diamond Match common stock held as

The Bankers Trust Co.. representing itself and the National City Bank, Co., appealed from the order which would prevent sale until 10 days after appointment of a trustee. Election of a trustee is scheduled io
June 1. The trustee will decide whether to bring suit for recovery of the
Diamond June 1. The trustee will decide whether to

Stock Off List. -
The participating preference stock has been dropped from the Boston
Stock Exchange list, the Boston transfer and registration agencies having been discontinued.-V. 134, p. 3831

International Mercantile Marine Co.-Earnings.Calendar Years [Including Domestic Subsidiaries.] Gross voyage earns. \& other ope
Voyage and other expenses
Prov. for deprec. of steamers. Operating profit.
Other income---Total income-Net profit for ye
 Shares com, ses share
Earnings
V. 133 , p. 2444


International

## Report.

Company reports that consolidated earnings for 1931, after deducting all interest and other charge seanor adividends on the preferred shares depreciation, amounted to $\$ 8,557,189$. Dividend payments on the preferred shares of the company charged against supplus during the year
amounted to $\$ 1,632,565$, leaving a balance before depreciation of $\$ 6.924,624$.
 Catendar Years- 1931.1930.

 Increasingly adverse business conditions during 1931 were reflected in substantial declines in the prices of practically all paper and pulp products.
These declines from 1930 price levels represented in the aggregate a re These declines from 1930 price levels represented in the aggregate a re-
duction of over $\$ 9,000,000$ in gross revenues, exclusive of losses due to curtailment of operations. Earnings from power properties also showed a decline from the preceding year. The aggregate loss in revenue was,
however, offset to a large extent by economies, chiefly in paper mill operations.
Year-end adjustments against earnings, largely reductions of inventory items to lower prices, were exceptionally heavy and account for the fact that earnings for the full year are less than those previously reported
for the first three quarters, despite the fact that results from operations during the fourth quarter showed a profit. In the year-end adjustments, dewsprint inventories were written a down from $\$ 30$ a ton to $\$ 25$ a ton
new at the mill. This adjustment alonene reduced both net earnings and current assets by more than three-quarters of a million dollars
During 1931 it was impossible to carry out the pro of floating debt because of declining earrnings and brocause for eufficient per manent financing to fund construction expenditures made in recent pears was impossible under prevailing security market conditions. There was,
moreover, an increase of ofver $\$ 12,500,000$ in bank loans and current notes payable of New England Power Association, due primarily to the acquisition
of North Boston Lighting Properties and of Green Mountain Power

F increase of $\$ 10.436,330$ over the previous year.
Financing by subidiaries has made posible large reductions in this
figure since the first of the year and on May 201932 the consolidated figure since the first of the year and on May 201932 the consolidated not
at $\$ 7.957 .106$, a net reduction of $\$ 8,364,674$ since the first of the year
Further financing by New England Power Association is in contemplation with a view to providing at an early date not only for its remaining bank Dec. 11932 of its two-year notes, which are outstanding in the amount of
 idiaries of International Paper \& Power Co have any major maturities The physical volume of business done in 1931 was about the same as in
Power production for all properties now controlled totaled $5,58,-$
212,000 kwh. in 1931, as against $5,441,623,000$ kwh. in 1930 , an increase of $142,589,000 \mathrm{kwh}$. Total production of paper and pulp for sale in 1931 was $1,490,240$ tons, as against $1,494,127$ tons in 1930 . Although the decline in tonnage produced was slight, it represented a substantially lower cate of operation of the total mill capacity available, as during 1931 the ompany's subsidiaries began to operate the new Panama City. Fla mill
he purchased Tonawanda mill and the two new machines at the Daihousie hell.
In his remarks to shareholders, Archibald R. Graustein, President of the company, says:
Preliminary consolidated earnings figures for the first quarter of 1932 indicate a loss, after interest and depreciation, of about $\$ 400,000$. Higher
earnings of International Hydro-Electric System, occasioned largely by better water conditions, were more than offset by the deciline in volume Volume of business is still recedin
The cash position of the company's subsidiaries is continuing to improve. the balance of its bank debt and its maturities The bank debt of International Paper Co. and its subsidiaries can be funded only under improved conditions; but some reduction of this bank debt from operating receipts can be expected unless conditions average distinctly less favorable than
they were during the first quarter. In the meantime. sinking fund payments are reducing the funded debt
The properties of the company are proving their efficiency, Costs are being lowered. The products of the pulp and paper mills are being in-
creasingly established in the good-will of their customers. The power subsidiaries are well equipped to render a high-grade service, are being operated economically, and enjoy the esteem of the public they serve. Through economies and savings in operation-chiefly in production
costs 1 nternational Paper Co. and ist subsidiaries saved between $\$ 6 .-$
000.000 and $\$ 7.000$. in efriciency win stantly lowered costs are being reached. An intensive effort to achieve urther economies is under way
ions seems, therefore, that the security improvement in its position and in its earnings.-V. 134, p. 3284 . ${ }^{\text {a }}$
Investment Bond \& Share Corp.-Annual Report.-



* Includes $\$ 5.605$ proceeds of stock dividends received and soldi. also
includes interest of $\$ 43,084$ on company's $5 \%$ debs. purchased during

| Balance Sheet Dec. 31. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets-CashCalloans (secured)Interest accrued on | 1931. <br> $\$ 41,360$ | 1930. <br> $\$ 52,04$ | $\xrightarrow{\text { Liabilitites- }}$ | 1931. | ${ }_{S \in \dot{8}}^{1930}$ |
|  |  | ,795 | Dividend payable |  |  |
|  | 22,938 | 41,714 | on pree. stock' ${ }^{\text {ond }}$ Bank loan (secur'd) | 644,0000 | $\begin{array}{r} 26,250 \\ 500,000 \end{array}$ |
| Boads and stocks |  |  | Accr. int. on 5\% |  |  |
|  | 21,808 | 6,931,715 | Provision for Fed. | 10,361 | 67 |
|  |  |  | income tax... |  | 5,500 |
|  |  |  | Iny. res: Net pror. |  |  |
|  |  |  | Debs: Ser. A, $5 \%$ | 2,486,50 | 4,000,000 |
|  |  |  | 6\% cum | 1,750 |  |
|  |  |  | shs. no par |  |  |
|  |  |  | Revenue surplus.- | 239,495 | 163,128 |
| Total_.........- $\$ 5,386,105$$\mathbf{x}$ Market value $\$ 1,663,079 .-\mathrm{V} .132$, p. 3726 . |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| International Power Securities Corp.-Smaller Pref. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The directors on May 26 declared a dividend of $\$ 2$ per share on the no par value 86 cum. pref. stock, series A, payable June 15 to holders or recordJune 1 . Previously, the corporation made regular semi-annual distributions of $\$ 3$ per share on this issue, the last payment at this rate having been made |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

Investors Corp., Providence, R. I.-Financial Report.Condensed Income Account Year Ended Dec. 311931.
Total income from interest, dividends \& security profits.-.... Federal and State taxes -1 -
Interest on notes payable-
S. Salaries........
Salaries.
Auditing.-...

Deficit after dividends.
$\$ 122,480$


Total_...................... $\overline{\$ 4,138,288}$

| ${ }^{373}$ | S6 Liabt pret. stock ( 20,000 shs. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| $8.522$ | no par) |
|  | , 140 shs. no par)- |  |
|  |  |  |
| ,720 no pa |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3,220 \\ & 1.000 \end{aligned}$ | an |
| $177$ |  |
|  | Llouldation ac |
|  | Earned surplu |
|  | Capital surpl |
|  | Accrued |
|  |  |
|  | pa |
|  |  |

$*$ Cost of securities as shown above, $\$ 1,008,704 ;$ market value, Dec.
31
$1931, \$ 2.436,249 .-$ V. 134, p. 1773 .

## Investors Equity Co., Inc.-Stock to Go Off List.-

The common stock of no par value will be stricken from the list of the
New York Stock Exchange on June 15.-V.
(Byron) Jackson Co.-Earnings.-
For income statement for 3 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Current assets as of March pase. 31932 . including $\$ 619,297$ cash and shortterm Government and municipal oonds, were $\$ 2,115,217$ and current liabilities were 8138,555 . This compares with current assets of $\$ 2,253,535$
and current lidbilities of $\$ 182,320$ on Dec. 311931 .-V. 134, p. 3831 .
Jersey Mortgage \& Title Guaranty Co.- Div. Omitted.The directors recently voted to omit the dividend ordinarily payable made semi-annual payments of $\$ 1$ per share on April 24 and on Oct. 23.-
V. 128, p. 383 .
Johansen Bros. Shoe Co.-Dividend Deferred.-
A dividend of $1 \%$ was recently declared on the $7 \%$ cum. pref. stock,
par $\$ 100$, payable May 16 to holders of record April 15 . Previously, pegular q .
Knox Hat Co., Inc.-Kisting of Additionat Stock.-Name Changed to The Byrndun Corporation. -
There have been added to the Bostoy Stock Exchange list 8,280 additiona
shares no par value) common stock shares no par value) common stock these additional shares, as issued,
will be fully paid and non-assessable, and no personal niability will attach to
The company as authorized by its stockholders on April 71932 , is selling a substantial portion of its assers (including its name, good-will and its hat manufacturing business) to Hat Corp. of America, this being a new
corporation organized in Delaware to acquire such assets as well as assets of corporation organized in
Cavanagh-Dobbs Inc
As a result of this transfer of assets which takes place in accordance with an agreement dated March 22 1932, the name or the

Kreuger \& Toll Co.-Ruled Bankrupt-Liquidation to Be Aided by New Swedish Law.-A Stockholm United Press dispatch May 24 had the following:
Kreuger \& Toll and two affiliated companies filed bankruptey proceed
ng in the (Stockholm) City Court to-day. The petition was granted ingediately.
Another affiliated concern, Angsvik, reached an agreement with the
creditors under which it was understood the creditors would take over the companys assets in full settlement of clams.
Prof. Martin Fehr. Chairman of the Kreuger \& Toll investigating com mittee, was a ppointed chioef a administrator in bankruptey.
The dispatch further adds:
headed by the late Ivar kreuger, filed a petition yast interests which wen applied for annulment of the provisional moratorium granted to it by the
Swedish Government. This action tollowed the adoption by Parliament Swedish Government. This action tollowed the adoption by Parliament of a bill amending the bankruptcy law. The purpose of the amendment
was to facilitate liquidation of Kreuger \& Toll and to give creditors of the company more protection than was provided under the old bankruptcy law. Bankruptcy for Kreuger \& Toll was recommended last week by the
Swedish investigating committee appointed to look into the affairs of Mr. Swedish investigating committee appointed to
Kreuger after his suicide in Paris March 12 .
This committee found that he died practically penniless and that his
Tebts totaled $\$ 168,300.000$. The investigators reported that there would be debts totaled $\$ 168,300,000$. The investigators reported that there would be
-little, if anything, left over for distribution to unsecured creditors.

Following the formal filing of a petition in bankruptcy of Kreuger \& Toll Co. and the enactment of a special Swedish law with a view to its application to this situation, Grayson M.-P. Murphy, Chairman of the protective committee for the $5 \%$ sinking fund gold debentures, has issued an interim report to debenture holders reviewing the activities of the
committee to date and presenting their conception of the future problems confronting the holders.
The report contains a list of the collateral for the secured debentures and oualines the steps which have been taken to establish the genuineness
and validity oi such collateral. It further points out that the sum of $\$ 687,500$, representing the next semi-annual installment of interest on the that loan and is expected to bends, has been paid to the fiscal agent for tures on June 11932 .
As regards the future, the committee states that it will be necessary to vigorously represent the general creditor position of the secured debentures direction, is aready under way and which is designed:
as against the seneral assetste deficiency claim for the secured debentures (2) To scrutinize other claims against the general assets and, whenever
the facts justify, to contest their validity and allowance: (3) To discover and establish the title of Kreuger \& Toll Co. to assets which might otherwise be claimed on behalf of creditors of other companies in the affiliated group,
(4) To scrutinize the facts
particularly those occurring shortiv before the the death of Mr. Kres and preuger, so
that any avoidable transfers shall be ter that any avoidable transfers shall be set aside.
deposited and urges all debenture holders who have not has already been deposited and urges all debenture holders who have not yet deposited to
do so promptly.-V. 134 . p. 3832 .

Katz Drug Co.-Earnings.-

| Calendar Years <br> Net sales <br> Cost of sales |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |



| 1931. |
| :--- |
| $7.511,513$ |
| 5.604 .035 |

1930,
$\$ 6,688,892$
512




Net income-
Previous earned surplus.-....................................--
$\$ 474,646$
133,624
$\$ 375,431$
69,397
Total
Preferre
Preferred dividends
$\$ 609,939$
91,650
202,266
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 444,828 \\ 94.468 \\ 203.510 \\ 13.226 \\ \hline\end{array}$
ttorney fees in connection with reorganization.-
Earned surplus, Dec. 31
\$316,023
$\$ 133,624$
Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31

| Assets- | 1931 | 1930. | Liabilities- | 1931. | 1930 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash. | \$240,079 | \$310,708 | Accounts payable | \$220,616 | \$391,28 |
| Municipal \& real |  |  | Dividends payable |  | 23,364 |
| estate bonds- |  |  | Salaries \& wages - |  | 6,422 |
| \& accr. interest. |  | 81,701 | Taxes \& insurance |  | 8,062 |
| Marketable securs | 128,738 |  | Prov. for Fed. \& |  |  |
| Accts. receivable.- | 115,678 | 89,092 | State inc. taxes- | 70,260 | 54,393 |
| Merchandise inv-: | 915,168 | 971,547 | Accrued expenses | 21.146 |  |
| Prepaid insurance, taxes \& supplies |  | 28,865 | Disc. notes rec....$\$ 6.50$ cum. pref. | 8,481 |  |
| Stk. subscrip. rec- |  |  | stock ...........x | ,212,600 | 1,251,300 |
| employees .... | 41,347 | 47,478 | Common stock | 102,483 | 102,483 |
| Sundry deposits \& |  |  | Capital surplus-.- | 105.497 | 105.484 |
| accounts recelv- |  | 4,110 | Earned surplus. | 316.023 | 133,624 |
| Investment in corporate stocks-- |  |  |  |  |  |
| Treasury stock.-- | 46,100 | 60,397 |  |  |  |
| Equip. \& leaseholds | 527,798 | 463,782 |  |  |  |
| Def. store opening expenses |  | 18,038 |  |  |  |
| Cash surr. val. of life insur | 21.086 |  |  |  |  |
| Notes rec. disc. | 8,481 |  |  |  |  |
| Goodwill-nominal value. | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |
| otal | 57,106 | 2,076,420 | Total | 2,057,106 | 2,076,420 | $x$ Represented by 14,100 shares (no par).-V. 133, p. 2111.

Kroger Grocery \& Baking Co.-Tax Appeal Allowed.Levy appeal of the Kroger Grocery \& Baking Co., the J. C. Penney Co. denying an injunction against the tax adopted by the Kentucky legislistur ienying an injunction against the tax adopted by the Kentucky legislature
in 1930, has been allowed by the U. S. Supreme Court.-V. 134, p. 3469 .
Lane Bryant, Inc.-Omits Common Dividend.-
The directors on May 24 voted to omit the dividend due at this time on the was made on Jan. 1 last, at which time the company announced that action on dividends would be taken semi-annually thereafter. company also made quarterly distribution of 25 cc . per shere on April 1. July 1 and Oct. 1 1931. prior
a $\$ 2$ annual basis.-V. 134, p. 3649 .
Lawbeck Corp.-Earnings.-
An income account for the year ended Dec. 311931 is given under Tonsolidated Ballow.
Assets- Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (incl. Subs.). 1930.
 Listed stocks at
market valuess-
Acets. rec., prep.



Total_........- $89,555,991$ \$15,477,205 Total_.........-s9,555,991 1 15,477,205 a Including $81,666,000 ~ 6 \%$ real estate 1 st mtge bonds carried at par
under resale agreement. b Secured by real estate ions and bonds (book value of $\$ 5,355,896$ ). $\times \begin{aligned} & \text { Note.- Liability for additional advances on real estate loans, } \$ 663,000\end{aligned}$
$x$ Represented by 300,000 no-par shares.-V. 132, p. 1818.
Leader Mercantile Corp.-Dividend Deferred.-
The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend due June 1 on
the $7 \%$ cum. pref. stock, par 8100 Thu last regular quarterly payment
of $13 \% \%$ was made on this issue on March 1 1 1932 .-V. 132 , p. 1818 .
Lee Rubber \& Tire Corp.-Earnings.-
For income statement for six months ended April 30 see "Earnings
Department" on a preceding page,--V.
Lehigh Portland Cement Co.-New President.
Joseph S. Young has been elected President to succeed his father, the
late Col.E. M. Young.-V. 134, p. 2922. late Col. E. M. Young.-V. 134, p. 2922.
Lessing's, Inc.-Reduces Quarterly Dividend.The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share, payable June 30 to holders of record June 11 . This compares with quarterly
distributionsof of 35 cents per share made trom June 301930 to and including
March 31 1932.

Lloyds Casualty Co.-New Control.-
See Insurance Equities Corp. above.-V. 134, p. 1775.

Loblaw Groceterias, Ltd.- Earnings.
For incomes.
Gtatement ror 4 and
and For income statement for 4 and 40 . weaks ended Ap
Department" on a preceding page. $-V$. $134, \mathrm{D} .3286$.
$\xrightarrow[\text { Lour Months Ended April } 30-]{\text { Inces }}$ Higher.-
Four Months Ended April 30- $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{ll}193,663,616 & \$ 4,264,368\end{array}$
Long Bell Lumber Corp. (\& Subs.)-Bal. Sht. Dec. 31.
 stock. incluasing treasury stock.
Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Dec. 31
1931 was pubbished in V . 134 . p. 3832 .
Los Angeles Investment Co Years Endeel Dec. 31 Ins.
Reverue
Interest reven operations.
 Interest revenue
Total revenues_-
Operating expenses. Operating expenses
Interest expense.-
Net profit from operations
Losses and depreciation

Net profot for year before inc. tax-loss $\$ 383,407 \quad$| $\$ 362,133$ | $\$ 891,686$ |
| :--- | :--- |


 xAfter deducting $\$ 313,315$ for depreciation of buildings. y After de-
ducting $\$ 87,512$ for depreciation. zof which $\$ 922,750$ secured and $\$ 1$,-
$\mathbf{0 4 4 , 0 0 0}$ unsecured.-V. 132, p. 3160 .
Loudon Packing Co.-Dividend Rate Reduced.-
A quarterly dividend of $621 / 2$ cents per share has been declared on the
common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15 . common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15.
Previously, the company made quarterly distributions of 75 cents per share on this issue.-V. 133. D. 3798 .

Assets -
Cash in banks_
U. S. Treas, ct

 $\underset{\substack{\text { sio.2s2 } \\ 37,500}}{ }$
 Total $\quad \overline{\text { a }} \overline{\$ 8,267,387} \mid$ Total_......................................... $88,267,387$ wholly-owned subs., representing ownership of real estate, at cost, incl. oper. adyances (prop, and other assets, $\$ 20,057,238 ;$ less, ist mtges. and advances to real estate syndicates, \&c., at cost incl. oper advate corps., advances to rea estate syndicates, \&c., at cost incl. oper, advances, rep-
resenting a $66 \%$ to $100 \%$ interest in properties subject to mtge. of $\$ 4,971,-$
$750, \$ 2,093,395$; investment in The Lawbeck Corp $750, \$ 2,093,395$; investment in The Lawbeck Corp. at cost (see balance
sheet of The Lawbeck Corp.), common stock, 299,470 shares out of a total
of 300,000 shares, $\$ 2,096,290$ pref. stock. 655 shares. $\$ 27,808$. total of 300,000 shares, $\$ 2,096,290 ;$ pref. stock, 659.470 shares out of a total
$\$ 12,791,326 ;$ less reser. $\$ 27,808$, total,
Contractual and Contingent Liabed by the board of directors, $\$ 6,500,000$. purchase real estate equity by May 11932 , $\$ 180.000$ : (2) Liability contract to purchase real estate equity by May $1.1932, \$ 180,000 ;(2)$ Liability under letter of credit for guarantee of completion of building and for additional guarantor of $6 \%$ cumul. divs. on 49,470 shares of pref. stock of Lawbeck
Marine Bancorporation.-Earnings.-
Summary of Income and Surplus for the Year Ended Dec. 311931 (Holding Dividend and interest income...................


G 122..23
 $\begin{array}{r}\$ 623,291 \\ 343,571 \\ 179,250 \\ \hline\end{array}$
 Balance Sheet, Dec. 311931 (Holding Co. Only.)

Stocks \& bonds (at lower of
cost or market)


-V. 134, p. 3107.
Maryland Casualty Co., Balto.-To Reduce Capital.The stockholders will vote June 14 on decreasing the par value of the outstanding 500,000 shares of capital stock, from $\$ 10$ to $\$ 2$ per share.
and on transferring the difference of $\$ 4,000,000$ to surplus.-V. 134, p. 860 .
Mathieson Alkali Works (Inc.).-Smaller Dividend.The directors on May 25 declared a quarterly dividend of $371 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 13. This compares with 50 c . per share paid each quarter from Jan. 11930 to and incl. April 11932.

A statement issued by the company says:
It is felt by the management that the $\$ 1.50$ dividend annually should be maintained under existing conditions since the company made a horizontal $10 \%$ cut in wages and salaries effective May 1 . approximately 51.75 a share on the common stock continues to be maintained as in the first quarterly report, depreciation charges are now in excess of the rate of dividend payment.-V. 134, p. 3108.
Metro-Goldwyn Pictures Corp.-Earnings.-
For income statement for 28 weeks ended March 12 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.-V. 134, p. 2162 .
Mitchum, Tully, Participations, Inc., No. 2.-Earns.-
 Hands.
Four of the coffee shops which Alice Foote MacDougall manages and Dougall, son of the founder, as receivers in equity May 24 . Allan MacFederal Judge Francis G. Caffey created the receivership for the Mid-
town Coffee Shops, Inc.; Coffee Shops, Inc., Maiden Lane,; Grand Central town Coffee Shops, Inc.; Coffee Shops, Inc., Maiden Lane,; Grand CentraI The four corporations are said to have combined assets of about $\$ 500,000$ and liabilities of only $\$ 300,000$ though all lack liquid assets with which to meet demands of creditors. Several suits have been brought against the
restaurant companies, according to the petition.-V. 134, p. 2161.

Manhattan-Dearborn Corp.-Report.-
The corporation owns over $99 \%$ of the common stock of The Lawbeck Income Accounts for Year Ended Dec. 311931.

| Particulars- | arbo |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| come: Interest on real est. loans, \&c | \$105,00 | 235,672 | \$340.67 |
| Inter-co. interest | loss97,438 |  |  |
| Dividends recei | 69,267 | 2,662 |  |
| Comms, earned on | 20,919 | 29,993 |  |
|  | 3,484 | 6,115 | 9,599 |
| Total incom | 101,234 | 71. | , |
| Interest |  | 253,088 | 3,088 |
| Income after intere | 101,23 | \$118,792 |  |
| Adminis | 86. | 121,74 |  |
| Net profit before reflecting losses on securities Loss on sale of stocks and bonds Adjustment of stocks \& bonds owned to market value at Dec. 311931 |  |  |  |
|  | \$14,605 | loss 82.950 20.027 | \$11 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | 267.203 |  | 267,20 |
| Net loss |  |  | \$452,255 |
| Surplus at Jan. from: Purchase and cancellation of 27,003 shs. of stkReduction in stated value of shs. |  |  |  |
|  | 613.060 |  |  |
|  | 3,440,00 |  |  |
| Total <br> Divs. paid in 1931 on pref. stock Additional res. for losses in realization | 36,986,264 | \$897,217 |  |
|  |  | 00,000 |  |
|  | 4,500,000 |  |  |
| Totalsurp. atDec. 311931 as shown in balance sheets | 32,486,264 | \$597,217 |  |
| Pro Forma Balance Sheet Dec. 311931 (not Consolidated). |  |  |  |
| [Based on balance sheet as of Dec, 31 1931, after giving effect to (1) re[Ben |  |  |  |
| duction of shares of stock, and (3) char of 27,003 suares for $\$ 4,500,000$ for losses | rging agai in realiza | apital st | s an addi- |

 $\mathbf{x}$ Represented by 37,106 shares pref. stock and 66,511 shares common stock.
Note.-Estimate market value as of Dec. 311931 was lower than cost
by about $\$ 617,000$. V. 134, p. 1970 .
(Philip) Morris \& Co., Ltd.-Introducing New Brand.This company is introducing in Boston its new cigarette brand, Unis, good for one cent in cash. The brand has already been introduced in a a good initial reception.-V. 134 , p. 686 .
Morristown Securities Corp.-To Reduce Par Value of Preferred Shares.
A special meeting of the stockholders will be held on June 6 for the purpose
of considering and acting upon a proposal to reduce the a uthorized capital of considering and acting upon a proposal to reduce the a uthorized capital of the corporation from of share to $\$ 25$ per share the number of authorized shares to remain the same,
to transfer from capital to surplus account the sum of $\$ 75$ per share in to transfer from capital to surplus account the sum of $\$ 75$ per share in
respect of each share of issued and outstanding pref. stock, amounting respect of each share of issued and outstandifg pref. sincorporation, as amended, to provide that no dividend or dividends shall at any time be declared on the common stock unless at the time of such declaration the
net assets of the corporation, as determined by the board of directors, are net assets of the corporation, as determined by the board of directors, are
equal to at least $\$ 100$ in respect of each share of pref. stock outstanding, plus $\$ 1$ in respect of each share of common stock outstanding plus such amounts as from time to time, by resolution of the board of directors.
may have been transferred thereto. At the present time 16.774 shares out of an authorized issue of 25,000 shares, of pref. stock of the par value of $\$ 100$ each, are issued and out-
standing. These are carried in the capital account at $\$ 1.677,400$; the total standing. These are carried in the capital account at $\$ 1.677,400$; the total
of such capital account, including common stock, is $\$ 1.764 .829$. of such capital ander the laws of the State of New York, no dividends can be paid on the preferred or common stocks of this corporation if its net assets are
below its capital. At the present time net assets are less than capital, and unless there is an increase in security values the corporation as now dend payments even though net curr nt incomefrom interest and dividends
might be sufficient to warrant their cont
Murray H. Coggeshall--V. 134, p. 1039 .
Motor Wheel Corp.-Earnings.-
For income statement for quarter ended March 31 see "Earnings De-
partment" on a preceding page.-V. 134, p. 1971.
Mountain Producers Corp.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.Including Wyoming Associated Oil Corp.]

|  | $1931 .$ | 1930. |  | 1931. | 1930. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oil lids \& leases | 4,009,759 | 15,964,204 | Capital stock | 6,821,820 | 16,821,820 |
| Field inv. \& equip. | 69,173 | y60,572 | Accounts payable. | 71,106 | 87,204 |
| Stock in other cos. | 624,201 | 629,850 | Dividends payable | 347,679 | 684,055 |
| Cash_-.-.---...- | 1,015,813 | 1,852,874 | Deferred credits.- |  | 84,204 |
| U. S. bds. \& notes. | 1,654,333 | 1,281,824 | Surplus. | 4,021,464 | 5,948,979 |
| Accts. \& notes rec- | 828,332 | 703,564 | Res, for taxes and |  |  |
| Storage oil contract | 3,164,970 | 3,199,741 | contingencies..- | 163,852 | 215,374 |
| Deferred assets-. | 37,068 | 116,959 |  |  |  |
| Deferred charges. | 22,272 | 32,046 |  |  |  |
|  | 425,921 | 23,841,636 | Total | 1,425,921 | 23,841,636 | xLess reserve for depletion. y Less reserve for depreciation.

Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 Mas pubished in V. 134, p. 3834
Murray Corp. of America.-Earnings.-
For income statement for 3 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.-V. 134, p. 2923.
National Brick Co. of Laprairie, Ltd.-May Reorganize. Plans for a reorganization of the capital structure of this company, are un-
der consideration, and it is understood that a preliminary draft of a proposed der consideration, and it is understood that a preliminary draft of a proposed
scheme or refinancing has been drawn up The company defaulted interest
due March 1 1932, on its 1st mtge. bonds and the security created by the due March 1 1933, on its 1st mtge.
trust deed has become enforceable.



| National Candy | Co.-Earning |  | $\begin{gathered} 1929 . \\ \$ 1,348.989 \\ 1,778.718 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1928 . \\ & \$ 468,323 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net profit for year | $\begin{aligned} & 1931 . \\ & \$ 154.606 \\ & 2.330 .741 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1930-901 \\ & \$ 9.55 .944 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| Net profit for year Previous surplus. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minority sharehold |  |  |  |  |  |
| int. in surp. of subs |  | 322,259 |  | 41,846 | 234,879 |
| xcess of par or declared value. of treas. stock over cost | 129,857 |  |  |  |  |
| tal | \$2,615 | 83,427,600 |  |  |  |
| vidends pa | 550 | 630,283 |  | 96,300 |  |
| surplus of subs |  | 379,64 |  | 22 | 241,846 |
| Adjust, of book val. | 129,446 |  |  |  |  |
| closing of factories. |  | 86,93 |  | 91,555 |  |
| Dec. | 1,935.734 |  |  | 9,440 | 81,77 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { ash } \\ \text { ash } \end{gathered}$ |  | Liabil |  |  |  |
| Bank ctts. of depos 325,000 | 1,125,000 | Dividends | able | 131, | 5 |
| arketable |  | Acerued |  |  |  |
| nstomers' acets | 823,935 | Fed |  |  |  |
| 1 in |  |  |  |  |  |
| dav. on raw ma- 120 |  |  |  |  |  |
| terial for contract Inventories 1,340,60, |  | interes |  |  |  |
| Cash value of life |  | $7 \%$ 2nd pref | tock | 014 | 1,131,100 |
| sura |  |  |  | 4,870,125 |  |
| her assets......- 164,598 |  |  |  | 935,734 | 330,741 |

Capital stk. of co.
Permanent assets
Permanent assets y
Deferred assets.-. 6,017,965
118,135

6,143,776
90,806
Goodwill,
rights \& tr. mks.
 $\mathbf{x}$ Less allowance for doubtful accounts, \&cc. of $\$ 35,370$. y Less allow-
ance for depreciation of $\$ 3,702,010$. -V. 134, p. 3650 .
National Casualty Co., Detroit.-Dividend Reduced.A quarterly dividend of 10 c . per share has been declared on the capital
stock par $\$ 10$. payable June 15 to holders of record May 28 . Pryeiously, quarterly distributions of 30 c . per share were made.-V. 124, p. 3642 .,
National Service Cos. (\& Controlled Underlying Companies).-Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.-
$\xrightarrow[\text { Land and privileges, buildings, }]{\text { Asse }}$ machinery and equipment $y$ y Accounts, notes and interest Securities.
Merchandise and supplies Prepaid items
Investments.
Rights, established routes and organization expense

$\qquad$
23.296,028 Total Total

## 65,642

65,642
88,355
67,957 267,957
6806
105,000 6,806
105,000
130,626
168,335
31,539 168,335
31,539 $\times 1,400,685$ $\mathbf{x} 3,786,365$
72,664 $\$ 444,430$
$4,588,734$ $4,588,734$
2,090
$2,836,799$ 2,836,799 $23,296,028$
Total
Total .................-823,296,028 $\mathbf{x}$ Includes cumulative dividends not declared or paid. y After reserve
for depreciation of $\$ 1,923,149$. Our usual comparative income statement
for the year for depreciation of $\$ 1,923.149$. Our usual comparative income st
for the year ended Dec. 31 1931 was published in V. 134, p. 3834 .
National Standard Co. (Mich.).-Smaller Dividend.The directors on May 25 declared a quarterly dividend of 30 c . Der share
on the common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record
 against 75 c . per share previously each quarter.- V .134, p. 2539 .

## Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.-Earnings.-

For income statement for 3 months ended March 31, see "Earnings Department on a preceding page.
In the first quarter of 1932 the of copper at its three properties in Nevada. Arizona and Neve pounds monthly average of $5,634,321$ pounds. Nompany ores milled and smelted during the quarter totaled 826,517 tons. Of this total, 824,967 tons were
of concentrating ore dveraging $1.218 \%$ copper and 1.550 tons were of of concentrating ore dveracing $1.218 \%$ copper and 1.550 tons were of
direct smelting ore shipped to mmelter. The company also milled and
smelted 53.634 . smelted 53,634 tons of custom ore at the Nevada plants. The daily tonnage of company ore milled averaged 9,066 tons for the quarter.
The average recovery in the form of concentrates for all company mate-
rial milled was $84.87 \%$ of the copper in the feed, a yield of 20.68 pounds a ton treated. The net cost a pound of copper produced, after crediting gold and silver
and miscellaneous earnings and income from subsidiaries, was 9.53 cents. Thi miscellaneous earnings and income from subsidiaries, was 9.53 cents.
This includes all operating and general charges of every kind, except depreciation and reserve for Federal taxes,
D. C. Jackling. President. says that the report earnings, beginning this quarter, on a sales basis, carrying all
ansold copper at cost or market, whichever is the lower. Writing unsold
copper down to 5.75 cents a pound from 6.70 ceots, the price at which copper down to 5.75 cents a pound from 6.70 ceots, the price at which
it was carried Jan. 1932 , resulted in charging to the quarter's earnings
$\$ 383,295$.-V. 134, p. 3470 .
New Amsterdam Casualty Co.-Acquisition.-
The company proposes to acquire control of the United States Casualty hares of U. S. Casualty stock. There are 60,000 sharese of capital stock outstanding of the latter company. The directors have accepted the terms
of the proposal subject to the approval of the stockholders at a special The New Amsterdam company will also reinsure the ultimate liability Edson S. Lott will remain President of U. S. Casualty, which will con-
tinue to operate as an independent company. Norman R. Moray will be slected Vice-President and director.
As of Jan. 111932 the combined statements of the two companies, based on Insurance Commissioner's convention values, showed capital at $\$ 5$,
she $\$ 13,300,000$, and other reserves, $\$ 3,850,000$.-V. 129, p. 490.
New England Fuel Oil Corp.-Liquidating Dividend. The directors have declared a liquidating dividend of 75 cents per share
on the capital stock, payable May 23 to holders of record May 20 .-V.
New Jersey Fidelity \& Plate Glass Insurance Co.Withdrawing from Business.
This company, organized in 1868 , is withdrawing from active business
and has reinsured all risks, except fidelity and surety, with the Commercial Casualty Insurance Co., it is stated. The classes reinsured include automobil liability, liability other collision and property damage and collision other than automobile. The statement of the New Jersey company as of Dec. 31 1931, sowed
assets, $\$ 5,983,366 ;$ capital) $\$ 800.000$ unearned premium reserve, $\$ 1,577,688$ : reserve, $\$ 617,077$. Premium income in 1931 was approximately $\$ 3,200,000$ most of which came from policies covering automobile liabiltiy and automobile collision and property damage
 Net loss after deprec.
taxes \& all other chgs. $\$ \$ 159,051 \quad \$ 626,464 \quad \$ 90,924$ tprof $\$ 245,000$ x After charges for depreciation of $\$ 8130.257$ and marking down of all
aventories to cost or market, whichever is iower. Comparative Balance Sheet.


 Inventories ...
$\begin{array}{r}987,346 \\ 41,009 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Total_........ $\overline{\$ 4,333,908} \overline{85,149,593}$ Total_........ $\overline{\$ 4,333,908} \overline{\$ 5,149,596}$ v. 132, p. 4779.

New York Dock Co.-Earnings.--
For income statement for quarters ended March 31 see "Earnings DeFor income statement for quarters ended March 31 see "Earnings De-
partment" on a preceding page.-V. 134, p. 2329.
New York Investors, Inc.-1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Pref. Div. Deferred. The directors on May 26 voted to defer the semi-annual dividend of $3 \%$ due July 15 on the $6 \%$ cum. 1st pref. stock, par $\$ 100$. The last regular semi-annual payment on this issue was made on Jan. 15 1932.-V. 134, p. 3289.
Niagara Hudson Power Corp.- Conversion of Stock.The stockholders have been notified by a letter from the corporation of common stock into new $\$ 15$ par value shares on the basis of one new share for three old shares. This conversion will be made in accordance with the vote of the stockholders at the annual meeting on A pril 12 at which the plan was approved. The letter to stockholders urges that old certifi-
cates be sent in promptly to the transfer agent to avoid delay in future transfers.
The letter states that after the conversion holders of the corporation's three classes of option warrants will be entitled to purchase, for the same called for by the warrants in the New York Curb Exchange has notified the corporation that trading in the old common stock and warrants will be terminated within a week on the old stock on June 1
Arrangements have been made with J. P. Morgan \& Co.. transfer agent,
for the purchase and sale of scrip representing fractions of new shares for the accommodation of stockholders wishing to round out holdings in cases p. 3272 .

Niagara Share Corp.-Dividends, \&c.-
also declared regular quarterly dividends of $\$ 1.50$ weer, the directors have preferred stock for the quarterters ended dept. 30 and Dec. 3111932 , payable Oct. 11932 and Jan. 31933 to holders of record Sept. 16 and Dec. 16.
The stockholders having approved the reduction in the capital stock, the company announces that the plan of exchange has become effective. The
old preferred is exchangeable for class A pref. stock on a share-for-share old preferred is exchangeabio for class A pref. stock on a share-for-share
basis and the old common stock is exchangeable for class B common stocl on
on basis of five old shares for one $\mathbf{B}$ common share. See also $\mathbf{V}$. $134, \mathrm{p}$. 3650,3834 .
Nitrate Co. of Chile (Cosach).-Committee Organized.Henry P. Fletcher, Chairman of the committee representing American The Chilean Nitrate committee formed in New York, the personnel of which was announced last week, met and organized to day. After a general discussion of the situation, sub-committees were formed to consider in detail in co-operation with the management of the companies, the plan for
reorganization under consideration by the committee."-V. $134, \mathrm{p} .3834$.
North German Lloyd.-To Decrease Capital Stock.-
The stockholders will vote June 28 on approving the cancellation of
$11,500,000$ marks of capital stock (currently about $\$ 2.748,000)$ nnd ng the remaining capitalization from $148.500,000$ marks (about $\$ 35.491$, 500 ) to 49.500 .000 marks (about $\$ 11,830.000$ )
The stockholdes will also vote on a proposal to convert $3.340,000$ marks
about $\$ 798,260$ ) of capital stock into ordinary shares.-V. 134, p. 3650 .
North \& South American Corp.-New Control. -
Nova Scotia Public Cold Storage Termin
Nova Scotia Public Cold Storage Terminals, Ltd.Bondholders to Meet.
The bondholders will
The bondholders wiH hold a special meeting June 2 for the following
among other purposes: (1) To consider and, if deemed advisable, to sanction the modification, abrogation, alteration, compromise or arrangement of the rights of the bondholders against the company and its property in the following par ticulars: (a) By realeasing from the operation of the deed of trust and
mortyage and from the security thereof and from the security of the bonds. certain property forming part of the mortgaged premises; (b) by waiving
the provisions of Articles VIII and XVII of the deed of trust and mortgage the provisions of Articles VIII and XVII of the ded of trust and mortgage
relative to sinking funds and successor companies, respectively; (v) by directing the trustee to waive any and all defaults on the part of the com-
all or any of the outstanding bonds for other bonds or debentures upon such terms as may be deemed advisable.
(3) To consider and, if deemed advisable. concur in and execute a deed supplemental to the authorize the trustee to concur in and execute a deed supplemental to the deed of trust and mortgage
containing such terms, covenants and conditions as may be deemed advisable. (4) To appoint, if deemed desirable, a committee with power and
authority to exercise on behalf of the bondholders such of the powers of the bondholders as may be deemed advisable.
(5) To consider and, if deemed advisable. resolution or extraordinary resolutions such, to pasos as an extraordinary or
nay be deemed advisable in the premises.-V. 127, p. 2836.
Ohio Oil Co.-Buys Service Stations.-
The company has purchased five service stations in Columbus, Ohio,
increasing its number of stations there to 30 . It entered the marketing field a year ago with the acquisition of 14 s s
in 19 other Ohio towns.-V. 134, p. 3650 .

100 West 55th Street, Inc.- Plan Operative.
ment and reorganization, dated May 71932 . effective the plan of readjustThe holders of certificates of deposit tho have filed with the depositary
written notice of their dissent from that plan, on or before May 231932 .
may withdrw Written notice of their dissent from that plan, on or before May 231932 ,
may withdraw from deposit the bonds represented by such certificates of
deposit and in respect of which such dissent has been filed by surrendering. may wit and in respect of which such dissent has been filede, by surirencering.
doposit
to the depositary the certificates of deposit, properly endorsed in blank, and paying the sum of $\$ 5.84$ for each $\$ 500$ of bonds withdrawn, which sum the committee has fixed as the pro rata share of the expenses, indebtedness,
obligations or liabilities of the rommittee, payable by the holders of such
bonds. - See V. 134, p. 3650 . Otis Steel Co.-Opens New Mill.-
cost of $\$ 5,000,000$, has been placed in operation. The mill which is ane of the largest of its kind in the world. is producing material for automobile
companies. It has a capacity of about 50.000 tons a month.- V . 134 ,
Outlook Company.-Bankruptey.
The company, publishery of The outlook and Independent, was petitioned into
lished is a question thar the receiver will decide. Francis Rufus Bellamy.
Editor and President of the company said Mr. Bellamy, who made no estimate of the company's liabilities or assets
and was one of the petitioners. said the action had been taken because of a and was one of the petitioners, said the action had been taken because of a
falling off in advertising and the pressure of small creditors.
Pan American Foreign Corp. (Del.).-Stock to Be Dis-ributed.-
See Pan American Petroleum \& Transport Co. below.-V. 134, p. 3651: Paramount Publix Corp.-Lis
The New York Stock Exchange has a
(The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of $3,392,307$
shares of common stock (par \$10) each upon official notice ot the the certificate of change, changing the authorized common stock without par value (both issued and umissued) of the corporation into common stock with the par value of S10 per share.
The Chemical Bank \& Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of the
capital stock, effective May 27 . 1932 . To Purchase Common Stock-
The stockholders of the corporation at their adjourned annual meeting held April 261932 , voted their approval of certain personal ser vice contracts,
authorized by the board of directors of the corporation at a meeting held March 18 1932, between the corporation and Adolph Zukor, John Hertz,
Sam Katz, Emanuel Cohen, Ralph A. Kohn and Sir William Wiseman directors or executives of the corporation, under the terms of which contracts six blocks of common stock of the corporation, each bbock which consisting
of a total of 108,000 shares for all such directors or executives, will be set aside, one block for each six months service between Jan. 11932 and respectively in cash of $\$ 15, \$ 18, \$ 21, \$ 24, \$ 28$ and $\$ 32$ payment by them
respective blocks, the right of each such director or for the respective blocks, the right of each such director or executive to take up his
respective shares of each block extending to Dec. 31 , 1935 , and being conditioned upon his having oontinued in the emp.oy of the corportaion
during the six months' period for which each block is reserved.--V. 134 ,

Pan American Petroleum \& Transport Co.-Reduces Capitalization-To Distribute Stock of Subsidiary-New President, dec. =
The stockholders on May 23 approved a proposal to change the par value
of the common stock and class B stock from $\$ 50$ to $\$ 5$ per share, each present share to be exchanged for one new share
The stockholders also approved the distribution among themselves, upon authorization by the dirioctors to of the shares of thong themsemelves,
Foreign Corp., recently formed in Delaware to acquire all foreign-American properties Foreign Corp, recently formed in Delaware to acquire all foreign properties
of the Pan-AMerican Potrodeum \& Transport Co The Pan-American
Petroleum stockkolders will receive stock in Pan Petroleeum stockerolders will receive stock in Pan Po. The Pan Pan-American
Phareign on a
share for share basis, the Pan-American Petroleum \& Transport Co. retaining their present share interest in the domestic propertiies.
The Standard Oil Co. of Indiana. which owns about $96 \%$.
stock of Pan-American Petroleum \& Transport Co.., has agreed to capital interest in Pan-American Foreign Corp. to the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey,
E. McKeever has been elected a director and subsequently President
of the Pan-American Petroleum \& Transport $\mathbf{C o}$, to succed who resigned as President to head the Pan-American Fored R. . . Stewart, officers to resign from Pan-American Petroleum included Harold Walker
William Green and $T$ Pater William Green and T. S. Cooke, all Vice-Presidents and darectors. Mr.
McKeever also was elected a director of all subsidiary and affiliated comMcKeever also was elected a director of all subsidiary and affiliated com-
panies of Pan-A marican Petroleum and Transport.
Other officers of the Pan-Americh Other officers of the Pan-American Foreign Corp, elected are: Eugene
Holman, D. L. Harper and G. W. Gordon, Vice-Presidents; R. P. Resor, Treasure, and M. H. Eames, Secretary. Virtually all of these are now.
Listing of Commor. Stock ( $\$ 5$ Par) and Class B Common Stock (\$5 Par Value).
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing og $1,000,000$
shares of common stock (par \$5), and 2,477,902 shares of class B common
 common stock upon official notice of issuance in connection with the con version of $10-y$ year convertible $6 \%$ sinking fund gold bonds of the company.
A reorganization of the properties, assets and business of Pan Petroleum \& Transport Co. has been, had, pursuant to which there has been organized in Delaware a corporation known as "Pan American Foreign
Corp.," with shares of class A common stock (voting) and class B common Corp." "with shares of class A common stock (voting) and class B common
stock" (non-voting) of the par value of S1 per share. The number of shares stock (non-votive classes o pstock authorized and issued corresponds of shares
of the respectith the number of shares of the common stock (voting) and class B common stock
(non-voting) of Pan American Petroleum \& Transport Co. Pursuant to non-voting of Pan American Petroleum \& Transport Co. Pursuant to
the plan of reorganization Pan American Foreign Corp. has acquired all of he subsidiary, arfilizated and controrlled companies orp. an American Petroleum \& Transport Coo. operating outside of the United States, and all of the
lank ships formerly owned directly by Pan American Petroleum \& Transport Co in exchange for all the oustanding shares of class A common stock and Corp The effect of this reorganization was to segregate in one can Foreign Pan American Foreign Corp. wholly owned by Pan American Petrolation, Transport Co, all of its foreign business, leaving in the other subsidiaries of Pan American Petroleum \& Transport Co. its domestic business.
Upon the reduction of the capital and the amendment of the certificate of incorporation of Pan American Petroluem \& Transport Co., said company
will distribute to its shareholders shares of stock of Pan American Foreign Corp. on the basis of one share of class A common stock for each share of of class B common stock for each share of class B common stock of Pan of class B common stock for each sha

In addition to all the issued and outstanding shares of stock of both classes eum \& Transport Co. holds the following stock ownership in its subsidiary companies:

| Name of Company | Authorizedt Capalization | Issued. | Orned by |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mexican Petroleum | 00,000 common | 74,015 |  |
| Mexican Petroleum Corp. of Gecrgia- | ,000,000 common |  | 0.oc0 |
| Mexican Petroleum CorD. of La | 15,946 common | 946 | .946 |
| Pan American Petroleum Corp. | 1,000 common | 500 | 500 |
| Pan American Petroleum Corp | 100,000 common | 100,000 |  |
| American Oil Co | mmon A |  | 0 |
| American Oilco | 20,700 common B | 20,700 |  |
| Lord Baltimore Filling | 250 common B | ${ }_{250}$ |  | Pan American Foreign Corp. holds the following stock ownership in

subsidiary companies:
 Ltd. owned by Pan American Forelgn Corp. b Owned by Mexican Petroleum Co. Transportad. c Owned by Huasteca Petroleum Co. d Owned by Cia Naviera Lago oil \& Transport Co., Ltd. 8 Owned by Ebano Asphalt Geselischatt. m.b. H h Owned by Euphalt Gesellscnart, m... H. H. Owned by Ebano Ol Co., Ltd.
j Owned by Petroluem Storake \& Finance Corp., Ltd. k Treasury Stock
Authority for 1ssuv.
On May 3 1932, holders of more than a majority of both the common stock
and class B common stock consented in writing to the reduction of the capand class B common stock consented in writing to the reduction of the cap-
ital of the corporation by the amount of $\$ 156,784,477$, which reduction in capital is to be carried into effect by an amendment of the certificat in incorporation reducing the par value of the shares of common stock and class B common stock from 550 per share to $\$ 5$ per share.
May 4 board of directors of Pan American Petroleum \& Transport Co on May 41932 , adopted a resolution declaring it advisable and recommending
to the stockholders of the corporation, that the certificate of incorporation of the corporation be amended to provide for the reduction of the par value of its common stock and class B common stork from $\$ 50$ per share to $\$ 5$ per
share. At a meeting of the stockholders held on May 231932 , an amendshare. At a meeting of the stockholders held on May 23 1932, an amend-
ment of the certificate of incorporation was authorized. Control of Pan American Petroleum \& Transport C in Standard Oil Co. (Indiana) by reason of the acquisition by Standard Oil Co. (Indiana) as of May 12 1932, of 971,897 shares of the common stock Transport Co.-V. 134, p. 3835.
Park \& Tilford, Inc.-Earnings.
For income statement for 3 months ended March 31 see "Earnings
Department" on a preceding page.-V.
Parmelee Transportation Co. (\& Subs.).--Earnings.-
Calendar YearsCalendar Years-
Operating revenue Operating revenue. ............
Operating and other expenses-
Depreciation and amortization $\begin{array}{r}1931, \\ \mathbf{\$ 1 8 , 1 0 5 . 2 7 2} \\ 16.093 .367 \\ 2,718,584 \\ \hline\end{array}$

1930

Net operating revenue-............
Other income
Total income-
Interest, \&c-

| $\begin{array}{r} \text { loss } \$ 706,679 \\ -\quad 156,876 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 389,402 \\ 218,545 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,361,398 \\ 353,165 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| loss\$549,804 | \$607,947 | \$1,714,56 |
|  | 608,344 37,625 | 331 |

Special reserve approp. for conting-- $\quad 2,000,000 \quad$ Nole Net loss dividends
Preferred diven
Common dividends
$\frac{2,010,000}{\$ 3,165,954}$ $\$ 38,021 \overline{\mathrm{pf} \$ 1262,400}$

Deficit-............
$\qquad$
$\$ 3,165,954<\frac{384,440}{\$ 464,440}$ sur $\$ 962,568$
see Quarterly Earnings. For income statement for quarters ended March 31,
Consil Buse
Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31


Penn General Casualty Co., Phila.-To Reduce Capital. A special meeting of the stockholders will be held on July 21 to vote on
reducing the capital stock to $\$ 250,000$ from $\$ 500,000$ and transferring the
amount of the reduction to surplus.

Perfect Circle Co.-Record Canadian Sales.-
Perfect Circle piston ring sales in Canada for the first four months of 1932
a new record with a gain of $35 \%$ over the first four months of 1931. set a new record with again ex ects a cortinued upward trend in Canadian sales especially since the new Perfect Corcle Canaddan plant has been estab-
lished in Toronto, Canada, it is announced. With rings being manutactured in the Dominion, much better service can be rendered to Canadian accounts.

Pitney Calendar Years-
 Federar taxal resererve.-.--Balance---1... Balance, surplus ----
Shares common stock out-
standing (no par) standing (no par)
Earnings per share
$\qquad$ 13,313
16,80
$\$ 120,25$
26,16

$\$ 94,08$ |  | 26,825 | 800,660 | $\$ 00.660$ | 177,146 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | expenses including cost of sales, $\$ 1,18,726$; depreciation, $\$ 152,381$; development and research, $\$ 46,178$; interest and expense on funded debt, bank years loss, $\$ 2,193$; net profit (as above), $\$ 215,621$. y Paid-in cash, $\$ 39,914$ and paid-in capital stock, $\$ 80,827$.


| Assets- | 1931. | 1930. | Liabilities- | 1931. | 93 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash. | \$95,425 | 884,270 | Notes payable- | \$285,940 | 432,500 |
| Notes receivable.- | 1,055 |  | Acets. payable, a |  |  |
| Acts. receivable- | 305,652 | 273,059 | crued int., \&c | 29,4 | 65,823 |
| Inventories | 705,878 | 711,857 | Fed. \& State taxes | 27,200 | 16,500 |
| Sundry debtor | 470 | 1,989 | $10-\mathrm{yr} .6 \%$ gold note | 285,596 | 354,989 |
| Postage meters on rental service | 2,317,453 | 2,236,017 | Unearned income. Contingent reserve | 248,786 | $\begin{array}{r} 209,261 \\ 2,000 \end{array}$ |
| Other equipm't on |  |  | Capital stock_-.-. ${ }^{\text {x }}$ | 1,506,733 | 1,353,406 |
| rental service.. | 5,908 | 6,148 | Capital surplus. | 17,304 | 17,881 |
| Invest. foreign sub | 304,867 | 347,461 | Earned surplus. | 605,875 | 571,537 |
| Fixed asset | 613,811 | 640,304 | Deferr. renta' inc_ | 1,394,541 | 1,306,288 |
| Deferred charges. | 50,872 | 28,495 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | tal | 1,391 | ,330,18 |

x 826,825 shares (no par) -V 134, p. 2167
Pittsburgh United Corp.-Income Account. -Income-Dividends Income Account Year Ended Dec. 311931.


| Balance Sheet as at Dec. 31. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets- | $\begin{gathered} 1931 . \\ \mathbb{S} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1930 . \\ \$ \end{gathered}$ | Liatitites- | 1931. | $\begin{gathered} 1930 . \\ 8 \end{gathered}$ |
| Cash.- | 178,713 | 90,574 | Notes payable,sec. | 1,040,000 | 834,000 |
| U. S. Steel Corp. |  |  | Accounts payable. | 1,617 | 6,959 |
| com, (at cost) -x1 | 6,856,511 | 15,301,511 | State taxes.-.- | 40,000 | 18,500 |
| Prepaid Interest.- | 1,225 |  | Dividends payable |  | 105,864 |
| Escrow fund |  | 1,555,000 | Reserves. |  | 30,879 |
| Accts. receivable.- |  | 6,270 | 7\% preferred stock | 5,821,200 | 6,049,400 |
|  |  |  | Common stock. | 9,749,075 | 9,749,075 |
|  |  |  | Surplus | 384,557 | 158,678 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| x Market value | e Dec. 31 | 1931, $38{ }^{5}$ | 8 per share, or | ,187,02 | -V. 134, | x. Market value Dec. $311931,38 \frac{5 / 8}{}$ per share, or $\$ 4,187$

p. 863 .
Prairie Pipe Line Co.-Receivership Asked.-

Prairie Pipe Line Co.-Receivership Asked.- Carney, holder
A bill filed in Federal Court at Chicago by William Roy Craire company's assets to Consolidated Oil Corp. last January be set aside and that Court appoint a receiver for Commonwealth Transportation Co., formery known as Prairie Pipe

## Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp.-Interest Payment.-

 The Committee on Arrangements of the New York Stock Exchange interest to be received from Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp. on June 1 will be $\$ 16.662-3$ per $\$ 1,000$ part-paid certificate for 10 -year $6 \%$ debenturesand common stock, instead of the $\$ 30$ payment which the $6 \%$ rate would indicate.-V. 134, p. 3652 .

Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.-Earnings.Department" on a preceding page.

| Assets- | $1932 .$ | $\begin{gathered} 1931 . \\ \mathrm{s} \end{gathered}$ | Liabilities- | $1932 .$ | $1931 .$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash... | 700,326 | 835,900 | Accounts payable | 242,216 | 497,417 |
| Ctts. of deposit- | 100,000 | 750,000 | Accrued salaries \& |  |  |
| Marketable securs. | 2,369,061 | 1,579,014 | wages.-. |  |  |
| Notes, accts., \&c., receivable. | 1,392,457 |  | Provis'n for Fed. \& State income tax | 63,161 | 145,194 |
| Mdse. inventories. | 2,121,540 | 3,328,214 | Res. for conting. |  | 48,276 |
| Investments - | 1,266,908 | 964,567 | Res. for Federal \& |  |  |
| Sundry notes and |  |  | State taxes on |  |  |
| acc'ts receivable <br> Land, bldgs., ma- | 534,835 | 457,752 | Capital stock.- | 721,800 | 9,721,800 |
| chinery \& equip_x | 6,946,442 | 7,315,788 | Earned surplus.- | 253,081 | 1,524,530 |
| Deferred charges.- | 27,101 | 54,374 | Capital surplus--- | 5,727,425 | 5,855,248 |
| Trade names, trade marks \& g'd-will | 595,157 | 595,157 |  |  |  |
| Organiza'n exps:- |  | 129,316 |  |  |  |
| Total | 6,053,829 | 18,017,743 | Total | 53, | ,017 | $\mathbf{x}$ After depreciation of $\$ 7,825,231$. y Represented by 676,012 shares of no par value.-V. 134, p. 3836 .

Reliance Grain Co., Ltd.-Smaller Preferred Dividend.A quarterly dividend of $11 / 2 \%$ on the $61 / 2 \%$ cum. pref. stock, par $\$ 100$,
payable June 15 to holders of record May 31 . Previously, the company made regular quarterly payments of $15 / 8 \%$ on this issue.- V . 133, p. 1938.
Richfield Oil Co. of Calif.-New Members of Committee. F. S. Baer, President of Pacific Co, of California, has been elected an additional member of the bondholders' protective committee. A. . . Van
Court of William R. Staats Co. has also been elected a member to replace Court of William R. Staats Co. has also been elected a mem recently resigned. The committee is now composed of four Pacific Coast men and two rep-
resenting Eastern interests. The Inembers are George Armsby, Stanton resenting Eastern interests. The inembers are George Armsoy, Stancer.
Griffis, R. E. Hunter, Harry J. Bauer, A. E. Van Court and F. Saer. Griffis, R. Hour are the Western representativ

Former Official Convicted.-
James A. Talbot, former Chairman of the board, convicted of grand
theft, was sentenced May 18 to 2 to 20 years in San Quentin Prison. Motheft, was sentenced May 18 to 2 to 20 years in San Quentin Prison. Mo-
tion for new trial was denied and notice of appeal was filed.-V.134, p. 3836.

Republic Petroleum Co., Ltd.-Earnings.-
Crude oil production Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 311931
Proceeds of sale of gas \& casinghead gasoline.
Total earnings$\$ 589,921$
87,978
7,921
Royalties on gas and casinghead gasoline-
Net realization from production. Field overhead-1.-.-.-.-. Administratich
Depretion.
 Furniture and fixtures.-
Depletion Depletion_-.
Depreciation.

## Investments

Accounts receivable
Inventory of crude oil.
Prepaid expenses
$\qquad$
Total...............
-V 134. p. 3291.
$\overline{\$ 5,033,027}$
Total
$\overline{\$ 5,033,027}$

## Ritter Dental Manufacturing Co.-Earnings.

For income statement for three months ended March 31 see "Earnings epart
Rossia Insurance Co. of America.-Divorces Directorates of Affiliated Companies.-
Carl F. Sturhahn, President of this company, and Dr. L. L. Lemieux and F. Erdman of Germany, have resigned as directors of the Iduna Germania Insurance Co., the strek of which is held in the Iduna Holding Co., Whose
stock in turn is held by the Rossia International Corp. The German insurstock in turn is held by the Rossia International Corp. The German insurance department objected to their memberships, which interlocke
directorates of the insurance company and the holding company. These directorates of the insurance company and the holding company.
companies are affiliates of the Rossia Insurance Co. of America.
. 2544
Royal Dutch Co. for the Working of Petroleum Wells in Netherlands Indies.-Earnings.-

 Profit_-r.-shs. $(4 \%):-$
$\begin{array}{r}27,916,648 \\ \text { Divs. on pf. } \\ 60,000\end{array}$ Divs. on pf. shs. (4\%)--
Priority shares $(41 \% \%)=-$
Ordinary shares $(6 \%)$
Surplus
$\qquad$ $\stackrel{ }{103.367 .788}$

Surplus -rdin'y div.:
$93 \%$ of above surplus. $93 \%$ of above surplus_
$6 \%$ on ord'y as aboveBrought forward -...--:-


## Carried forward

Ruberoid Co.-Dividend Halved.-
A quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the com. stock, no par value, payable June 15 to holders of record June 1 . This
compares with $\$ 1$ per share paid each quarter from Sept. 151927 to and
inc. March 151932 .-V. 134 , p. 2544 .
Schiff Company.-Earnings.



St. Lawrence Corp., Ltd. (\& Constit. Cos.).-Earnings. Calendar Years-
Profits from operations of constituent companies_-
Provision for depreciation_Provision for depletion- Powe \& Paper Co. Ltd
Bondint. Lake St John
Deben. int. Lake St. John Pr. \& Pap. Co. Ltd
 Div. on pref. stock of St. Law. Pap. Mills. Co Ltd.
Div. on class A shs of St Lawrence Corp. Ltd.
Div. on no par value shs. of Brompton Pulp \& Piv. on pref. stock of Brompton P. \& P. Co. L̄tdDeficit_ Previous earned surplus of constituent companies
Add ' credit to deprec. reserve for year 1929, Lake St. John Power
Adjustments (net)
Earned surplus,
Dec. $31 . .$. Assets- Consoli
Casheounts and bilis receivab
Accoull loans

 Inventories and advances for woods operations
Balance due on employees' $\begin{aligned} & \text { tock } i \text { investments } \\ & \text { Stores equipment and repair materials }\end{aligned}$. Stores, equipment and repair materials Organization expense, prepaid insurance, taxes, , . .
Acc ts $\&$ mtges. recelvable over a period of years_. Accestments in and advanacestra a pheriod of years--
Irveehold and leasehold timber liands Freehold and leasehold timber lands and water
power, real est., bldgs., machinery \& equipment


 | 1930. |
| :--- |
| .759 .875 |
| 750.209 |
| 237.422 |
| $325 ., 000$ |
| 195,000 |
| 855,000 |
| 377,783 |
| 222,218 |
| 40 |

$\begin{array}{rr}\$ 365,101 & \$ 202,797 \\ 1,924,564 & 2,280,506\end{array}$ | Dr. $181,0 \overline{0} \overline{7}$ | Dr. 148,857 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Dr. 4,288 |  | $\$ 1,378,456 \overline{\$ 1,924,564}$ 31 | 1931. | 1930. |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 82,388$ | 8473.594 |
| $2,844,730$ | $1,842,065$ |

$\begin{array}{r}119,362 \\ 352,645 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Total

## Accounts payable and accrued charges

 Dividends payable- Bal. of purchase price of Lake sta- John Power \&
Ponds \& Cobs. of Lef prep stock.
 Pref. stock or St. Lawrence Paper Mills Co., Ltd.-
Cap. stock of constit. cos. not held Cap. stock or constit. cos. not held by st .
R1 class $A$ cum. conv. preferred stock.-.
Common stock-1.-.
Cap. surp. of constit. cos. (subj. to minority int.
Cas. surp arising from consol. of statemets.
Cap. surp. arising from consol. of statements
 against exercise of warrants and options issued by $2,000,000$ st. Lawrence Peserved 600,000 shs.); outstanding, 567,175 shs.-V. 132, , .4781 .

Years Ended Dec. 31Years En
Not sales
Cost of sale
Depreciation and operating expenses.
Experimental expenses...-
Not profit from operations.-....-.
Div. and other income from subs. and
other con other companies_-and.
Int., royalties, discounts earned, \&c. Total profits




Preferred dividends $\$ 69,196,215 \$ 888.080,743$ | $\$ 1,266.628$ | $\$ 1,173.522$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $2,477.956$ | $1,46.378$ |

$\begin{array}{ll}209,541 & 363,750 \\ 221,980\end{array}$ 7.73̄7.0̄0̄0̄ 500,000
$8.000,000$
 Oharges applic, to prior period --.-

Surplus, Dec. 31
Earns. per sh. on 125,000 shs. com.
stock (no par)

 Assets-Assets-
Cashes
Not less reserve.
Other acets. Other accts.
Inventories.Life insurance. Invest, in sub. \&
affiliated cos. Inv, in sec. of other cos. at cost.... equipment. Deferred charges.-
Spec. res. fund inv. \& eash find for preferred stock-
Excl. sales contr Total After depreciation of $\$ 1,297,642$, -V. 134, p. 1780 .
-Scott Paper Co.-Defers Stock Dividend.-
The directors on May 20 declared the regular quarterly cash dividend
of 35 cents per share on the com. stock no par value payable June 30 to holders of record June 16. The directors decided to payable June 30 to of paying stock dividends on the common stock on a semi-annual basis. statement issued by Edward S. Wagner, Secretary, said: "It was further decided to discontinue the policy of paying stock dividends on a semi-
annual basis. Consideration of the stock dividend was deferred until the November meeting,"
From June 291929 to and incl. Dec. 311931 semi-annual distribution of $2 \%$ each in stock were made on the

## Scovill Mfg. Co.-Reduces Dividend Rate.-

A quarterly dividend of $371 / 2$ cents per share, payable July 1 to holders of distributions of 50 cents per share were made as compared with 75 cent per share on Oct. 11930 and $\$ 1$ per share previously each quarter.
Selected Industries, Inc.-Change Par Value.-
The stockholders on May 25 voted to change the three classes of stock of the corporation from no par value shares to par value shares of $\$ 25$ for the prior stock,


Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 311931.
 Note- There are outstanding 120,000 option warrants, each such warrant
conferring upon the holder thereof the right to purchase at any time a share of common stock for $\$ 11.50$.

## Securities Corporation General.-Earnings.-

| Calendar Years | 193 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Income from: Int. \& divs, on invest_Interest on loans and bank deposits | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 285,796 \\ 3,583 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 305,383 \\ 3,355 \end{array}$ | \$258, 5 5,218 |
| Profit on sales of secu | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 289,379 \\ 247,833 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 368,738 \\ 274,032 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 263,415 \\ 978,389 \end{array}$ |
| Total gross income | \$537,212 | \$642,770 | \$1,241,804 |
| Interest on loans payable | 54,860 | 59,686 | 81,24,551 |
| Taxes, salaries and general expen | 47,673 | 56,566 | 31,609 |
| Federal income tax (est.) | 17,149 | 21,980 | 97,948 |
| Net income ---------------- | \$417.531 | \$504,537 | \$1,025,636 |
| Credit balance at beginning of period. Interest received, less Federal income | 2,847,621 | 3,830,115 | 3,112,332 |
| tax, applicable to prior years _--.-.- |  | 9,879 |  |
| Net credit from retirement of 10,93 shares preferred stock held in treasury, less increase in stated value of preferred stocks |  |  |  |
|  |  | 19,155 |  |


| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Total_- } \\ \begin{array}{l}\text { Additional assessment of Federal in- } \\ \text { come tax applicable to prior years }\end{array} \\ \end{array}$ | $\$ 3,265,151$ |  | $\$ 4,363,740$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\$ 4,137,967$ |  |  |

come tax applicable to prior years
Appropriation for stated value of $\$ 5$
per share on new common stock.-.-
Comm, accrued \& incl. in net income to be uncollectible-deposited as guarantee------
Dividends paid: Preferred stock.---
Common stock
$13,600 \quad 1,346,050$ 377

standing at end of year-1-_-
Market values of stock dividends at $\quad * \$ 1.30 \quad * \$ 1.62 \quad * \$ 3.53$ Market values of stock dividends a
date of receipt during period, but date of receipt during period, bu
not included in income $\$ 221,270 \quad \$ 265,336 \quad \$ 698,480$ at end of year, incl. stock divs. at
market value on date received.
Earns. per share common stock out- $\quad \$ 65.23 \quad \$ 78.54 \quad \$ 197.29$ Earns. per share common stock out-
standing at end of year incl stock
 * Earnings computed on basis of $\overline{2} \overline{7} 2,500$ shares common stock at present
outstanding, or to be issued in exchange for old common stock.


## Contingent liabilities-None reported

$\overline{\$ 6,042,690} \overline{\$ 6,767.187} \overline{\$ 6,831,886}$
x Represented by: $2,327.05$ shares of cumulative preferred stock $\$ 7$ series of no par value; $;, 466$ shares of cumulative preferred stock $\$ 6$ series
of no par value; 271,930 shares of common stock of no par value. of common stock (old stock) of no par value; 9 shares of common stock (old stock) of $\$ 100$ par value. y Charter provides that no dividends shall be paid or set apart upon the common stock unless there is sufficient surplus
to pay three years' dividends on outstanding preferred stock.-V. 134,
p. 3472 .

Segal Lock \& Hardware Co., Inc. (\& Subs.).-Earns.-


 z Average amount outstanding during the year.
Note. Company paid regular quarterly dividends of $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per share on the common stock pap to and including Sept. 28 1931; the dividend usually
payable in December was omitted.


Sloss-Sheffield Steel \& Iron Co.-Earnings. Calendar Years-
Operating profits.-.
Interest
 Interest Federal taxes
Net profit-
Preferred divs Preferred dive. $(7 \%)$ )
Common divs. $(6 \%)$ Balance, surplus.......
Total prot. \& loss surp
Shs. com. out ona 8100
Earns. per share on com.

$\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,079,857 \\ 469.000 \\ 600,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\qquad$ ers42,259
$7,330,347$
100,000
81.07 $\$ 10,857$
$9.16,957$
100.000
86.11


Snider Packing Corp.-Modified Plan of Reorganization Certain proposed modifications to the original plan of reorganization
dated Jan. 2 1932, which will result in a reduction in principal amount of of dated Jan. 2 1932, which will result in a reduction in principal amount of
first mortgage bonds to be outstanding, creation of an issue of $\$ 1,030,000$ of first mortgage bonds to be outstanding, creation of an issue of $\$ 1,030,000$ of
10 -year $6 \%$ income debentures and strenthening of the active management of the company, were made public May 26 by Clifton M. Miller, Chairman of the re-organization committee
These modifications have been made in order to obtain the complete
accord of all interested parties and, in their present form, bear the approval accord of all interested parties and, in their present form, bear the approval
of the noteholders protective committee, the reorganization committe and the stockholders protective committee
Under the modified dan, first mortgage $6 \%$ bonds, in the principal
Uount of between $\$ 1,600,000$ and $\$ 1,800.000$, will be issued in two series amount of between $\$ 1,600,000$ and $\$ 1,800.000$, will be isssued in two series, $\$ 1,598,000$ maturing on the former date, originally proposed.
Of the issue of $\$ 1,030,000$ of debentures, to be created under the modified plan, merchandise creditors or the corporation are to accept approximately $\$ 680,000$ principal amount at par in payment of indebtedness and the new
company is to receive subscriptions of $\$ 350,000$ principal amount at par. Interest on these debentures will be paid only as earned and will not accumulate until after the first fiscal year.
S. E. Comstock, newly appointed President, and D. C. Townson, both prominent in the canne company and serve on the executive committee Thomas H . Blodgett will continue as chairman of the board, which initially wiil include, as additional directors, B. C. Olney. Executive Vice-President;
Ciffon M. Miller, of White, Weld \& Oo. Carleton Bunce, Vic-President cilifton M. Miller, of White, Weld \& Co.; Carleton Bunce, Vice-President
of the Chase National Bank of New York; W. H. Jaquith, Vice-President of the Marine Midland Trust Co. of New York . As one of the conditions of obtaining the junior financing described
above, a minimum of 60,000 shares of capital stock is to be made available for distribution to the management and employees. under the original plan, stock for such distribution will be contributed by deporiting noteholders, who, under option "A" of the original plan, were to
receive 50 shares of stock, as well as a $\$ 1.000$ bond, for each $\$ 1,000$ note Such depositors now are given the alternative of accepting either $\$ 1,000$ of
 $\$ 1,000$ of bonds of the 1
the balance of 40 shares.
the balance of 40 shares.
The committee believes that the proposed substantial reduction in mortgage indebtedness and material strengthening of the management are factors which will prove or great benenl to friginal plan in V 134, p. 521 ) V. 134 , p. 3472
Southern Pacific Golden Gate Co.-Earnings. Including Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries, Ltd.
Combined Income Account (Excluding Offsetting Accounts) for 12 Mont $h$
Ended Dec. 31. Water line operations-Revenue

$\begin{array}{r}1931 . \\ -\quad 55.680 .9 \\ 3.747 \\ \hline\end{array}$
55,717168
$3,807,593$

| Net revenue from wa | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,933.523 \\ 208,645 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,909,575 \\ 191,144 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| perating income-Wat | $\$ 1,724,878$ | \$1,718,431 |
| Miscellaneous rent in | 1.018 10.686 |  |
| Gross income | \$1,736,582 | \$1,741,281 |
| Misce |  |  |
| Miscellaneous tax accr | 194 |  |
| Interest on funded debt | 457.500 | 21,956 |
| Amortizati | 21,013 |  |
| Miscellaneous fixed charges | ${ }_{6,643}^{4,118}$ | 1,3 |



## Total

$\begin{array}{r}81,436,299 \\ 868,515 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 1,361,208 \\ 868 \\ 188.515 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Dividend appropriations of surplus
Miscellaneous adjustments-Net debit
\$506,433 $\$ 353,787$
Credit balance as of Dec. 31 _....................... $\$ 506,433$ [Southern Pacific Golden Gate Co. and Sou. Pac. Gold Gate Fer., Ltd.] Asset 1931.1930.
Assets-
Inv. in floating eq. \&c., properties. Res. for accrued
depreciation... Trust deposits for
mtged. property released property Cash-
Time deposits..............
Traf. bals. owed by Traf, bals. owed by
other companies other companies
Net bal. due from Net bal. due from Loans \& bills rec. Ins. claims azainst underwriters Miscell. accts. rec Materials \& supp
Other Other work. assets Unmat'd int. rec.

## Total.......... 133, p. 1140

## Spencer Trask Fund, Inc.-Capital Reduced. <br> The stockholders have voted to reduce the authorized number of shares

 of the corporation from $2,000,0$par value.-V.
pa

Spicer Manufacturing Corp.-Earnings.-
 patentrights Prem. on secur. retired-
Divs. paid on pref. stock Total unappropriated surplus Dec. $31-\overline{\text { s. }}$
Sharns. per shat. (no par)
Ear com_

## 125,000

$2 \overline{7} \overline{9}, \overline{8} \overline{5} \overline{3} \quad 300,00 \overline{0} \quad 3 \overline{0}-0 \overline{0} \overline{0} \quad \begin{array}{r}150,0 \overline{0} \\ 59,940\end{array}$

| Balance Shet Dec. 31. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets- | $\underset{\$}{1931 .}$ | $1930 .$ | Liabuities- |  |  |
| Land, bldgs., mach |  |  | Capital stock | 9,434,750 | 9,434,750 |
| \& equipment-. $\mathrm{x}^{\text {a }}$ | 6,785,019 | 7,884,668 | Accounts payable | 9,434,750 | 9,434,750 |
| Cash. | 692,670 | 974,313 | \& sundry accr'd. | 695,962 | 705,281 |
| Accts. \& notes rec. | 710,749 | 951,583 | Empl. savings fund | 605,902 | 705,281 |
| Inventories-.--- | 1,627,380 | 2,575,010 | deposits | 68,055 |  |
| Funds on deposit in closed banks |  |  | Federal tax res |  | 9,457 |
| Cos. stk. held for | 81,631 |  | Purch, money obllg | 110,000 | 119,000 |
| corp. purposes.- | 561,040 |  | Surpl | 2,154,462 | 3,574,954 |
| Empl. stock acct - |  | 166,366 |  |  |  |
| Invest. \& advances | 1,752,180 | 1,079,867 |  |  |  |
| Patent rights..... | 174,176 | 187.678 |  |  |  |
| Deferred charges.- | 78,383 | 93,926 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

 shares of cumulative pref. stock, convertible $\$ 3$ dividend series A and
357,750 no par shares ,750 no par shares of common stock.-V. 134, p. 3653.
$\underset{\text { Years Ended- Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings.-- }}{\text { Sec. } 26 \text { '31. xDec. } 27 \text { '30. }}$ Profit from operations after deducting cost of goods
sold, depreciation, selling and administrative
sold, depreciation, selling and administrative
expense.-.-....--

Amortization of debenture discount \& expense----
Federal and State income tax--
Profit applic. to stock of sub. held by public------
Combined net profit--1.-.
Net profit of subsidiaries prior to date of acquisi-
tion in 1930, after provision for minority in-
terest therein.
Net profit of co. and all subs. not incl. profit of
subs. prior to date of acquisition subs. prior to date of ac
Previous earned surplus.
Adjustments applicable to Over-provision for Federal \& State income taxes.
Less valuation adjustments \& sundry debits.....

| $\begin{array}{r} \$ 149,192 \\ 41,539 \end{array}$ | $\$ 189,692$ 31,206 |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$190,731 | \$220, |
| 61,598 | 81,735 |
| 18,690 5,445 | 20,970 17,205 |
| 878,443 | 393,5 |

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Stock diasidendocok } 1.329 \text { siares of class Bstock..... } \\
& \text { Balance of good-will account charged off }
\end{aligned}
$$

Consolidated earned surpic and subsidiary prior to the acquisition in 1930 of $85 \%$ of the common stock
of that company by


Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.
 deposit...-...Notes \& acots. rec
Inventorlest. Inventories-.......
Otther assets....
Land, bldgs., ma107,716

 $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Prepayments...... } & 51,522 \\ \text { Deferred charges. } & 121,931\end{array}$
 $\times$ After deducting reserve for doubtful accounts of $\$ 40,133,184,610,256$ deducting reserve for depreciation of $\$ 1,325,78$. a $100,728 \$ 2.20$ claster
pref. at stated value.
b 71,664 shares at stated value.-
Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky.-Dividend Rate De-creased.-The directors on May 27 declared a quarterly dividend of 30 c . per share on the capital stock, par $\$ 10$ payable June 30 to holders of record June 15. Previously per company made regular quarterly distributions of 40 c per share on this issue.-V. 134, p. 2359

-V .134, p. 2360

Calendard Textile Products Co. (\& Subs.).-Earnings
 $\begin{array}{cccccc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Cost of ses al } \\ \text { general expenses.----- }\end{array} & 7,410,975 & 10,272,731 & 12,437,525 & 12,813,887\end{array}$

 Balance, surplus_-.-.loss 8789,6501 's $\$ 1,219,427$
Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets-
Cash ln banks \&
on hand
A 1i Accts. rec. from
affil. cos._. Sundry accts.-. \& notes receivable Due from officers and employees-
Prepaid expenses Prepaid expenses
Treasury stock. Misc. acets. ree. Investments
Engr. rolls,
mfg. Engr. Folls, mtg.
supplies, \&c...-
Plant account Plant account----
Excess of consid.
pd. on acquis.

| of subsids.-.-.- | 368,233 | 368,233 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

Total_......... $\overline{14,479,494} \overline{15,564,822} \bar{T} \overline{14,479,494} \overline{15,564,822}$ a After deducting $\$ 7,085,955$ reserve for depreciation. b Represented 186,650 shares com. stock, all of no par value. c Accounts receivable
18 and

Stanley Works.-Earnings.


\section*{Balance Sheet. <br> | Assets - | $\underset{\$}{1931 .}$ | $\underset{\$}{ } 1930 .$ | Liabilties- | $1931 .$ | $1930 .$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash.... | 1,344,918 | 1,811,881 | Accounts payable_ | 355,871 | 268,395 |
| Notes \& acets. rec. | 1,653,174 | 1,848,658 | Def. credits to inc_ | 23,638 | 51,596 |
| Inventories. | 4,321,918 | 5,456,728 | Dividends payable | 195,000 | 51,000 |
| Investments | 5,958,681 | 5,061,854 | $5 \%$ bonds of Am. |  |  |
| Plant \& other propi | 0,019,920 | 10,661,933 | Tube \& St. Co_- | 450,000 | 0,000 |
| Pats., trade-marks |  |  | Taxes, conting. \& |  |  |
| $\stackrel{\text { \& licenses }}{ }$ | 451,563 | 498,585 | miscell. reserves | 866,092 | 1,451 |
| Deferred charges | 77,234 | 111,426 | Minority int. in |  |  |
|  |  |  | affil. cos .-. | 198,362 | 198,931 |
|  |  |  | Preferred stock | 3,402,500 | 3,417,675 |
|  |  |  | Common stock | 3,000,000 | 13,000,000 |
|  |  |  | Surplus- | 5,335,946 | 7,048,018 |
| Total | 827,408 | 25,451,067 | Total |  |  | <br> Total_...........23.}

## Stanolind Pipe Line Co.-Earnings.-

Calendar Years- [Formerly Sinclair Pipe Line Co.]
 $\begin{array}{lllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Oper. gen. \& adminis- } \\ \text { trative expenses....- }\end{array} & 6,307,668 & 6,643,989 & 6,523,540 & 6,812,794\end{array}$
 Total income------- $\$ 18,778,648 \quad \$ 17,371,276 \quad \$ 17,494,564$ \$16,324,895

 | Net income-------- $\$ 10,043,855$ | $\$ 8,926,246$ |  | $\$ 9,420,757$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 8,388,286 \\ & \text { Dividends paid------- } 11.233 .760\end{aligned}$ |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $17,281,863$ | $10.672,072$ | $5,897,724$ |  |  |  |

 Earns. per sh. on 280.844 . $\$ 35.76$
 of $\$ 2.464,981$.

Balance Sheel Dec. 31.


 | equipment, \&c. $90,279,930$ | $86,347,417$ | Co-r.r. $5 \%$ s.l.g.bds $12,674,500$ | $13,174,500$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash |  |  |  |

 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Inventories } & \ldots . .-2,249,097 & 1,505,315\end{array}$
 -V. 133, p. 2116
(S. W.) Straus \& Co., Inc.-Bondholder Committee Appointed -
of Union Treanor, President of Riverside Portland Cement Co. and director Van Nuys Investment Co., Los Angeles; J. B. Van Nuys, President of the Nationa. Bank, Los Angeles, have accepted the invitation from Henry W. an advisory of the committee firm of O'Melveny, Tuller \& Myers, to serve on committees which are reorganizing properties underwritten by S . W. W.
Straus \& Co. in southern Calitornia In making this announcement, Leigh M. Battson, Vice-President and is neither directly or indirectly affiliated with, said that the committee that its value to the bondholders will be largely due to the fact that it is "The firm of S. W. Wtraus \& Co. has, through its financing, made it
possible for Los Angeles and southern Califo:nia to enjoy many beautifnt possible for Los Angeles and southern Califo nia to enjoy many beautiful
hotels, imposing apartment houses and fine office buildings," Mr point an impartial group to act as an advisory coy requested me to apresponsibility of reviewing the reorganizations submitted to them and
ffer helpful suggestions.
"In naming Messrs. Treanor, Van Nuys and McFie, who have accepted
ne invitations, I believe that the best interests of all concerned will be






 Total_
$\times$ Repr $\overline{86,986,100} \overline{89,129,784}$ Total_ $86,986,100$
, p. 1390.
(B. F.) Sturtevant Co.-Earnings.Calendar Years-
Net sales-.-........
Other income-..... Other income........
Total income-
Total cost of sales. Total cost of sales Loss on sale of ca,
Depreciation...
Interest....... Net income-
Earn. per sh. on

| Assets- |
| :---: |
| S. gov |
| bonas |
| otes |
| Inventories |
| ecurs. |
| with N. |
| 101ta! |
| Good-will |
|  |
| harges. | Deterred charges.-

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

- 1932
 Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Co.-Earnings.Calendar Years-
Gross earnings
Opersting expense
Depreciation.-....
Gross profit.-........................
Administrative and general expense.
Administrative and general expense.
Other expenses
Net profit
Preferred dividends
Class A dividends
Common dividends
Balance
Earnings per share on combined 30,000 shares $\$ 62,930$
class A and 24,000 shares common-able Feb. 1 1931.
$\times$ Includes payment of $\$ 7,500$ payable

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\times \text { Includes payment of } \begin{array}{c}
\$ 7,500 \\
\text { Batance } \text { Sheet Dec. } 3119
\end{array} .
\end{array}
$$

Assets-

| Cash-t recelvable-:- |
| :--- |
| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Ace } \\ \text { Investments }\end{array}$ | Accr. int. on Inv-

Cost of bridge and Cost of bridge and
approaches....
Other equipment approaches.....
Other equipment-
Other real estate. Other real estate-
Deferred charges. Deferred charges--
Location valuation

1931
$\$ 40,515$
140,592
761
$4,080,339$
11,029
1,913
166,212
1

Total ......... $\overline{\$ 4,441,377} \overline{\$ 4,425,658} \mid$ Total .-........ $\overline{\$ 4,441,377} \overline{\$ 4,425,658}$ -V. 134, p. 3653.

Texas Gulf Producing Co.-Sells East Texas Holdings.-The company has consummated a deal for sale to the Tidal Oil Co. of the majority outh hexas area where there are either no practical restrictions or only minor ones, it was announced on May 23 by President $N$. N. Hunter.
proceeds of approximately $\$ 300,000$ will be used to clear up certain company Proceeds of approximately $\$ 300,000$ wion of used indebtedness preparatory to acquisition of ad to some of its South Texas at presen
Sale of the property was made, Mr . Hunter explained, because of the
gradual reduction of the allowable production per well in the East Texas gradual reduction of the allowable production per well in the East texas
field which is a brake on earning power of the company. Under the restrictions now in force there, the Texas Gulf Producing Co. has been allowed only
61 barrels per well daily in the field, with the prospect of futher reduction 61 barrels per well daily in the field, with the prospect of futher red.
resulting from the large number of completions recently announced. result the Barbers Hill area, the company is averaging production of approximately 7,500 barrels per day, all of which is sold to a
Atlantic Refining Co. under contract.-V. $\mathbf{V} 34$, p. 3112 .
Thompson Products, Inc.-Defers Div. on Preferred.The directors recently decided to defer the quarterly dividend due June 1 on the $7 \%$ cum. pref. stock, par $\$ 100$. The last quarter regular payment
of $1^{3 / 4} \%$ was made on this issue on March 11932 -V. 134, p. 3473,3294.
Thompson's Spa, Inc.-Earnings.-


Tobacco Products Export Corp.-Annual Report.Company reports a net protit tor the year 1931 of
in 1930. Dividends paid in 1931, \$47.232.
D 1931 .

-V. 134. p. 1975.
Todd Shipyards Corp.-Dividend Halved. -The directors on May 26 declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the outstanding capital stock no par value, payable June 20 to holders of record June 3. Distributions of 50 cents each were made on March 21 last and on Dec. 211931 as compared with quarterly payments of $\$ 1$ per share previously made.

Changes in Personnel-Two Branches to Merge.-
John D. Reilly, formerly Executive Vice-President, has been elected John D. Reilly, formerly Executive Vice-President, Geo Dawe has been
President to succed the late William HodTadd elected Vice-President in charge of operations and J. Herbert Todd, son
of William H. Todd, as Vice President and Chairman of the executive com-
mittee. Mr. Dawe is head of the Robins Dry Dock \& Repair Co., and Mr.
Todi is head or the Tod dry Dock Engineering \& Repair Corp., divisions of the Todd shipyards Corp. The executive committee of the corporation will consist of Mr. Reilly,
Mr. Dawe, J. Herbert Todd and George $C$. Raymond Vice President drector of the corporation in charge of the Tiet.en \& Lang Dry Dock Co. of Hoboken.
Alrangements have been completed for the merger of operations of the Clinton Dry Dock and Tebo plants both of which are branches of the Todd
Dry Dock Engineering \& Repair Corp. it was announced.-V. 134, p. 3837 .

## Tonopah Belmont Development Co.-Bal. Sheet Dec. 31

 av. in stocks
other companie other companies
Matls. \& suppl. for operation
Accts. recei
Due fr. smelters
Due from Due from others
Ins. prem. paid ns. prem, paid in
advance.....
 Total_........s1,
-V. 132, p. 3361.

## \$1,4 1.

Towle Manufacturing Co.-Balance Sheet Dec. 31.-

| Assets- | 1931. | 1930. | Liabilities- | 1931. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash | \$116,721 | \$174,032 | Accounts payable. | \$15,854 | \$19,986 |
| Notes receivable. - | 44,281 | 43,835 | Reserves_......... | 767,000 | 830,244 |
| Accts. receivable. - | 378,196 | 399,730 | Capital account | 1,000,000 | x1,000,000 |
| Deferred charges.- | 11,199 | 14,383 | Surplus-........ | 1,351,842 | 1 350,377 |
| Inventories...... | 202,339 | 229,877 |  |  |  |
| Investments...... | 1,169,502 | 1,142,969 |  |  |  |
| Real estate, mach., equipment, \&c | 194,424 | 175,546 |  |  |  |
| Furniture and fix- tures depreciated |  |  |  |  |  |
| tures depreciated | 18,034 | 20,234 |  |  |  |
| Tota | 34,696 | 200,607 | Total | 2,134,696 | \$2,200,607 |

## Trans-Lux Daylight Picture Screen Corp.-Report.-

| Calendar Years- | 1931. | 1930 | 1929 | 92 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross sales | \$30,086 | \$52,011 | 828 | 87 |
| Returns, al |  | 6,578 | 8,750 | 9,276 |
|  | 19,173 | 27,641 | 34,345 | 26,268 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Prof } \\ \text { Rental } \end{gathered}$ | $\$ 10,914$ | $\$ 17,792$ 769,579 | $\$ 25.191$ |  |
| Total prof | \$620,016 | \$787,371 | \$827,274 | \$487,965 |
| Selling, adminis., Daylograph devel. \& exper. expense. | 322,598 | 338,957 | 322,199 | 195,348 |
| Profit from operations Other income | 297,418 19,426 | \$448,414 | \$505, | 292,617 18,696 |
| Total income. Deductions from income | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 316,844 \\ 39,339 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 481,932 \\ 6,325 \end{array}$ | $\$ 556,111$ 30,723 | $\$ 311,312$ 52,566 |
| Net profit before Fed. taxes | \$277,505 | \$475,607 | \$525.388 | \$258, |
| Shs. cap, stk. outstanding (no par) Earnings per share | $\begin{array}{r} 790.162 \\ \$ 0.40 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 789,062 \\ \$ 0.60 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 785,862 \\ \$ 0.67 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 730,488 \\ 50.35 \end{array}$ |



## Total_........ $\$ 7,228,622 \quad \$ 6,954,672$ Total.......... $\$ 7,228,621$ \$6,954,672

Afteral taxes.
Note. The corporation is obligated to invest an additional $\$ 200,000$
in stock of the Trans-Lux Movie Corp., when, as and if called for.- V. 132 .

## Traung Label \& Lithograph Co.-Earnings.

 Calendar Years-Net profit after deprec-
Prov.for Federal taxes.
Miscellaneous
 $\begin{array}{rrrrr}\text { Earns. per sh. on } 30,000 & \text { def } \$ 71,040 & \$ 16,077 & \$ 18,335 & \$ 65,090 \\ \text { shs. class A stock.-.-- } & \$ 0.80 & \text { a } \$ 3.93 & \$ 3.88 & \$ 3.73\end{array}$ a Earnings on the class A stock on a participating basis, after allowing
for participation of class B stock, were equivalent to $\$ 1.62$ per share. $\mathbf{x}$ Estimated.

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\text { alance Sheel Dec. } 311931 .
$$

Assets- Balance Sheel Dec. 311931.

| Assets- |  | Liablities- |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash. | \$94,597 | Accounts payable | \$57,248 |
| Notes \& accounts receivable-- | 211,915 | Accrued wages, property taxes, |  |
| Inventories | 128,048 | \& insurance.............. | 10,873 |
| Land, bulldings \& equipment. | 1.141,658 | Prov, for 1931 Federal Income |  |
| Other assets | 24,236 | $\mathrm{tax}^{\text {a }}$ | 1,250 |
| Deterred | 51,920 | Capital st | 432,263 |
| G |  | Surplus. | 150,741 |

$x$ Represented by 30,000 class A shares and 75,876 class B shares, both
257 West 39th St. Bldg. (Kemacoe Realty Corp.). Depositary. -
Empire Trust Co. has been appointed depositary under deposit agreement
Emat 1932 for first mortgage gold bonds.- $\overline{ }$ 120, p. 2561 .

## tanion Carbide \& Carbon Corp.-Further Reduction in

 Common Dividend. - The directors on May 24 declared a quarterly dividend of 30 c . per share on the outstanding no par value common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 3. This compares with quarterly distributions of 65 c . per share made on this issue from July 11929 to and incl. Jan. 1 1932, and a dividend of 50 c . per share paid on April 1 last.-V. 134 , p. 3473.United Cigar Stores Co. of America.-Balance Sheet.-

Assets-
Call loans
Time depo
U. S. Go $\begin{array}{rr}1931 . & 1930 . \\ \$ 3,814,916 & \$ 4,836,951 \\ 1,000,000 & 1,000,000\end{array}$ U. S. Government bonds $\begin{array}{rr}969,549 & 1,526,685 \\ 1,758,253 & 2,652,251\end{array}$ Inventory at cost, less contingent reserve for un-

 Real estate mortgages_
$6 \%$ preferred stock.-.
Com
Common stock.
Capital surplus
$\qquad$

Total
a After deducting
valued by company's
appraisal in less $\$ 1,076,851$ for reserve for depreciation of buildings. x Cumulative pref. stock dividends unpaid at Dec. $311931,71 / 2 \%$. year ended Dec. 31 ished in V. 134, p. 383

| United Dry Docks, Inc. | nings |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net earnings........- | 1931.086 | 1930. $\$ 821.837$ | $10 \mathrm{Mos}$. ' 29. |
| Interest on mtges, and notes payable- | x418,583 | 409.758 | 392,793 |
| Depreciation.. | 408,399 | 402,953 | 279,624 |
| Extraordinary deductions, including |  |  |  |
| on mortgages on idle pr | 372,890 | 292,406 | 272,306 |
| Net lo | 1,102,787 | \$283,279 | \$283,835 |

xet loss


| Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets- | 1931. | $\begin{gathered} 1930 . \\ \$ \end{gathered}$ | Liabilities- | $\underset{\$}{1931 .}$ | $\underset{8}{1930 .}$ |
| Cash. | 362,242 | 909,589 | Accounts payable_ | 373,724 | 483,475 |
| Irrevocable leiter |  |  | Accrued expenses- | 40,391 | 137,784 |
| of credit_-...- |  | 125,00 | Accr. int. on mtgs. |  |  |
| Notes receivable-- Acts. rec. less res | 112,841 | 120,058 | payable....... | 152,495 | 146,317 |
| Inventories.....- | 838,421 931,509 | $1,209,801$ $1,041,008$ | Underlying mtges. on Aldeton plant | 858,000 |  |
| Plant, property \& |  |  | Pur, money mtges. payable. | 858,000 | ,065,000 |
| leaseholds.....b2 | 1,061,463 | 21,466,909 |  | 8,455,450 | 8,483,450 |
| Deferred charges | 89,784 | 81,748 | Res. for contings.. | 81,481 | 107,842 |
| Investments .-.il. | 11,200 | $\begin{array}{r} 10,000 \\ 1 \end{array}$ | Res. for dredging, |  |  |
|  | 20,001 |  | Res, for self insur. | 62,797 | ,568 |
|  |  |  |  | 16,607 |  |
|  |  |  | $6 \%$ pref. stock ... 1, 1,815,000 |  | 1,815,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 11,075,000 |
|  |  |  | Com.stk. (no par) a 11,075,009 |  | 1,900,567 |
|  |  |  | Capital surplus_... $1,886,193$Deficit_-....... $1,389,676$ |  | 286,889 |
| Total_.........23,427,461 24,964,115 Total_..........23,427,461 24,964,115 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| a Represented by 604,625 shares \$5,693,556.-V. 134, p. 2548. |  |  | (no par). b After depreciation of |  |  |

United Industrial Corp.-Interest Payment.-
The Chase Harris Forbes Corp, as paying agents, announces that funds have been received to pay the June 11932 interest on the outstanding
$\$ 5,100,0006 \%$ bonds due 1945 . V .134, p. 3474 .

United States Fidelity \& Guaranty Co. of Balto.-To Decrease Capitalization.-
The stockholders will vote June 6 on approving a proposal to reduce the
par value of the outstanding $1,000,000$ shares of capital stock from $\$ 10$ par value of the outstanding $1,000,000$ shares of capital stock from $\$ 10$ a share to $\$ 2$. the difference of $\$ 8,000,000$ to be transferred from capital
account to surplus. The stockholders will vote on the change.- V . 134,
p. 3837 . p. 3837 .

United States Finishing Co.-Earnings.-



 Queens Dyeing Co. pref Balance, surplus
Shs. com. outst. (no par)
Earns. per share on com.
 paid on common. z In addition $3 \%$ in common stock ( 3,658 , shs .), capital-

|  | Co | ea | c. 31. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $1931 .$ | $1930 .$ |  | 1931. | 1930. |
| Cash-.-- | $\stackrel{8}{837.484}$ | 301,217 | Liabiluties- |  |  |
| Notes \& acets. rec. | 695,252 | 909,853 | Accounts payab |  | 555,000 |
| Ins, prem, refunds | 82,271 |  | Acor. wages, taxes | 172,707 | 264,469 |
| Inventories | 545,763 | 757,176 | Bond interest | 43,325 | ${ }_{43,325}$ |
| Sinking fund | 3,623 | 1,999 | Dividend payable. | 8,750 | 8,750 |
| Property acct.... $\times 1$ | ,129,125 | 11,249,450 | Subsidilary pref..- | 775,000 | 775 |
| Deferred charges.- | 84,914 | 173,223 | Bonded debt. |  |  |
| Good- | 588,014 |  | Minority interest. | 1,52, 624 | 1,105,593 |
|  |  |  | Preferred stock | 3,600,000 | 3,600,000 |
|  |  |  | Common stock. | 4,161,933 |  |
|  |  |  | Surplus | 1,429,876 | 2,207,964 |
|  | 366,446 | 13,392,919 | Total |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

United States Casualty Co.-Consolidation.-
United States Dairy Products Corp.-Common Dividend Decreased.-
The directors on May 20 declared a quarterly dividend of 50 c . per share
n the class A stock. no par value, payable June 30 to holders of record on the class A stock, no par value, payable June
June 10, placing the issue on a $\$ 2$ annual basis, against $\$ 6$ previously June 10 , placing the issue on a $\$ 2$ annual basis, a dainst
The regular quarterly dividends of si.75 per share on the 1st pree. stock
ist and regular quarterly dividends or share on the 2d pref. stock have salso been onecl
able June 1 to holders of record May 25 .-V. 134 , p. 3295 .

United States Freight Co.-Sells Certain Holdings.The New York Stock Exchange has received notice that the company has sold all the outstanding capital stock of the Universal Terminal Co.
and of the Nicholson Universal Steamship Co., which in turn owns all the
outstanding capital stock of the Spokane Steamship Co., and received in outstanding capital stock of the Spokane Steamship Co., and received in
consideration from the purchasers the following: (a) Mortgage of $\$ 500,000$ consideration from the purchasers the rollowing: (a) Mortgage of (b) Mort-
on land and terminal of Universal Terminal Co. Cleveland, ohio;
gage of
ond gage of $\$ 250,000$ on land and terminal of Nicholson Universal steamship
Co, Detroit Mich.; (c) mortgae of $\$ 750.000$ on seven steamships of
Cichen Nicholson Universal steamship Co.; and (d) $\$ 3,200,000$ of non-interest. [The purchaser was reported to be F. L. Hewitt.]-V. 134, p. 3654.
United States Printing \& Lithograph Co. (\& Subs.).


United Steel Works Corp. (Vereinigte Stahlwerke) Aktiengesellschaft).-Earnings.-
(Conversion of reichsmarks into dollars at rate of 1 reichsmark to $\$ .238$.) Years Ended Sept. 30Interest on metge. bonds and 20 -year sinking fund $\$ 36,026,536 \$ 62,405,028$ Social charges.
Taxes-ofr or invest. by amount of surplus from
Deapital reduction.




Total........ $\overline{546,139,790} \overline{541,184,630}$ Total $\begin{array}{rr}7,861,378 & 8,010,366 \\ 11,077,948 & 13,027,644\end{array}$ ,15,750 14,02,212
 Cassets-


 Sundry investments

| $\begin{array}{r} \begin{array}{r} 186,420 \\ 16642 \\ 12,000 \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Long term notes due Jan. 31 1934. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |

Due from Ashland Ave. award
Due from W Wieboldt Empl.
ont
stock synd.- less reserve.-
Deposits with reciprocal insur.

| 27,820 | Reserves_-........... |
| :--- | :--- |
| 15,000 |  |
| Common stock. |  |
| Surplus............ |  |

700,000 33,851
$\mathbf{a 7 3 4 , 9 3 5}$
94,754
Leasehold impts., equip., \&e-
Supply inven.,prep. insur., \&e
55,376,872 Total
a After allowance for amortization and depreciation of $\$ 187,486$. b Repa After allowance for amortizarion and deprectation of $\$ 187,486$. b rep-
no par shares.- 131, p. 2551. (H. F.) Wilcox Oil \& Gas Co.-Listing of Common Stock (\$5 Par) to Replace No Par Shares.-
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 562,300
shares of common stock (par \$5) on official notice of issuance in lieu of shares of common stock (par \$5) on official notice
he 562,300 shares of common stock (no par value). Earnings.-For income statement for quarter ended March 31 see There has been a reduction since Dec. 31 of $\$ 200,000$ in bond retirement and bank indebtedness has been reduced $\$ 150,000$, and company has also shown a
p. 3118 .

## CURRENT NOTICES

-Special facilities for dealing in the stock and commodity markets for passengers flying the air transportation routes of American Airways, throughout the South and Midwest, were inaugurated Monday, May 23 r . by Fenner, Beane months ago, similar service was established on South eastern air routes initiating, for the first time in history of aviation, a regula quotation service to business men travelling by air during market hours. The new routes over which this service will be extended include the American Airway's lines from Cleveland to New Orleans and from Atlanta to For Airway's
-Hammons \& Co., Inc., announce that arrangements have been completed for a private wire service whereby the firm will shortly increase its contacts to 36 cities in 21 States and one city in Canada. The additional cities reached by private wire include Albany, Buffalo, Elmira, Ithaca Bridgeport, Hartford, Boston, Trenton, Philadelphia, Allentown, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Pottsville, Pittsburg, Wilmington, Baltimore, Washington Atlanta, Augusta, Savannah, Jacksonville, Chattanooga, Birmingham, New Orleans. Columbus, Louisville, Grand Rapids, Detroit. Indianapolis, Chicaro, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Lincoln, Omaha, Denver and Toronto, Canada.
-H. Mead Rogers has been appointed Buffalo representative of Dominion Securities Corp. and will make his headquarters in the Erie County Bank conn for many yoars with the Rocheste office of Dillon, Read \& Cond more recently was with the Buffelo Office f Chase Harris Forbes Corporation.
-Henry A. Ludeke, formerly Manager of the Trenton, N. J. office of Eastman, Dillon \& Co., and S. Leslie Tattersall, who was also with the same firm, have become associated with the Trenton office of Hemphill: Noyes \& Co.

## Gixports and Bocuments.

# PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY <br> And Affiliated Companies 

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT-FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1931

Serve a territory embracing 46 counties of northern and central California, with an aggregate area of 89,000 square miles, exceeding that of the combined States of New Hampshire, New Jersey, Vermont, Maryland, Massachusetts, Delaware, Connecticut, Rhode Island and West Virginia.

In this region, which possesses unusual climatic advantages, forest and mineral resources and opportunities for agricultural and industrial development, the Company furnishes services of the most essential nature to a rapidly growing population, now exceeding 2,760,000.

At the close of 1931, 1,267,114 customers were connected to the Company's system, being supplied with service through 34,522 miles of electric transmission and distribution lines, and 7,152 miles of gas mains.

CITIES AND TOWNS SERVED


RECORD OF RECENT GROWTH.


[^4]San Francisco, Calif., April 1st, 1932.

## To the Stockholders:

Your Directors submit herewith a report of the 1931 operations of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and of its subsidiary and affiliated companies.
In the following consolidated income account, comparing 1931 and 1930 results, the figures for 1930 have been revised to include the operations of the Great Western Power Company of California, San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation and Midland Counties Public Service Corporation for the entire year, notwithstanding the fact that these properties were not acquired until June 1930. The inclusion in both years of substantially the same properties affords a more accurate basis of comparison. The same procedure has been followed in other sections of the report.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT.
PAOIFIC GAS AND ELEOTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

|  | 1931. | 1930. | Increase. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) Gross Operating Revenue | \$87,630,661 | \$85,633,141 | \$1,997,520 |
| Deduct- <br> (2) Operating and Administrative Expenses, Taxes and Reserves ble Accounts. <br> (3) Maintenance. | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 33,466,478 \\ 4,046,367 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|} 833,34,174 \\ 4,212,766 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | \$124,304 ${ }^{166,399}$ |
| (4) Total Deductions <br> (5) Net Earnings from Operation <br> (6) Add: Miscellaneous Income. | $\begin{array}{\|} \hline \$ 3,512,845 \\ 50,117,816 \\ 906,185 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 837,55,940 \\ 48,078,201 \\ \hline 70,115 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} * \$ 42,095 \\ 2,039,615 \\ 36,070 \end{array}$ |
| (7) Total Net Income.... <br> (8) Bond and Other Interest | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 51,024,001 \\ 14,494,199 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 48,948,316 \\ & 14,172,238 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 2,075,685 \\ 321,961 \end{array}$ |
| (9) Balance <br> (10) Bond Discount and Expense | $\begin{array}{r} 836,529,802 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 34,776,078 \\ 897,242 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | \$1,753,724 ${ }_{\text {* } 24,024}$ |
| (11) Balance- <br> (12) Reserve for Depreciation | $\$ 35,656,584$ <br> $10,865,202$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} 833,878,836 \\ 9,964,963 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \$ 1,777,748 \\ \hline 900,239 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| 13) Balance <br> (14) Dividends on Preferred Stock | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 24,791,382 \\ & 7,803,316 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 823,913,873 \\ 7,672,427 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 877,509 \\ 130,889 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| (15) Balance <br> (16) Dividends on Common Stock | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 16,988,066 \\ 12,198,117 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 16,241,446 \\ 11,318,242 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 746,620 \\ & 879,875 \end{aligned}$ |
| (17) Balance (18) Minority Interest | $\$ 4,789,949$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 4,923,204 \\ 12,635 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & * \\ & \hline \end{aligned} 1_{123,2525}$ |
| (19) Balance-- | \$4,789,597 | \$4,910,569 | * 8120,972 |

## * Decrease.

Income and Surplus Accounts and Balance Sheets, certified by Messrs. Haskins \& Sells, appear on pages $27-32$ of this [pamphlet] Report.

## CUSTOMERS.

At the close of 1931, 1,267,114 customers were taking service from the Company's lines, a net increase of 20,904 during the year. While this increase, as a result of subnormal building activity and of generally unfavorable economic conditions, was both proportionately and numerically smaller than during any year in the past decade, it represents, nevertheless, a substantial accession of new accounts, equivalent to adding to our distribution system the population of a fair sized city. As indicated by the following summary, the number of consumers has more than doubled in the last ten years. At the close of the year, 740,467 or $58.4 \%$ of our customers were receiving electric service, 516,169 or $40.8 \%$ were users of gas, and 10,478 or $0.8 \%$ were taking water or steam service.

NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS.

|  | At December 31st. |  |  | Net Gain. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 J 31. | 1930. | 1*21. | In 193i | In 10 Yrs . |
| Gas Customers | 516.169 | 506,853 | 297.270 | 9,316 | 218,899 |
| Water Customers | 740,4671 | $\begin{array}{r}729,039 \\ 9,282 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 285.062 \\ 16,162 \end{gathered}$ | 11,428 109 | ${ }_{* 6,771}^{455,405}$ |
| Steam Customers | 1,087 | 1,036 | $\begin{array}{r}16.175 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 51 | 612 |
| Total Customers | 1,267,114 | ,246,210 | 598,969 | 20,904 | 668,145 |

*Decrease due to sale of water properties in 1927.
NOTES ON INCOME ACCOUNT.
(1) GROSS OPERATING REVENUE- $\$ 87,630,661$ :

The year 1931 continued the unbroken upward tendency of gross revenues which has characterized the Company's operations since its incorporation twenty-six years ago. The year's total gross of $\$ 87,630,661$ exceeded by $\$ 1,997,520$ that of all companies included in the present consolidated system for the full year 1930. This increase is not commensurate with the large amount of new capital invested in our properties during the past two years, nor as large as might ordinarily have been anticipated. However, in view $\mathbf{Y}$ of adverse business conditions, reflected in reduced purchasing power of the public, diminished building activity and generally lowered industrial and commercial activity, it maylbe regarded as satisfactory, especially when contrasted with the performance of other similar utilities in practically all sections
of the country. Substantial rate reductions, referred to elsewhere, were also an adverse factor that had to be overcome in a period when recovery of reduced gross was most difficult.

Of the total operating revenues from all sources, $\$ 66,123,-$ 241 or $75.46 \%$ was derived from the sale of electricity, $\$ 19,719,538$ or $22.50 \%$ from gas sales, and $\$ 1,787,882$ or $2.04 \%$ from minor activities, as shown by the following comparative table:

GROSS OPERATING REVENUES BY DEPARTMENTS.

|  | 1931. | 1930. | Increase. | Per Cent of Whole ontributed by Each Department. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Electric Department.- | 866,123,241 | \$64,988,738 | \$1,134, 503 |  |
| Gas Department Street Railway Departm't | $19,719,538$ | $\begin{array}{r} 18,721,175 \\ 690309 \end{array}$ | $998,3636$ | $\begin{array}{r} 22.50 \% \\ .69 \% \end{array}$ |
| Water and Irrigation De partments Steam Sales Department | 575347 604,472 | $\begin{aligned} & 562447 \\ & 670.472 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12,90 \\ * 66,000 \end{array}$ | $.66 \%$ |
| Total Gross Operating Revenue | \$87,630,661 | \$85,633,141 | 81,997,520 | 100.00\% |

## Recrenue.

Electric department gross exceeded that of the preceding year by $\$ 1,134,503$ or $1.7 \%$. This ratio of growth closely parallels the increases of $1.9 \%$ in kilowatt hour sales of electricity and $1.6 \%$ in the number of electric customers.
These indices reveal a degree of expansion considerably less than the average of past years, but they also indicate that the effects of the prevalent depression were experienced by us in a lesser degree than by the industry as a whole, national totals showing a decline in the volume of electric energy sold of $4.3 \%$ compared with 1930.

Confronted with inevitably reduced demands for power from practically all classes of industrial users, the Company intensified its sales efforts in the more stable domestic and commercial fields, with a resultant increase of $\$ 1,648,816$ in the revenues derived from these classes of customers. Attention is directed to the table appearing on page 23, [pamphlet report] showing that in the 10-year period ended December 31 1931, the average annual usage of domestic and commercial customers increased from 510 kwh . to 975 kwh ., while the revenue per kwh. decreased from 7.02 cents to 4.29 cents, or more than $63 \%$. Rates have been steadily lowered and are to-day among the lowest in the country.

The Company's resources of electrical supply, including newly added plants, were fully utilized in 1931 to meot greatly increased demands from other utilities and irrigation districts in contiguous territory, whose resources of hydroelectric power were so seriously impaired by the shortage of water as to render them unable to meet the needs of their customers. Agricultural consumption of power for pumping purposes in irrigated areas was also stimulated by the exceptionally dry season.

Agricultural energy rates of the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation and Midland Counties Public Service Corporation, subsidiary companies, were reduced $20 \%$ during the period of maximum consumption from May to August, inclusive. This reduction resulted in a reduction of gross estimated to exceed $\$ 445,000$. Lower rates accorded to other classes of electric customers of the San Joaquin and Midland Companies reduced gross revenues by an additiona! $\$ 103,000$, the total rate reductions in the San Joaquin Valley territory thus aggregating $\$ 548,000$.

The reduction in electric rates on the Pacific Company's system, which became effective on March 1st, 1930, and which amounted to approximately $\$ 3,000,000$ annually, also affected the comparative results for the two-year period, entailing a loss of revenue of approximately $\$ 500,000$ in the first two months of 1931 compared with the same months of 1930 .

The net effect of these influences is indicated in the following summary of gross revenues derived from various classes of electric business during the past two years:

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT GROSS OPERATING REVENUE

| Classification. | $\begin{gathered} 1931 \\ \text { Amount. } \end{gathered}$ | Increase. |  | Decrease. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Amount. | \% | Amount. | \% |
| Domestic Lighting. Heating and Cooking. | 19,704,68。 | \$935,683 | 4.99\% |  |  |
| ing and Cooking | 9,733,843 | 314,670 | $3.34 \%$ |  |  |
| Lighting of Suildieets and | 4,991,708 | 398.464 | 8.67\% |  |  |
| Agricultural Power Power Soldto Other Utilities | $\begin{aligned} & 9,265,915 \\ & 1,229,374 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 253,426 \\ & 416,699 \end{aligned}$ | 51.81\% |  |  |
| Miscellaneous, ${ }_{\text {General }}$ | 17.050.394 | 17.783 | 7.71\% |  |  |
| Electric Railway Power_-- | 17, $\begin{array}{r}\text { 2 } \\ \text { 270,494 } \\ 1\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Mining Power-.....- | 1,140,972 |  |  | 144,267 | 11.22 |
| Total Sales of Electricity | 866.123.241 | 81,134,503 | 1.75\% | ....... | .-. |

Sales of gas in 1931 amounted to $\$ 19,719,538$, and exceeded the corresponding revenue in 1930 by $\$ 998,363$, or $5.3 \%$. Concurrently, there was an increase of $6,351,711,200$ cubic feet, or $27.5 \%$ in volume of gas sales, which aggregated $29,429,747,100$ cubic feet and an increase of $57 \%$ on the basis of heating value. The disparity between the ratios of growth in gas department revenues and volumetric or heat unit sales was in part occasioned by the increased volume of gas sold at wholesale rates to major industrial consumers, but is, in a larger degree, a measure of the savings accruing to our customers generally through the introduction of natural gas.

The process of substituting natural for artificial gas, which was begun in August, 1929, continued without interruption until October, 1930, by which time approximately $97 \%$ of our gas outlets were converted to the use of the new fuel. It was only during the last two months of 1931, therefore, that the results of gas department operations were on a fairly comparable basis with the preceding year.

It was estimated that the substitution of natural for manufactured gas would save our customers $\$ 8,750,000$ annually during the first year of natural gas operation. It was also estimated that a recovery period of about three years would be required. It is, therefore, interesting to observe that domestic and commercial billings for 1931 were still $\$ 3,818$,641 below 1929, when natural gas represented less than $2 \%$ of gas sales. The following table compares gross revenues from gas sales in 1931 ( $98.4 \%$ natural gas) against 1930 ( $63.6 \%$ natural gas)
gas department gross operating revenue

|  | 1931. | 1930. | Increase. | Decrease. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Domestic- | \$14,262,444 | \$14,209,598 |  | --.--- |
| Industrial Commercial and Miscellaneous | 2,197,183 | 1,298,070 | 899,113 46,404 |  |
| Total | \$19,719,538 | \$18,721,175 | \$998,363 | - |

Sales of steam for heating purposes decreased $\$ 66,000$. Much of this loss represents business converted to the use of natural gas. There was a decrease of $\$ 82,246$ in the gross earnings of the Company's street railway properties. Revenues derived from transportation, however, constitute less than $0.7 \%$ of gross operating revenues from all sources.

## (2) OPERATING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, TAXES AND ADMINISTRATTVE EX

Taxes aggregated $\$ 9,608,210$, or $\$ 407,081$ more than in the preceding year. The Company's contribution to the cost of government in 1931 was equivalent to $10.9 \%$ of gross, and to $19.2 \%$ of net operating revenue.

All other operating expenses, including salaries and wages paid to the administrative and operating personnel, purchases of power and fuel, material and supplies used in operation, commercial and new business expense, rentals and similar items were $\$ 313,497$ less than in 1930. This reduction in direct operating costs was achieved notwithstanding the larger volume of business and greater utilization, due to the dry season, of the Company's fuel-burning electric generating plants.
As shown by the following summary, the proportion of gross operating revenue required for the payment of operating and administrative costs and taxes has decreased steadily from $56 \%$ in 1924 to $37 \%$ in 1931, the lowest operating ratio in the Company's history.
operating and administrative expenses and taxes

| Year. | Gross Operating Revenue. | Operating and Administrative Expenses and Taxes. | Per Cent of Expenses to Gross. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1924 | \$44,451,586 | \$24,867,625 |  |
| 1925 | 47,729,079 | 24,785,076 | $52 \%$ |
| 1926 | 50960571 | 25560951 | $50 \%$ |
| 1928 | 57,893,181 | 26,295,702 | $45 \%$ |
| 1929 | 64,440,588 | ${ }_{26,726,832}$ | $44 \%$ |
| 1930 | 85,633,141 | 32,194,913 | $318 \%$ |
| 1931 | 87,630,661 | 32,288,497 | 37\% |

The operating economies introduced during recent years, including those arising out of the acquisition and consolidation of other properties, and the heavier loading of existing facilities, have enabled the Company to make repeated reductions in the rates for its services. It is conservatively estimated that the savings to our customers resulting from rate reductions during the past 10 years and from the introduction of natural gas amount to not less than $\$ 25,000,000$ annually, or approximately $\$ 5,000,000$ in excess of a year's dividends on the entire outstanding issues of $\$ 289,418,614$ of preferred and common stocks.
(3) MAINTENANCE- $\$ 4,046,367$ - (12) RESERVE FOR DEPRE-

These two items, which together represent the provision made from current earnings for the upkeep of the property, aggregated $\$ 14,911,569$, or $17.0 \%$ of gross operating revenue. As in former years, the annual provision for renewals and replacements was computed from engineering estimates of the life expectancy of the various items of plant comprising our fixed capital account. The 1931 appropriation for upkeep was in line with our past practice. The average provision for maintenance and depreciation during the last sixteen years has slightly exceeded $16 \%$ of gross earnings.

The accumulated balance in depreciation reserve at the close of the year, after writing off worn-out or obsolete property, was $\$ 51,275,244$.
(5) NET EARNINGS FROM OPERATION- $\$ 50,117,816 ;$ (6) MISCEL-
LANEOUS INCOME- $\$ 906.185:(7)$ TOTAL NET INCOME-

Net operating income, after the deduction of all operating expenses, maintenance, taxes and reserves, except depreciation reserve, amounted to $\$ 50,117,816$, an increase of $\$ 2,039,-$ 615. The gain in net thus exceeded by $\$ 42,095$ the increase in gross operating revenue, a result attributable primarily:
(a) To the continued introduction of operating economies wherever possible. Those effected through the acquisition from The North American Company of its California utility properties about the middle of 1930 , while substantial, were largely submerged by other uncontrollable factors of an adverse character.
(b) To the placing in operation during the year of the, highly efficient generating units at Station "A," and of additional hydro-electric capacity, with relatively low operating costs. The substantially increased investment in operative properties naturally involved, however, an increase in annual charges for the new capital employed and a larger appropriation for depreciation.
After the addition of $\$ 906,185$ of non-operating revenues, arising from interest on bank balances, income from investments, profit on appliance sales and other miscellaneous items, the total gross income available for depreciation and a return to the Company's security holders was $\$ 51,024,001$, or $\$ 2,075,685$ more than in 1930.
(8) BOND INTEREST- $-\$ 14,494,199$; ( 10 ) BOND DISCOUNT AND

These charges, representing respectively interest payable to holders of mortgage bonds, and the annual proportion of the difference between capital received from bond sales and their par value, absorbed $\$ 15,367,417$, an increase of $\$ 297,937$. Interest charges during each of the past eighteen years have been earned more than twice, and in 1931 were earned 3.52 times, with a margin of $\$ 36,529,802$ over interest requirements.
The following table illustrates the widening margin of earnings over interest requirements in recent years, net income since 1926 having increased $\$ 29,552,486$, or approximately four and one-half times the increase of $\$ 6,568,193$ in interest charges. The Company's policy of consistently taking advantage of favorable opportunities for refinancing existing issues with bonds bearing lower interest rates has contributed materially to this result.
bonds-MARGIN of earnings over interest charges

| Year Ended December 31, | $\begin{gathered} \text { Net Income } \\ \text { Available for } \\ \text { Fixed Charges } \\ \text { \& Depreciat } n . \end{gathered}$ | Interest Charges. | Balance. | Number of Times Interest Earned |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 192 | \$21,471,515 | \$7,926,006 | \$13,545,509 | 2.71 |
| 1927 | 27,798,967 | 10,472,974 | 17,325,993 | 2.65 |
| 1928 | 30,028,874 | 10.130,901 | 19,897,973 | 2.9 |
| 1929 | 33,573,104 | $9,848,565$ $14,172,238$ | $23,724.539$ $34,776.078$ | 3.41 3.45 |
| 1931 | 51,024,001 | 14,494,199 | 36,529,802 | 3.52 |
| Increase in 5 y | \$ $49,552,486$ | \$6,568.193 | \$22,984.293 | . 81 |

From the standpoint of the equity in physical properties securing the Company's bonds, the following table shows that since the close of 1926 upwards of $\$ 364,536,000$ has been added to the investment in plant and net working capital, or almost three times the corresponding increase of $\$ 138,545,000$ in outstanding secured obligations.

BONDS-INCREASING EQUITY IN PHYSICAL ASSETS.

| Year Ended December 31. | Book Value of Fixed and WorkingCapita | Par Value of All Bonds Outstand ing with Public | Excess of PhysicalEquity Over All Bonds |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$302,402,941 | \$170,209,800 | \$132.193.141 |
|  | 381,094,445 | 207,883,000 | 173,211,445 |
|  | 429,488,227 | 207,024,200 | 222,464,027 |
|  | 666,939,500 | 308,775,400 | 358,184,100 |
| Increase in 5 years | \$364,536.559 | \$138.545.600 | \$225,990,959 |

At the close of 1931 the Company's plants and properties account plus net current assets exceeded by $\$ 358,184,000$ the total face value of all bonds held by the public. (13) SURPLUS - $\$ 24,791,382 ;(14)$ PREFERRED STOGK DIVIDENDS

The surplus available for the payment of dividends, after the deduction of all prior charges, amounted to $\$ 24,791,382$. Dividends upon the outstanding preferred stocks of the

Company and of its subsidiaries, which at the close of the year were held by 63,140 investors, aggregated $\$ 7,803,316$, and were earned 3.18 times.

Since the inauguration in the last quarter of 1923 of the present $8 \%$ cash dividend rate on common stock, the investment position of the preferred stock has been fortified by the issuance of upwards of $\$ 120,000,000$ of additional common. The following tabulation shows that during this period the balance available for the payment of preferred dividends has increased by $\$ 17,763,033$, or almost four times the inhas of $\mathbb{Q} 4,758$ in preferred stock dividend requirements
STOCK-SURPLUS EARNED AND DIVIDENDS PAID.

| Year. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Surp. After } \\ \text { All Prior } \\ \text { Chop.rincl. } \\ \text { Derrecia- } \\ \text { tion and } \\ \text { Federal } \\ \text { Taxes. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Pre-ferred Stock Divi-dends. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Balance } \\ & \text { formon } \end{aligned}$ | Common Dividends. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Balance } \\ & \text { After } \\ & \text { Divi- } \\ & \text { dend } \\ & \text { Payl- } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Amount. | Rate \%. |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1124 \\ & 1925 \\ & 1926 \\ & 1927 \\ & 1929 \\ & 1990 \\ & 1931 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} s \\ \mathbf{7 , 0 2 8 , 3 4 9} \\ 78,851,357 \\ 8,859,240 \\ 11,386,050 \\ 13,402,338 \\ 15,740,486 \\ 23,913,873 \\ 24,791,382 \end{array}$ |  | $\$$ <br> $3,783,741$ <br> $4,585,923$ <br> $5,370,360$ <br> $7,001,192$ <br> $8,800,708$ <br> $10,899.921$ <br> $16,241,446$ <br> $16,988,066$ | $\S$ <br> $3,040,123$ <br> $3,624.337$ <br> 4.119 .970 <br> $4.892,352$ <br> $5.550,574$ <br> $6,191,892$ <br> $11,318,242$ <br> $12,198,117$ |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Increase } \\ & \text { in } 7 \text { yrs } \end{aligned}$ | 17,763,033 | 4,558,708 | 13,204,325 | 9,157,994 |  | 4,046.331 |

There remained after the payment of preferred dividends in 1931 a balance of $\$ 16,988,066$ available for a return to the Company's 30,882 common stockholders upon their investment in the properties, and for the reasonable protective margin over actual dividend requirements which is tective margin on confidence of investors. necessary to assure the continued confidence of investors. This balance was equivalent to $\$ 2.79$ per share upon the average of $6,095,659$ shares of common stock outstanding throughout the year, and to $\$ 2.73$ per share upon the $6,232,-$ 264 shares in the hands of the public at the close of the year.
On the assumption, for comparative purposes, that all subsidiaries now controlled had been operated throughout 1930, and that the common stock issued in June of that year in exchange for a controlling interest in the Great Western, San Joaquin and Midland properties had likewise been outstanding during the entire period the corresponding earnings in 1930 were equivalent to $\$ 2.87$ per share upon an average of 1930 were equivalen $\$ 2.8$ per an average of $5,659,121$ shares, or $\$ 2.86$ per share upon the
total of $5,674,303$ shares outstanding at December 31,1930 .

BALANCE SHEET ITEMS.
CURRENT FINANCIAL CONDITION.
Current assets as shown in the balance sheet aggregated $\$ 30,447,198$, including $\$ 14,744,441$ of cash, with no obligations other than ordinary current bills and the usual accruals for interest and other charges not yet due. No money has been borrowed from banks in eighteen years and the year 1931 was likewise closed without any floating debt. There are are no impending issues aggregating $\$ 1,012,000$.

Aside from the current assets above stated, there has been advanced from working capital for construction and bond refunding operations $\$ 40,781,017$, against which no securities have been issued, and for which the treasury is entitled to reimbursement. In addition, bonds on hand available for sinking fund or other purposes aggregated $\$ 7,245,500$, and miscellaneous marketable securities $\$ 938$,521. Total working assets, including those susceptible of being put into liquid form thus aggregated $\$ 79,412,236$, ogainst which against which current liabilities amounted to only $\$ 4,470,864$, and interest, taxes, and dividends accrued but not yet payable at the close of the year, $\$ 17,487,467$. After deduction of all current and accrued liabilities, net working assets aggregated $\$ 57,453,905$, as shown in the following table:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } 31 \\ 1931 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } 31 \\ 1930 . \end{gathered}$ | Increase. | Decrease. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Assets |  | $7.184,501$ | \$ | $1,181_{1}^{\mathbf{8}}, 591$ |
| Material and Supplies - ${ }^{\text {Bills and Accounts }}$ Reeivabie |  |  |  |  |
| (Less Reserve for Uncollectible Accounts) | $9,603,352$ | 9,387,943 | 215,400 | 242,695 |
| Due on Stock Subscriptions Sand |  |  |  |  |
| available for sinking Funds. | 6,270,500 | 2.066.700 | 4,203,800 |  |
| General and Refunding 5\% Bonds in Treasury | 75,000 | 975,000 |  |  |
| Cash---....-.....-.- | 14,747, 914 | 12,037,643 | $2,706,798$ 2,086 |  |
| Other Investments .-.......... | 938,521 | 780,920 | 157,601 |  |
|  | 40,781,017 | 45,228,231 |  | 4,447,214 |
| otal Asset | 79,412,236 | 77,998,042 | 1,414,194 |  |
| Current Liabilities |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts Payable- | 1,754,103 | 3,885,424 |  | 250,142 |
| Meter and Line Deposits | 1,759,198 | 1,825.116 |  |  |
| Unpaid Coupons - | 3,725,599 | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 336.044 } \\ 3.273 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 451.875 |  |
| TTaxes Acrued but not d |  | 9,366,95 | 1,212,327 |  |
| Dividends Declared | 3,182,590 | 2,878,753 | 303,837 |  |
| Total Liabilities | 21,958,331 | 22,590,997 | .-.-.-- | 632,666 |
| Net Working Assets | 57,453,905 | 55,407,045 | 2,046,860 | --.-.... |

Its liquid position enabled the Company to take advantage of all cash discounts offered for the prompt payment of bills, and a saving of $\$ 101,269$ was effected from this source during the year.

## PLANTS AND PROPERTIES.

At the beginning of the year the Pacific Gas and Electric Com-
pany's investment in properties as carried in the item 'Plants
and Properties" on the consolidated balance sheet was...- $\$ 451,637,030$ Gross expenditures for additions, betterments and
Deduct: Charges against deprecian 1931.\$27,794,942
created by annual appropriations out of oper-
ating revenues for property renewed or replaced

$20,391,722$
305,789
There was added through the acquisition of two small properties San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation, Midland Counties
Public Service Corporation and subsidiary companies at
Total plants and properties as shown by the consolidated
balance sheet December 31, 1931
Gross construction expe in 1931 were $\$ 27,794,942$. This outle folidated system betterments, while less than in the two preceding yons and nevertheless a substantial factor in stabilizing employment in the Company's territory, an average of 5,264 employees having been continuously engaged on construction work during the year, exclusive of the regular operating forces.
The Salt Springs dam on the Mokelumne River, which had been under construction for four years, was completed, as was the installation of additional hydro-electric generating units aggregating 95,000 horsepower capacity in connection with this project. The extension of the 220,000 volt lines connecting the Mokelumne development with other branches of the Company's high tension electric transmission system and with the Newark substation, and the enlargement of the latter to care for greatly increased volume of electric onergy handled through this station, one of the largest in the world, also reached completion during the year. Station 'A," the Company's major steam electric generating plant in San Francisco, the reconstruction of which was begun in 1929, was also completed with the installation during 1931 of two new turbines, each with a rated capacity of 1931 of two new t
70,000 horsepower.

These construction activities closed for the immediate present a major program of additions to both hydro and steam electric generating capacity, and other facilities to provide for the growth of the business and the better coordination of the various units of the system. The completion of the new installations on the Mokelumne system and in Station "A" synchronized almost ideally with the period when added capacity became essential to supplement the diminished supply of hydro-electric energy occasioned by one of the driest seasons ever experienced in the State, and the additional units were operated almost at peak capacity until the winter rains relieved the water shortage.

There were no new projects of prime importance in the gas department, construction activities being practically confined to the enlargement or replacement of portions of the transmission and distribution system to provide for the more extensive use of natural gas.

Aside from the more or less routine extensions or improve ments which are continuously required to meet the demands of the service, both gas and electric departments are now provided with sufficient facilities for present needs. Other projects of a substantial character are planned to provide for future business expansion, but the Company's construc tion program during 1932 is sufficiently flexible to permit of its adaption to the trend of business development.
Two relatively small gas distribution systems operating in the towns of Turlock and Madera were purchased in June, 1931.

A summary of annual plant additions since the Company's organization follows:

SUMMARY OF ADDITIONS TO PLANT ACCOUNT.


The adequacy of public utility regulation, with respect particularly to the issuance of securities, property acquisitions, valuations, and rates, is a subject which has received increasing attention during recent years. It is, therefore of importance to holders of our securities, as well as to our customers, to observe that this Company has during the past twenty years been subject to regulation as to each of these essential phases of public utility operation by the Railroad Commission of the State of California. Every dollar of the approximately $\$ 297,000,000$ of construction shown in the foregoing tabulation represents money actually expended in building additions and betterments to the system; and the addition of acquired properties, which repre sent an aggregate investment of $\$ 284,000,000$, has resulted in almost every instance in a substantial reduction of outstanding capitalization as compared with that of the companies so acquired. Of the total of $\$ 581,057,278$ added to plant account in the twenty-six years since the Company's incorporation, approximately $\$ 545,000,000$, or $83 \%$ of the present book value of its total investment in fixed capital, represents properties constructed or acquired under the Commission's authorization.

## CAPITALIZATION

At the close of 1931 the total par value of all securities of the Company and its subsidiary and affiliated corporations held by the public aggregated $\$ 598,390,816$. Of this amount bonds represented $\$ 308,755,400$ or $51.6 \%$, the ratio of mortgage debt to total capitalization being the smallest in the Company's history. Preferred stocks, including stock subscribed but not yet fully paid, amounted to $\$ 133,512,257$, and common stock $\$ 156,123,159$, representing respectively $22.3 \%$ and $26.1 \%$ of all outstanding securities.
The proportion of total capitalization represented by these various classes of issues indicate the conservatism of the present capital structure, particularly with regard to the low ratio of senior obligations, enabling the Company to secure additional capital funds, which may be required for future expansion from the sale of either bonds, preferred stock or common stock, as the judgment of the management and the condition of the general financial markets of the country may indicate to be most expedient.

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING CAPITALIZATION.

|  |  | Amount Outstanding, | Proportion of Total Capitalization. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1931. | 1930. |
| Bonds of P, G. \& E. Company and Subsidiary Companies_- Bonds of Affiliated Companies_ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 232,383,900 \\ 76,371,500 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | \$308,755,400 | 51.6\% | 53.3\% |
| Preferred Stocks of P. G. \& E, <br> Company-- Preferred Stocks of Āffiliated Companies | \$114,505,657 |  |  |  |
| Preferred Stock of Companies in Process of Dissolution | $19,002,600$ 4,000 | 133,512,257 | 22.3\% | $22.4 \%$ |
| Common Stock of P. G. \& E, Company <br> Common Stock of Āpriliated Companies | \$155,906,357 <br> 216,802 | 156,123,159 | 26.1\% | 24.3 |
| Total Capitalization in Hands of Public. |  | $\xrightarrow[\$ 598,390,816]{ }$ | $\frac{100.0 \%}{}$ | 24.3 |

## FUNDED DEBT.

In January, 1931, an issue of $\$ 25,000,000$ par value of First and Refunding Mortgage Series "F" $41 / 2 \%$ Bonds, maturing June 1, 1960, was sold at a price which yielded to the Company additional money at the lowest cost at which new capital has been secured since its organization. The proceeds of this issue, and of an issue of $\$ 25,000,000$ par value of $41 / 2 \%$ bonds sold in August, 1930, on almost as favorable terms, were used primarily to complete the program of bond retirements undertaken in 1930, as a result of which, during the past two years, sixteen bond issues of the Company and its subsidiaries with an aggregate par value of $\$ 34,689,300$ were retired at maturity or called for prior redemption, considerably simplifying the financial structure and permitting of substantial savings in annual fixed charges. Of the bonds so retired, eleven issues aggregating $\$ 19,831,800$ par value bore a $6 \%$ coupon rate, two issues aggregating $\$ 13,087,000$ bore a $51 / 2 \%$ coupon rate, and three issues aggregating $\$ 1,770,500$ carried a $5 \%$ rate.
There was a net decrease in funded debt during 1931 of $\$ 2,169,700$.

## PREFERRED STOCK.

In conformity with its long established policy of maintaining the utmost simpleity of corporate structure, and of securing direct ownership of controlled properties, the Company early in 1931 offered to the preferred stockholders of the Great Western Power Company of California and of the Feather River Power Company (a subsidiary of the former) the right to exchange their holdings for its own preferred shares on the following basis:
For each $\$ 100$ share of $6 \%$ and $7 \%$ preferred stocks of the Great Western Company, two $\$ 25$ shares of the $6 \%$ preferred stock and two $\$ 25$ shares of the $51 / 2 \%$ preferred stock of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
For each $\$ 100$ share of the Class "A" $7 \%$ preferred stock of the Feather River Company, four $\$ 25$ shares of the $51 / 2 \%$ preferred stock of the Pacific Company.

As a result of these offers, $\$ 17,540,000$ par value, or upwards of $98.4 \%$ of the Great Western Company's preferred stock and $\$ 646,500$, or $65.6 \%$ of the Feather River Company's stock, had been exchanged for that of the parent company by the close of the year. The small remaining balance of outstanding Class " A " $7 \%$ preferred stock of the latter company was called for redemption at its par value on December 31, 1931. Liquidation proceedings directed toward the final winding up of the affairs of these companies will be instituted in the near future.
During 1931, $\$ 3,282,000$ par value of first preferred $51 / 2 \%$ stock was sold direct to the local public at an average net price of $\$ 24.98$ per share, 3,556 subscriptions being received, or an average of 37 shares per subscriber.

At the close of the year $\$ 114,505,657$ par value of the Company's preferred stock was outstanding in the hands of 53,865 investors, of whom 47,741 , or $88.6 \%$ were residents of California. Preferred stocks of subsidiaries aggregating $\$ 19,006,-$ 600 were also held by the public, a reduction of $\$ 18,399,100$ compared with the preceding year.

## COMMON STOCK.

In response to its Par Offering No. 6 made to holders of common stock of record on January 26, 1931, subscriptions were received for $\$ 14,158,275$ par value of common stock, or $99.81 \%$ of the total offering. As indicated by the following summary, there has been a consistent increase in the proportion of stock subscribed under each of these Par Offerings, reflecting apparently a clearer comprehension on the part of our stockholders of the nature and value of these periodical subscription privileges.


At the close of 1931, the Company's common stock was held by 30,840 investors, or 3,753 more than at December 31 , 1930. The steady decrease in the floating supply of common stock, which has been noticeable for many years, continued during 1931, only $3.2 \%$ of the entire outstanding issue being held in brokers' names at the close of the year.

## DISTRIBUTION OF STOCK OWNERSHIP.

The Company's preferred and common shares at December 31, 1931, were held by 84,705 investors. The outstanding shares of San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation were held by 9,317 investors, bringing the system total up to 94,022 .
The following summary shows the distribution of ownership of the Pacific Company's shares at December 31, 1931, an aggregate of 70,456 investors, or $83.1 \%$ of the total, owning blocks of 100 shares or less:

SUMMARY: SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF STOCK.

| Size of Holdings. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

California stockholders number 68,410 , or $80.8 \%$ of the above total, the relative proportion of local stockholders remaining the same as in 1930. The Company's stock registers included the names of 35,062 women, 31,013 men, 15,685 joint tenancies (usually husband and wife) and 2,945 insurance companies, banks, associations and other institutional investors.

## REMOVAL OF STOCKHOLDERS' CONSTITUTIONAL LIABILITY.

For many years the constitution of the State of California contained a section providing, in effect that each stockholder of a California corporation was individually and personally liable for such proportion of its debts and liabilities incurred during the time he was a stockholder as the amount of stock owned by him bore to the entire subscribed capital stock of the corporation. A similar provision was also contained in the California civil code.
The sections of the State constitution providing for the individual liability of stockholders were repealed by an amendment adopted by the people of the State in November, 1930, and a bill was passed by the State legislature which, effective August 15, 1931, also repealed the provisions of the California civil code with respect to this proportional liability.

REPORT OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AND
GENERAL MANAGER.
Matters relating to the construction and operating departments are more fully dealt with in the following abstract of report by Mr. P. M. Downing, First Vice President and General Manager:

The Company's construction activities during 1931 were devoted primarily to the completion of work which was already in progress at the beginning of the year. On the Mokelumne River project the Salt Springs power house, immediately below the Salt Springs dam, was finished, together with the installation of an electric generating unit of 14,745 horsepower capacity. This plant was placed in operation on June 15, 1931. Provision has been made for the installation of an additional unit of approximately 40,000 horsepower capacity when needed.
At Tiger Creek, approximately twenty miles down stream from the Salt Springs dam, a second power house was erected housing two generators, each of 40,215 horsepower capacity. This plant was put on the line on June 28, 1931.
The delivery of power from these two plants to load centers required the construction of $161 / 2$ miles of 110,000 volt snow type tower lines between the two plants; and 16 miles of snow type tower construction to Mokelumne Hill and 92 miles of tower line to Newark substation of 220,000 volt capacity.
At Station "A," San Francisco, the largest steam electric generating plant on the system, the installation of two new generating units with an aggregate capacity of 134,048 horsepower was completed, the first of these units being placed in operation on February 8th, and the second on June 18th, 1931. The addition of these modern high pressure turbines resulted in increasing the capacity of Station "A" to 174,264 horsepower.
The construction program of the gas department consisted of extensions, replacements and improvements to existing transmission and distribution systems. A 26 -inch high pressure main was constructed from the Potrero gas works pressure main was constructed from the Potrero gas works
in San Francisco to the San Mateo County line. The fur ther extension of this main to connect with the gas intake station at Milpitas will probably be completed before next winter. Milpitas is the junction point near the southern extremity of San Francsico Bay, at which converge the Company's main trunk line from the Kettleman Hills and a branch line connecting at Tracy with the Standard-Pacific gas main from the Kettleman gas fields to Richmond. The completion of the new main will furnish San Francisco with a double source of gas supply from Milpitas.
New business offices and other facilities of modern type were constructed at various points on the Company's system. Our construction program in 1931 involved the expenditure of approximately $\$ 27,800,000$ and afforded continuous employment to an average of more than $5,200 \mathrm{men}$, with an aggregate payroll exceeding $\$ 9,600,000$.

## ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

The year 1931 was abnormally dry and many streams established new minimum flow records. The resultant deficiency in available water supply necessitated withdrawals from storage reservoirs earlier than usual. The situation during the summer and fall months was further aggravated by the fact that the Hetch Hetchy power plant of the City and County of San Francisco, the entire output of which is absorbed by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, practically ceased all power deliveries early in September, 1931; and the Merced Irrigation District, which normally supplies considerable power to the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation, had little or no available energy for sale after July 1st. Other utilities were also unable to supply needs of their customers, and the Company found itself in the position of assuming not only the burden of its own hydro electric deficiency, but also that of other utilities and irrigation districts in the northern and central part of California and in sections of the neighboring State of Nevada.
Evidence of a deficient water supply becoming apparent early in the year, the installation of the second generator in Station "A," San Francisco, and the construction of the new power houses at Salt Springs and Tiger Creek were rushed to completion as rapidly as possible. These new units, together with the turbine which was placed in operation in the San Francisco steam plant on February 8th, resulted in the addition of 184,317 horsepower to the Company's electric generating capacity, and enabled it to meet without curtailment all of the requirements of its own customers and those of other companies and utility districts in contiguous territory.
While the exceptionally dry season added substantially to operating costs, this additional burden was far less than it would have been had not an ample supply of natural gas been available for use as a boiler fuel in the Company's steam electric generating plants. From the beginning of July to the middle of November approximately $35 \%$ of the total gas available from its trunk lines was utilized for electric generation during the season when the domestic and commercial demand for gas was naturally at its minimum. This experience again clearly demonstrated the complementary nature of the gas and electric business in this territory and the advantages of their dual operation under a single management.

During the year, $15,458,524,000$ cubic feet of gas, equivalent to $3,852,937$ barrels of fuel oil were consumed in the Company's steam generating plants.
Sales of electricity on the consolidated system aggregated $3,351,343,235$ kilowatt hours, a new record, exceeding by $62,088,081$ kilowatt hours, or $1.89 \%$, the volume of sales of all constituent companies during the preceding year. With the exception of a decrease of $4.59 \%$ in industrial energy
(including in this category power utilized in oil fields operations, in mining, for electric railways and for general power purposes), every class of electric service showed an increase in sales volume. Substantial gains were recorded in domestic and commercial consumption and street lighting, as indicated
by the following summary:

Street Lighting_
Domestic Heating and Cooking--
Commercial Heating and CookingPublic Building-Lighting
Domestic Lighting_-.

Increase in Sales, 1931.

The increase in electric sales to domestic and commercial consumers, which has continued without interruption even during periods of adverse business conditions, while in considerable degree attributable to the more complete electrification of homes and business establishments resulting from persistent and intelligent sales effort, has also been favorably influenced by the downward trend in the average unit prices paid for electricity. The effect of so designing its schedules as to encourage larger usage through a sliding scale of prices, is reflected in an increase in average annual domestic and commercial consumption from 510 kilowatt hours in 1921 to 975 kilowatt hours in 1931, concurrently with a reduction in the average selling price of energy to those classes of consumers from 7.02 cents to 4.29 cents per kilowatt hour. Putting the matter in another way, these consumers in 1931 purchased an average of $91 \%$ more electrical energy than in purchased an average of $91 \%$ more electrical energy $17 \%$ in their annual bills. It may be readily computed, as a factor in recovering diminished revenue, that the Company now has to sell 23 kilowatt hours to these classes of customers to produce the same dollar of revenue derived from selling only 14 kilowatt hours in 1921. The following summary shows average consumption and unit revenue for each year during this interval exclusive of companies acquired in the past two years:

SUMMARY SHOWING AVERAGE CONSUMPTION AND REVENUE DERIVED FROM SALES TO COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS FOR LIGHTING AND DOMESTIO USE.

|  | Year. | KWH per Consumer per Year. | Revenue per $K W H$. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1921 |  | 510 | 7.02 cents |
| 1922 |  | 534 | 6.75 cents |
| 1923 |  | 578 | 6.01 cents |
| 1925 |  | 605 | 5.70 cents |
| 1926 |  | 643 | 5.57 cents |
| 1927 |  | 715 | 5.54 cents |
| 1928 |  | 767 | 5.10 cents |
| 1929 |  | 852 | 4.75 cents |
|  |  | 916 | 4.39 cents |
| 19 |  | 975 | 4.29 cents |

Electric service at the close of 1931 was supplied to 618 cities and towns, of which 578 are served directly and 40 indirectly, and to a very large rural area. The average load on the Company's lines throughout 1931 was $62.1 \%$ of maximum demand, indicating the exceptionally well diversified character of its electric business.

The Company at December 31, 1931, operated 50 water power plants with a total installed capacity of $1,178,477$ horsepower, and 15 steam electric generating station with an installed capacity of 510,187 horsepower, the aggregate installed capacity of the 65 plants in service being $1,688,664$ horsepower.

## GAS DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

Sales of gas on the consolidated system aggregated 29,429,747,100 cubic feet, the increase of $6,351,711,200$ cubic feet or $27.5 \%$ greatly exceeding that of any previous year in the Company's history. Based on equivalent heat units, the growth was even larger, owing to the fact that many sections supplied with natural gas throughout 1931 were receiving during the preceding year artificial gas with a heating value less than one-half of that of the natural product.
In addition, more than $15,000,000,000$ cubic feet of natural gas was used in 1931 as a boiler fuel in the Company's steam electric plants.
The volume of natural gas transported through the two main trunk lines for the Company's account increased from a daily average of $50,700,000$ cubic feet in December, 1929 , to $108,800,000$ cubic feet in December, 1930, and to 154 ,821,000 cubic feet in December, 1931, with a maximum daily output last year of $167,861,000$ cubic feet on October 22, 1931
Active efforts directed toward the conservation of the natural resources of the California gas and oil fields were continued throughout 1931 and met with a large measure of success. The outstanding example is the organization during 1931 of the Kettleman North Dome Association, as a result of which the drilling and producing activities of a number of oil and gas producing companies were placed under a unified plan of operation, permitting a more orderly development of the Kettleman field, one of the largest producing areas in the world, from which the Company at the present time secures its entire output of gas. The prevention of unnecessary or uneconomical production in this field is, of course, beneficial to this Company as the major distributor of natural gas throughout the northern and central sections of the State.

Drilling operations in the Kettleman Hills area resulted in the completion during 1931 of 26 producing wells with a combined initial output exceeding $600,000,000$ cubic feet of gas daily. An important feature of this operation was the drilling of a well in the so-called Middle Dome of the Kettleman fields, which proved the existence of a productive area in that Dome estimated to cover 2,200 acres, and gave assurance of an additional potential gas supply of large assurance of

Aside from the gas produced in the Kettleman Hills area, the Company has additional resources of natural gas in the Buttonwillow field. In the interest of conservation, no gas was drawn from this field during 1931.

At the close of the year, 516,169 gas customers were connected to our distribution lines, an increase of 9,316 during the twelve months' period.

Effective June 1, 1931, the gas distribution systems in Turlock and Madera were acquired from the Southern California Gas Company. These are two communities in the San Joaquin Valley in which this Company was already furnishing electric service, and their acquisition was therefore a logical development of our business.

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMEITT

A carefully prepared and vigorously executed advertising and sales campaign, involving the expenditure of approximately $\$ 1,200,000$, was conducted during 1931 and met with a substantial measure of success, notwithstanding the greater sales resistance resulting from adverse economic conditions. In the territory served by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company contracts were signed estimated to yield an annual revenue of $\$ 9,193,000$, or $\$ 7.66$ per dollar of sales expense, and approximately $\$ 250,000$ in excess of the quota established for the new business department in the latter part of 1930. In addition, new business was signed by the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation estimated to yield an annual revenue of $\$ 1,662,000$, the aggregate volume of new business contracted for on the entire system amounting to $\$ 10,855,000$ annually. This additional business was only partially reflected in our 1931 operations, and was to a large degree offset by discontinued or diminished usage by existing industrial and other consumers.

In furtherance of its efforts to secure additional outlets for its services, appliances valued at $\$ 1,484,000$ were sold direct to the public during the year. This represents, direct to the public during the $h$ ever, only a small proportion of the volume of appliance sales made by dealers in our territory, which aggregated approximately $\$ 22,500,000$. The Company continued its long-established policy of co-ordinating its efforts with those of appliance manufacturers, jobbers and dealers in its field of operations, confining its own direct sales of merchandise primarily to appliances which have not yet met with a ready public acceptance, and in the sale of which unusual promotional effort is necessary. Sales of such articles as electric refrigerators, for example, were handled entirely by dealers, although the Company co-operated to the fullest extent in sales work both by extensive advertising and personal solicitation. A particularly active co-operative campaign conducted during 1931 resulted in the sale of 26,594 commercial and domestic refrigerators, representing a merchandise volume to dealers of approximately $\$ 6,746,000$. This campaign is cited as being typical of others carried forward with equal vigor in various branches of both gas and electric merchandising.

In the field of domestic gas heating, 17,215 central heating installations were made in the Pacific Company's territory, including 8,159 furnaces and boilers, and 9,056 conversion burners. All of the latter represent installations in which natural gas displaced other forms of fuel. In addition, 23,039 floor furnaces, circulating heaters and other space heating appliances were installed. A substantial volume of new business was also added through new or enlarged commercial heating installations and contracts executed with industrial consumers. The largest consumer of natural gas connected to our lines in 1931 was the Spreckels Sugar Company, whose beet sugar establishment near Salinas consumes during its operating season of four months' duration, between durng its operating season of twelve and sixteen million feet of gas each day, equivalent
to the average consumption during this period of a city of to the average consumption during this period of a city of
250,000 population. As this mill operates during the late summer and autumn months, at a time when the consumption of gas for domestic heating is substantially below the winter levels, business of this character is particularly desirable.

At the close of 1931 there were 451 industrial gas customers taking service from our lines, or approximately double the number at December 31, 1930.

## PERSONNEL.

## EMPLOYEES' SERVICE RECORD.

At the close of 1931 there were 11,897 employees in the service of the Company and its subsidiaries, of whom 10,288 were on the payroll of the parent company. Sixty per cent of the latter, or 6,178 employees, held service badges awarded in recognition of five or more years of continuous employment, indicating not only stability of employment but experience, skill and a thorough understanding of the requirements of public service on the part of employees.

Number of employees holding 5 -year badgesNumber of employees holding 10 -year badges-
Number of employees holding
Nuear badges Number of employees holding 15 -year badges.
Number of employes holding 20 -yar badges.
Number of employees holding 25 -year badges. Number of employees umber of employees

Many of the 1,609 employees still on the payrolls of subsidiary companies have also had sufficiently long terms of service to entitle them to similar recognition upon transfer to the parent company
While the completion of several important new projects necessitated reduction in the Company's construction forces, the operating organization was kept practically intact and every effort was made to retain in the organization those whose years of service entitled them to special consideration. payroll.
An average of 13,643 men and women were employed on the consolidated system throughout 1931. Payrolls aggregated $\$ 24,997,331$, of which $\$ 15,352,229$ was paid to operating employees and $\$ 9,645,102$ to those engaged in construction work.

## PENSIONS.

At December 31, 1931, 133 retired employees were receiving pensions under a formal system placed in effect in 1916, an increase of eleven during the year. Pension payments in 1931 aggregated $\$ 109,418$, and in the past sixteen ments in $\$ 859,118$.

## PACIFIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

This Association, with a membership of 9,086 at December 31, 1931, conducts educational and social work among employees, renders temporary financial assistance in case of need, and pays death benefits to its members. The membership, which is purely voluntary, includes substantially all executives and permanent employees of every rank.
An increasing number of employees are availing themselves of the excellent educational courses conducted by the Association, 657 certificates being awarded to students completing these courses in 1931, and an aggregate of 3,591 certificates having been issued since the inauguration of the plan several years ago.
An employees' disability plan, with a present membership of 6,758 , is conducted by the Association, the amount paid in benefits during 1931 aggregating $\$ 63,352.20$.

In closing this report, I desire to express to all officers and employees my sincere appreciation of the loyal and effective service, which was so largely instrumental in enabling the Company to bring to a successful conclusion, a year characterized by acute economic stress and unusual operating difficulties.

For the Board of Directors,
A. F. HOCKENBEAMER, President.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEOEMBER 31, 1931.
Gross Operating Revenue-.-.- $\quad \$ 87,630,661.09$


Total

48,378,047.31

Gross Income.

- $\$ 40,158,799.27$

Deduct:
Interest on bonds
Miscellaneon of bond discount and expenses - $\$ 15,974,097.12$
$\underset{\text { Less inter }}{\text { Total }}$


$15,367,417.09$
Net Income_.......
Surplus, January 1, 1931
Surplus Credits.
$\$ 24,791,382.18$
$24,830,092.48$
$\begin{array}{r}24,830,092.48 \\ 308,273.56 \\ \hline\end{array}$
Surplus Before Deducting Dividends
$\overline{\$ 49,929,748.22}$

## Dividends-

On Pacific Gas and Electric Company capital stocks:-
Preferred
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Total 20.001785 .01
Earned Surplus, December 31, 1931. $\qquad$ $-\frac{20,001.785 .01}{\$ 29,927,963.21}$ PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES. CERTIFICATE.
Pacific Gas and Electric Company:
We have audited your accounts and those of your subsidiary companies for the year ended December 31, 1931. and in our opinion the above consolidated statement of and in oure and surplus sets forth the results of the companies' operations for that period.
San Francisco, March 24, 1932.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET. DECEMBER 31, 1931.
ants and Properties...... ASSETS.

Sinking Funds and Special DepositsCash on deposit in sinking funds........... Other deposits.-.
Accrued interest on bonds held in sinking funds $\$ 15,338.53$
$140,438.00$ 146,305.82
Total sinking funds and special deposits.
..................
302,082.35
Current Assets-
Current Assets-
Cash.
Cash on deposit with trustees Car redemption of bonds...- $\quad 224,955.00$

Less reserve for doubtful
Less reserve for doubtful
accounts and notes.....
$474,516.73$
Remainder


| $9,691,942.41$ |
| :--- |
| $6,002,910.15$ |

Materials and supplies
7,904.43
Total current assets
$30,447,197.99$
Deferred Charges-
Unamortized bond discount and expenses_ $\$ 15,079,611.84$ Prepaid taxes and undistributed suspense
items.......

Total deferred charges.
$3,524,447.02$

## Total deferred charges

Reacquired and Treasury Bonds Not
Included in Assets or LiabilitiesIncluded in Assets or Liabilities-
Pacific Gas and Subsidiary
Electric Company Electric Company. Companies.
Pledged under bond issues_ $\$ 60,863,000.00$

$\$ 330,000.00$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { In treasury (held for sink- } \\ \text { ing fund purposes) } \\ \text { In sinking funds......-.-...-. }\end{array}$ | $11,000.00$ | $7,234,500.00$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |

Total_............... $\overline{\$ 60,874,000.00 \$ 21,277,600.00}$
Total.
$\overline{\text { s708,582,379.54 }}$
LIABILITIES.
Capital Stocks of Pacific
Gas and Electric Com-pany-
Authorized- $\$ 25.00$ par
value
Common First Preferred
No. of Shares. No. of Shares. value.-..............$8,000,000 \quad 8,000,000$ Outstanding-
Less owned by suid$6,238,691.604,566,831.27^{2 / 3}$ lary companies...... 6,427.331/3
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Outstanding in hands of } \\ & \text { public..............232,264.26 } 2 / 3\end{aligned} 4,566,831.272 / 3$

Total first preferred capital stock....-.-
Total common capital stock
$4,580,226.27^{2 / 2} \$ 114,505,656.91$
Total capital stocks of Pacific Gas and Electric Com pany.
Preferred Capital Stocks of Subsidiary
Companies-
Authorized- $\$ 100.00$ par value each.....
Outstanding
companies..............................-
$1,455,000$

Outstanding in hands of public.
256,996
Outstanding in hands of public.-...--.-. 190,066
$19,006,600.00$
Minority Interest in $1,300.88$ Shares Common Capital
Stock and Surplus of Subsidiaries Funded Debt-
Pacific Gas and Electric Company bonds-\$205,495,000.00
Total funded debt
$308,755,400.00$
Current Liabilities-


Total current liabilities
$21,958,331.13$
Reserves-
For Northern California Power Company Consolidated plant adjustments and accrued depreciation....................... For depreciation-- Insurance-Casualty and other-
Total reserves
$56,538,107.52$
Surplus-
Capital surplus
Earned surplus
${ }_{51,767,161.37}^{29: 277,963.21}$
Total surplus...................................................................... $31,695,124.58$
Total-
$\overline{708,582,379.54}$

## PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES. CERTIFICATE.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company:
We have audited your accounts and those of your subsidiary companies for the year ended December 31, 1931 and in our opinion the above consolidated balance sheet sets forth the financial condition of the companies at December 31, 1931.
San Francisco, March 24, 1932.

## The Commercial Markets and the Crops <br> COTTON-SUGAR-COFFEE-GRAIN-PROVISIONS <br> PETROLEUM-RUBBER-HIDES-METALS-DRY GOODS-WOOL-ETC.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME

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## Friday Night, May 271932.

was firm- No. 7 Rio, $81 / \mathrm{c}$.; Santos No. 4, $101 / 2$ to $103 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Maracaibo, Trujillo, $91 / 2$ to $93 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Cucuta, fair to good, $101 / 2$ to 116. ; prime to choice, $111 / 4$ to $113 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. .; washed, $103 / 4$ to 11 c . Ocana, $101 / 4$ to $101 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Bucaramanga, natural, $101 / 4$ to $103 / 4$ c.; washed, $101 / 2$ to 11c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, $111 / 2$ to $111 / 2$ e.; Medellin, $121 / 2$ to $123 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Manizales, $111 / 3$ to $11 \frac{13 / 4}{}$ e.; Mexican washed, 14 to 15 c . Ankola, 25 to 34 c .; Mandheling, 25 to 32 c .; genuine Java, 23 to 24 e.; Robusta washed, 914 c ; Mocha, $131 / 2$ to $141 / 2$ c. Harrar, 12 to $121 \frac{1}{2}$ c.; Abyssinian, $101 / 4$ to $101 / 2$ c.; Guatemala, good, $111 / 2$ to 12 c .; Bourbon, $10^{3 / 4}$ to 11 c . On the 23 d cost and freight offerings were unchanged to about 10 points higher in sympathy with firmness of the reis. Business quiet. Prompt shipment. Santos Bourbon $2-3 \mathrm{~s}$ at 10.80 to 10.85 e .; 3 s at 10.35 to 10.60 e .; $3-4 \mathrm{~s}$ at 10.00 to 10.45 c .; $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 10.15 to 10.25 c .; $4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 9.80 ot 10.20 c .; 5 s at 10 c .; $5-6 \mathrm{~s}$ at 9.65 to 9.90 c .; 6 s at 9.50 to 9.90 c .; $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 9.10 c . Peaberry 4s at 10.20 to $10.30 \mathrm{c} . ;$ part Bourbon 2-3s at 10.90 c .; $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 10.25 c .; Rio $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 7.70 c .; Vietoria $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 7.80 c . Sao Paulo Bourbon 4 s were offered at 10.10 c . For JuneAug. shipment Rio 4 s were offered at 8.30 c ., and 7 s at 7.75 c ., while Victoria $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ for the same shipment were here at 7.70 c . On the 23d Santos dollar rate fell 70 reis to $13 \$ 200$ early. Later the dollar buying rate at Santos declined 50 reis to 13\$150. Santos exchange on London advanced 1-16d. to $51-32 \mathrm{~d}$. The reis was quoted at New York later at 7.51 compared with 7.48 early according to quotations posted on the Exchange. On the 24th cost and freight prices were unchanged to 5 points higher. Some offerings of Bourbon coffee were reported from one source with 4 s , old crop Bourbon offered at 9.95 c . Santos Bourbon $2-3 \mathrm{~s}$ were here at 10.50 c . to $10.95 \mathrm{c} . ; 3 \mathrm{~s}$ at 10.40 to 10.60 c .; 3 - 4 s at 10 to 10.50 c .; $3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 10.20 to 10.30 c .; 4 -5s at 9.80 to 10.25 c .; 5 s at 9.95 to 10.00 c .; 5 -6s at 9.70 to 10.00 c .; 6 s at 9.50 to 9.90 c .; $6-7 \mathrm{~s}$ at 9.65 c .; 7 s 9.40 c .; $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 9.30 to 9.35 c .; Peaberry 3s at 10.40 c .; 4 s at 10.10 to 1 v .30 c .; part Bourbon $2-3 \mathrm{~s}$ at 10.90 c.; Rio 7 s for June-July shipment were here at 7.75c., and Victoria 7-8s for June-Aug. at 7.70c. Sao Paulo Bourbon 4 s were offered at 10.15 c .; Rio Bourbon $2-3 \mathrm{~s}$ at $10.35 \mathrm{c} . ; 3-4 \mathrm{~s}$ at 10.00 c ., and 4 s at 9.90 c . Sales were reported of Victoria $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ on Monday at 7.65 c . and yesterday at 7.70 c .; for June shipment, while Rio 7s for the same shipment sold at 7.65 c . to New York and 7.60 c . to New Orleans. An Associated Press dispatch from Rio de Janeiro on Mav 24 said: "The coffee council announced that 320,744 sacks of coffee had been destroyed during the last week, making the total to date $6,565,641$, of which $5,285,282$ were destroyed in the State of Sao Paulo.
Deliveries of mild coffee in the United States last week were 51,569 bags bringing the total for the month thus far to 200,889 bags. Arrivals last week were 38,566 bags and for the month thus far 156,550 bags. Total stocks of mild coffee in the United States is now 336,686 bags, against 349,689 last week and 282,775 last year. Riots occurred at Sao Paulo on the 24th. If they persist they will be regarded as bullish. On the 25 th inst., an Associated Press despatch from Sao Paulo said: The appointment of a new State Cabinet by a Federal interventor fulfills the demands of business houses for an immediate government. Commerce was resumed and the student strike is ended. On the 25th inst., cost and freight prices were unchanged to 10 points higher. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 10.85 to 11.05 c . 3 s at 10.47 to 10.70 c.; $3-4 \mathrm{~s}$ at 10.10 to $10.45 \mathrm{c} . .3-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 10.20 to 10.25 c .; $4-5 \mathrm{~s}$ at 9.90 to 10.30 c .; $5-6 \mathrm{~s}$ at $9.70 \mathrm{c} . ; 6 \mathrm{~s}$ at 9.90 to 10.00 c .; Peaberry 4 s at 10.35 to 10.70 c .; Rio 7 s at 7.70 c .; $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 7.65 to 7.70 c ., and Victoria $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 7.80 c. For June-Aug. shipment, Rio 4 s were offered at 8.30 c . and 7 s at 7.75 e . From Rio, for immediate shipment, Bourbon 3 s were here at 10.25 c . and 4 s at 10 c . Santos 3s and 5 s were offered at 9.95 c . To-day, cost and freight offerings from Brazil averaged from unchanged to 5 points higher, but with one shipper 5 points lower. Only moderate offerings, including Santos Bourbon, $2-3 \mathrm{~s}$ at 10.70 to 10.95 c .; 3 s at 10.55 e .; 3 -4s at 10.45 c .; 3 -5s at 10.10 to 10.35 e .; $5-6 \mathrm{~s}$ at 10.10c.; 6s at 9.95c.; 6-7s at 9.90c.; Peaberry 4s at 10.40 c .; Part Bourbon $2-3 \mathrm{~s}$ at 10.95 c . and Vietoria $7-8 \mathrm{~s}$ at 7.85 c . On the 21 st inst. Rio futures here closed 1 to 3 points lower with sales of 1,000 bags; Santos futures here closed 1 to 8 points net lower with sales of 3,000 bags. . Profit taking caused the decline. Some contend since destruction of coffee causad and support has been given to Brazilian exchange prices have risen on the Exchange approximately $50 \%$.
On the 23d inst. futures advanced 3 to 12 points with spot prices also higher, the dollar rate supported and the destructing of coffee of the Brazilian Government the
dominating feature. Cables to the Exchange here reported that the National Coffee Council in the week ended May 21 destroyed 311,000 bags of coffee, making the total destroyed since June $6,447,000$ bags exclusive of the 478,000 bags burned by the Sao Paulo Coffee Institute to June 30. On the 24 th inst. Rio futures here opened 2 to 9 points higher and closed 1 point lower to 9 higher with sales of 3,000 bags; Santos opened 2 to 7 points higher and closed at a net rise of 1 to 5 points with sales of 9,000 bags. On the 25 th inst. Rio futures here closed 8 to 13 points net lower with sales estimated at 5,000 bags. Santos futures ended 7 to 8 points lower here with sales of 17,000 bags. The decline was due to profit taking and hedge selling by New Orleans. On the 25 th 17 Santos notices and 12 Rio were issued. The dollar rate at Santos declined 40 reis to $13 \$ 110$. On the 26th inst. Rio futures here closed 6 to 10 points lower with sales of 4,000 bags; Santos 1 to 3 lower with sales of 6,000 bags. Profit taking accounted for the decline. May notices totalled 64 lots of Santos and 59 of Rio. To-day Rio futures here closed 10 to 12 points off with sales of 6,000 bags; Santos 4 to 20 off with sales of 10,000 bags. Final prices show a decline on Rio futures of 20 to 24 points and on Santos 9 to 28 points. To-day the dollar buying rate in Santos declined 40 reis to $13 \$ 070$.
Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

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Santos coffee prices closed as follows:
Spot unofficial.
July
December

$6.40 @ \mathrm{nom}$
$6.40 @$ nom
$9.51 @-$

COCOA to-day closed 2 to 3 points lower with sales of 32 lots. July ended at 3.98 c .; Sept. at 4.13 e .; Dec., 4.27 e, , and Mar. at 4.42c. Final prices are 16 to 18 points lower than a week ago. On the 26th Liverpool futures opened unchanged to 3d. decline. The Liverpool and spot market both opened 3d. lower. New York local licensed warehouse stocks on May 25 were 562,545 bags against 560,869 on the previous day and 224,382 last year. Arrivals of cocoa in New York since May 1, 98,471 compared with 263,694 for the corresponding period a year ago. New York declined owing to the suspension of Hornby Hemelrijk \& Co. of Liverpool.
SUGAR. - On the 21st inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 1,200 tons. Spot raws were steadier and offerings of futures were smaller. On the 21st London closed $1 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. lower for May, but 1 to $1 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. higher on later positions. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 34,561 tons, against 54,517 in the previous week and 30,792 in the same week last year; meltings 51,064 tons, against 53,698 in the previous week and 47,442 in the same week last year; importers' stocks 159,346 , against 186,822 in the previous week and 153,969 in the same week last year; refiners' stocks 171,953 tons, against 188,456 in the previous week and 160,391 in the same week last year; total stocks 331,299 , against 375,278 in the previous week and 314,360 in the same week last year. On the 23 d inst futures ended unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 13,250 tons. Cuban interests and room traders sold. Wall Street and Porto Rico bought. The outstanding event of the day was the purchase by refiners of 18,250 tons of Philippines May-June shipment mostly at 2.58c., but including 2,500 tons at 2.59 c . Meltings increased. Actual sugar gave a better account of itself than futures. Havana cabled for the week ended May 21: "Arrivals, 21,669 tons; exports, 29,768 tons; stock, $1,246,842$ tons. Centrals grinding 18. The exports were distributed as follows: to New York, 8,106 tons; Baltimore, 3,604; New Orleans, 1,394 ; Savannah, 3,047; Galveston, 370 ; Wilimington, 480; Norfolk, 361 ; Interior U. S., 289; U. K., 7,008; China, 3,968, and New Zealand, 1,141 . The Zorilia finished 23,892 . On the 23 d the New York Exchange stated the production of 117 centrals at $16,594,631$ bags; quota, $15,297,931$.'
On the 23 d London opened $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. lower to $1 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. up. London terminal market at 3.15 p.m. was barely steady at unchanged prices to a decline of $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. from opening quotations. London also cabled that the terminal market was very quiet. Old crop Cubas sold at 4s. $51 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. To-day 4s. $71 \frac{1}{2 d}$. asked for new crop; trade dull. On the 23 d the Sugar Institute, Inc., stated the total melt and total deliveries of fourteen United States refiners up to and including the week ended May 141932 and same period for 1931 as follows: Melt-1932, Jan. 1 to May 14, 1,310 long tons; 1931, Jan. 1 to May 16, 1,500,000 long tons. Deliveries1932, Jan. 1 to May 14, 1,135,000 long tons; 1931. Jan. 1 to May 16, $1,315,000$ long tons. It was remarked that the statement of receipts, meltings and stocks was favorable all thes items showing decreases. On the 24th inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower partly on hedge selling of December against buying of Philippines. Trading in

May ended on the 24th inst. and early in the day was 7 points higher on belated covering, buying including that by trade and other interests. Of actual sugar 3,000 tons of Philippines July-Aug. sold at 2.69 c .; reported 4,000 Porto Rico to New Orleans, June arrival at 2.60c.; nearby held at 2.62c. Refined was quiet at 3.75 c .
On the 24 th inst., London opened at $11 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. higher for the spot month and $1 / 2$ to $1 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. higher for later months. London at $3: 15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. was dull and unchanged to $1 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. lower, except current May, which was $11 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. lower as compared with opening prices. Another London cable said: Terminal market parcel sold 4s. $63 / 4$ d. Cargo July shipment 4s. 6 d . On the 25th inst. futures closed 1 point pet lower to 1 point net higher with sales of 8,650 tons. It was a small waiting market. Spot raws 2.85 c . On the 25 th inst., late cable advices from Havana reported that according to the Export Corporation statement as of May 14, the actual quotas of mills still grinding, after including increases due to purchases of quotas from other mills, aggregated $1,664,895$ bags Adding this amount to actual production of mills which to that date had finished grinding the Cuban crop this year will outturn approximately $2,603,199$ long tons. On the 25th inst., one London cable said: Terminal market quiet but steady. Parcel British West Indies sold 9s. 3d. Sellers New York old crops 4s. 6d. London terminal at 3:15 p. m. was steady and generally unchanged from the opening with the exception of Oct. which was $1 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. higher. On the 26 th inst., London opened 1 d . off to $1 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. up.

Points on the situation that some contend favor an ultimate advance: Low price of the article. Peak of production in Cuba has passed. Although two-thirds of the duty free sugar (Philippines, Hawaiian and Porto Rican) has only just been shipped, most of it is hedged on the Exchange here. Decrease in European acreage. Normal supply conditions are in the way of being re-established. Practically no invisible supplies anywhere. Reluctance of Cuban holds to sell at these prices. Much of the stock is hedged by sales of futures and will have to be covered as the actual sugar is sold. Forced curtailment of production by bad times and the extreme difficulty of financing the raising of Cuban sugar. Producing at a price below the producing costs as now cannot go on forever. On the other hand there is widespread pessimism. The world financial structure has bjen weakened. There is a decrease in consumption. Political uncertainties are a menace. Also there are the efforts of importing countries like India to increase their production of sugar. Production by American colonies is stimulated by high sugar duties. Far Eastern consumption notably in China and Japan may be further reduced. Financial stringency may cause further dumping of sugar. The heavy premiums on distant months tend to restrict buying. And there is the fear in order to live, Cuban producers must go on raising sugar regardless of the lowness of the price. On the 26th inst. futures closed 2 points lower to 1 up with sales of 17,800 tons. Rather large selling for the account of Hornby, Hemelryk \& Co. whose suspension in Liverpool was announced was the feature at the opening. But it was well taken and prices changed but little. Some 6,800 bags of Porto Rico sold at a low of 2.58c. for duty free. Also 2,200 tons Philippines for June-July shipment sold to an operator at 2.67 c ., up 1 point. There was a sale of 5,000 tons of Cuba from store at New York to the United Kingdom at 4s. 6d., equal to about .62 f.a.s. New York.

To-day futures closed 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of 5,950 tons. Final prices are unchanged to 1 point lower for the week. Sales of raw included 93,600 bags of Porto Rico, 54,000 bags Philippines to refiners at 2.61e., and 18,000 bags of June-July Philippines to operators at 0.68 c ., and 18,000 at 0.70 c . all Philippines. To-day two cargoes of Porto Ricos were sold to the Pennsylvania at 2.60 c . for late May and early June loading. To-day London opened with May $3 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. higher, but other positions unchanged to $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. lower. The London terminal market at $3: 15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. was steady, with prices unchanged to $3 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. above the opening level. Another London cable said: "No change terminal market. Two cargoes yesterday 4 s .6 d ., one old crop and one new crop. Parcel Continent $4 \mathrm{~s} ; 71 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. To-day sellers 4s. $63 / 4$ d.; buyers probably 4 s. 6 d."

Closing quotations follows:

LARD.-On the 21st inst. futures closed 3 to 10 points higher. On the 23 d inst. futures advanced 2 to 5 points, supported by the rise in grain prices. Hogs were irregular; top $\$ 3.45$. Western receipts of hogs were 113,300 , against 116,000 last year. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 3d. higher. Exports of lard from New York on Saturday were 1,393,000 lbs. to United Kingdom and Continental ports. Last week they were $3,739,000$ lbs., against $2,725,000$ the week before. Cash prime Western, 4.50 to 4.60 c . in tierces week f. New York; refined to Continent, $43 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; South America $5 \mathrm{c} . ;$ Brazil, $53 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. On the 24th inst. futures declined 5 to 18 points with grain and cotton lower. Hogs were steady with western receipts 89,700 , against 95,000 a year ago. Cash prime Western, 4.40 to 4.50 c .; refined for the Continent, $43 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. On the 25 th inst. futures closed 7 to 10 points off. Hogs were unchanged to 10c. lower. Liverpool declined 6 to 9 d . On the 26 th inst. futures closed 5 to 8 points. clined fell 5 to 10 c . Liverpool closed 3 to 9 d . off. Prime

Western cash here 4.25 to 4.35 c .; refined to Continent, $41 / 2$ to $45 / 8$ c.; South America, $43 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. to $47 / 8$ c.; Brazil, $51 / 2$ to $55 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. To-day futures closed unchanged to 3 points higher. Final prices are 12 to 15 points lower for the week.

 PORK quiet; mess, $\$ 16.25$; family, $\$ 17.25$; fat backs, Ribs, Chicago cash, 4.25 c .; beef dull; mess nominal; packet nominal, family, $\$ 12.50$ to $\$ 13$; extra taia mess nominal; No. 1 canned corned beef, $\$ 2$; No. 2, $\$ 3.50$; six pounds, South America, $\$ 10.50$; pickled beef tongues, $\$ 40$ to $\$ 50$. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 14 to 16 lbs., $91 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ; 10$ to 12 lbs., $93 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Pickled bellies clear, f.o.b. New York, 8 to 12 lbs., $73 / 4$ c.; 6 to 8 lbs., 8 e .; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., $55 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; 14 to 16 lbs ., $61 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Butter, lower grades to higher than extra, 14 to 19 e . Cheese, flats, $101 / 2$ to 20c.; daisies, $111 / 2$ to 16 c .; Young America, $111 / 2$ to $171 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; lower grades, all sorts, 10 to $121 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Eggs, medium to special packs, 12 to $173 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.

OILS.-Linseed was rather quiet and easier at 6.1c. to 6.2c. for carlots. Cocoanut, Manila coast tanks, $27 / 8$ to 3 c .; tanks, New York, $31 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Corn, crude tanks, f.o.b., Western mills, $27 / 8$ to 3 c . Chinawood, N. Y. drums, carlots, 6 c. ; tanks, $51 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; Pacific Coast tanks, $47 / 8$ to $5 c$. Olive, denatured, spot, 60 to 61c.; shipment, 63c. Soya bean, tank cars, f.o.b. Western mills, 2.80 c. ; carlot delivered N. Y., $33 / 4$ to 4 c . Edible, olive, $\$ 1.65$ to $\$ 2.15$. Lard, prime, $81 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 6c. Cod, Newfoundland, 21 to 26 c . Turpentine, 45 to 50 c . Rosin, $\$ 3.10$ to \$6.10. Cottonseed oil sales, to-day, including switches, 5 contracts. Crude S. E., $23 / 4$ to $27 / 8$ c. Prices closed as follows:
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December .-.............................. $3.75 @ 3.80$
$3.82 @ 3.87$

PETROLEUM.--Gasoline demand was more active. The warm weather stimulated consumption. Kerosene was steadier with 41-43 water white quoted at $51 / 2$ to 6 c . in tank ars at refineries. Domestic heating oils were rather quiet. A largs part of the business now going on is confined to closing contracts covering next winter's requirements. Grade C bunker oil was steady at 75c. Diesel oil was steady at $\$ 1.50$. Pennsylvania lubricating oils were more active and steady. There were rumors late in the week that a principal marketing organization in this territory was considering an advance of $2 c$. while other reports indicated that the price may be raised a full 4 c .
Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of
and Its Products.

RUBBER.- On the 21st inst. trading was small with final prices 1 to 5 points highers. Sales were 90 tons of No. 1 standard with that contract closing with May at 2.95 c .; July, 2.96 to 2.98c.; Dec., 3.22c.; new "A" May, 2.95c.; June, 2.95c. Outside prices: Plantation R. S. sheats, spot, May and June, 2 13-16 to $215-16 \mathrm{c}$. On the 21st London closed steady, and unchanged. Spot, May and June, 1 13-16d.; July, 17/8d.; July-Sept., 17/8d. Singapore closed steady and unchanged; May, $15 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. On the 23 d London opened quiet and unchanged and at $2.36 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. was still quiet and unchanged; spot, May and June, $113-16 \mathrm{~d}$. London closed dull and unchanged to $1-16 \mathrm{~d}$. lower. Spot, May and June, $13 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$.; July, $17 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. London's stock on May 21 increased 505 tons to 58,606 tons from the week preceding. Liverpool decreased 326 tons to 60,583 tons from a week ago. Singapore closed quiet and 1-16d. off; June, 1 9-16d.; JulySept., $15 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. On the 24th inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower. Early in the day they were 4 points up. The sales of No. 1 standard dropped to 350 tons, against 670 on the previous day. No. 1 standard contract ended with July, 2.90c.; Sept., 3.00 c.; Dec. 3.15c.; March. 3.32c. New "A" contract closed with May, 2.85c. nominal; June, 2.85 c . sold; 2.87 c . nominal; July, 2.90 c .; sales 10 tons. Outside prices: Spot, May and June $213-16$ to $27 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.
The New York Exchange will be closed on May 28. On the 24th inst., London opened dull and unchanged to 1-16d. lower; at $2: 35$ p. m. was quiet. Spot, May, June and July and July-Sept., $113-16 \mathrm{~d}$. London closed quiet at 1-16d. advance; July-Sept., 17/8d.; Oct.-Dec., 1 15-16d. and Jan.-March, $21-16 \mathrm{~d}$. Singapore closed unchanged; June, 19-16. Batavia cabled the Rubber Exchange here: The government statistical bureau states that tapping on 256 rubber estates in the Dutch East Indies has been completely abandoned while tapping on 130 other estates has been partially abandoned. The unkept area now is 49,187 hectares (not including periodical tapping) or $13 \%$ of the total tapable area. On the 25 th inst. prices touched new lows as a rule. The net decline was 3 to 5 points with sales of 680 tons of No. 1 standard closing with May at 2.81c.; July, 2.85 to 2.87 c .; Dec., 3.10c.; Jan., 3.16c.; March, 3.27 to $3.29 \mathrm{c} . ;$ new "A" June, 2.83c.; July, 2.85c.; Aug., 2.91c.; Sept., 2.97c. Outside prices: Spot, May and June, $23 / 4$ to $213-16 \mathrm{c}$. July-Sept., 2 15-16c.; Oct.-Dec., 31/8c.; Jan.-March, $31 / 4$ c. On the 25th inst., London closed steady, unchanged $t_{0}$ $1 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. lower; spot, June, July and July-Sept., 1 13-16d.;

Oct.-Dec., $17 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. and Jan.-March, $115-16 \mathrm{~d}$. The Senate Finance Committee again has changed the tax on tires to $21 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. per pound and the tubes to 4 c . according to Washington advices. Singapore closed steady, unchanged to 1-16d lower on the 25 th inst.; June, $15 / 8$ d.; July-Sept., $15 / 8$ d.; Oct.-Dec., 1 11-16d. On the 26 th inst., London opened at $1-16 \mathrm{~d}$. decline; at $2: 36 \mathrm{p}$. m. was quiet. Spot, June, July and
July-Sept., 13 d., and closed so. Singapore closed un-July-Sept., 13 d., and closed so. Singapore closed un-
changed to $1-16$ d. lower; June, 19 -16d.; July-Sept., $15 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. On the 26 th inst. a new low price of 2.70 c . was reached for June. A decline in Dutch shipments was ignored. New York was 4 to 10 points lower and spot rubber fell 1-16 to 3-16c. outside. Dutch East Indies shipments for April fell off to 17,952 tons, against 18,350 tons in Mar. and 21,637 tons during April last year. But European estate sections of Java and Madeira shipped 6,830 tons, against 5,025 tons in Mar. and 6,577 tons last year. So British and Dutch estates in the Dutch East Indies maintained production whatever the recent talk to the contrary. No. 1 standard contract closed with May at 2.71 c .; June, 2.76 c .; July, 2.81 to 2.83 e. ; Sept., 2.91e.; Dec., 3.05 c .; J., Jan., 3.11 c .; Mar., 3.21 to 3.23 c .; sales 950 tons. New "'A" June ended at 2.76c.; July, 2.81c.; Aug., 2.86c Outside prices: spot Dec., 3 1-16c.; Jan.-Mar., $31 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. .; spot, first latex thick and Dec., pale latex, 33 ./c..; clean thin brown No. $2,211-16 \mathrm{c}$. rolled brown crepe, 27 -16e.; No. 2 amber, 2 13-16e.; No. 3
 closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 72 lots and with July at 2.79 c .; Sept. at 2.91c.; Dec. at 3.04c., and Mar. at 3.21e. New "A" June, 2.74c.; July, 2.79c. Final prices are 9 to 14 points lower than a week ago. To-day London opened quiet and unchanged to 1-16d. lower; at $2: 36$ p. m. was unchanged; spot, June, July and July-Sept. $13 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$., and closed at these prices. Singapore closed 1-16d, lower; June, $11 / 2$ d.; July-Sept., $19-16 \mathrm{~d}$. and Oct.-Dec., $15 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$ Unofficial estimate of stocks in Great Britain for the week ending May 28 shows: London, 2,100 tons decrease; Liverpool, 450 decrease; total, 2,550 decrease. In New York trading in May standard contracts ceased at noon to-day.
HIDES.- On the 21st inst. prices closed unchanged to 10 points higher on the old contract and unchanged to 5 up on the new but with no sales of either. The New York Hide Exchange will be closed on May 28, the Saturday preceding Memorial Day. Closing prices on the 21 st inst. were as follows: June old, 3.92 to 3.95 c .; new, 3.90 c.; Sept. old, 4.60 to 4.70 c .; new, 4.50 c .; Dec. old, 5.27 to 5.34 c .; new 5.30 e. ; March old, 5.75 to 5.95 c .; new, 5.75 to 5.95 c ., Spot hides were more active with sales of 13,500 extra light native steers, April-May at $41 / 4 \mathrm{c} . ; 2,000$ extra light native steers, Feb.-March at 4c.; 18,000 heavy native steers, April-May at 41/4c.; 5,000 light native cows, April-May at $41 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. On the 23 r inst. old contracts closed 2 points lower to 15 higher and new contract unchanged to 10 points higher, ending with June old at 4.05 e .; Sept. old $4.70 \mathrm{c} . ;$ new, 4.55 e .; Dee. old 5.25 to 5.35 c .; new, 5.30 c .; March old 5.75 to 6 c . and new 5.80 to 5.95 e . On the 24 th inst. prices closed unchanged to 10 points lower on both contracts ending with Sept. old, 4.61 to 4.70 c.; new, 4.50 c.; Dec. old, 5.25 to 5.30 c .; new, 5.30 c . On the 24th inst. spot sales of Argentine included 4,500 May frigorifico extremes at $47 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. while in the Chicago packer hide market 1,000 May branded cows were moved at 4c. and 1,000 April-May light Texas steers at $31 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. At New York 1,600 April Colorado steers sold at $33 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. On the 25 th inst. old contract closed unchanged to 16 points lower and the new 5 to 15 points lower ending with June old at 3.95 c .; Dec. old, 5.10 to $5.20 \mathrm{c} . ;$ new, 5.15 c. ; March old, 5.55 c .; new, 5.60 to 5.70 c . Of spot hides 8,000 May frigorifico steers sold at $49-16 \mathrm{c}$. On the 26 th inst. prices closed unchanged to 5 points lower on both contracts with sales of $720,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. June old ended at 3.93 to 4 c .; Sept. old at 4.45 to 4.50 c .; new, 4.35 c .; Dec. old 5.10 to 5.20 c .; March new, 5.55 c .

OCEAN FREIGHTS.-At one time there was a good business in grain and sugar. Lower rates and a larger trade were the later features.
CHARTERS included grain 23,000 qrs. Montreal N. Spain, $10 \mathrm{c} . ;$ Spanish
Mediterranean, 11c.; May recent; 27,000 qrs. 10, Montreal May 28 cancel;

 Grain booked: $11 /$ loads Montreal Rotterdam, June, $71 / 2 \mathrm{c} . ; 28$ loads
Montreal. June, London mills, 1s. 9 d .1 l 10ads New York, same early
June, 1s. $71 / 2 \mathrm{~d} . ; 25$ loads spot Montreal, Marseilles, Genoa, $10 \mathrm{c} . ; 6$ loads June, 1s. $712 \mathrm{~d} . \quad 25$ loads spot Montreal, Marseilles, Genoa, 10c.: 6 1oads
New York-French Atlantic, 8c, and 12 loads between Antwerp and Rotterdam, ex Montreal, May and early June at 7c. Sugar-Cuba, 7,000 tons, June, Odessa, 16 s. recent, United Kingdom-Continent, Cuba, prompt, 14s.;
Santo Domingo, 13s. June Cuba Odessa, London, rate, 15s. 9d. prompt Cuba, 6,500 tons, United Kingdom-Continent, 14 s . Trips-prompt Phila-
delphia, redelivery United Kingdom-Continent, about $90 \mathrm{c} . ;$ West Indies delphia, redelivery United Kingdom-Continent, abou
round, $60 \mathrm{c} . ;$ West Indies round, 50 c. ; round Gulf, 80 c .

TOBACCO was in fair demand and steady. Sales last week in the Southern markets were as follows: At Mayfjeld, 873,480 lbs., at an average of 2.84 , or 2 c . lower than in the preceding week. At Paducah, $135,340 \mathrm{lbs}$., at an average of $\$ 3.01$, or 48 c. lower than in the previous week. At Murray, $101,665 \mathrm{lbs}$., averaging $\$ 3.36$, or 21c. higher. At Hopkinsville, 535,825 lbs., average $\$ 4.49$, or $\$ 1.10$ higher. At Clarksville, $1,149,825$ lbs., at an average of 4.34 , or 19 c . higher. At Springfield, 1,148,455 lbs., averaging $\$ 5.66$, or 47 e . higher. Paducah, Ky., to the U.'S. Tobacco Journal: Approximately $2,000,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. of tobacco grown by members of the Western Dark Fired Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association in the Paducah region have been graded and
delivered to the prizers since the 1932 season opened. Havana The cigarmakers' strike is still on here in Havana. It is thought that a settlement is not very distant, although there is no definite indication of when it may be brought about nor under what conditions. Louisville: The Western Dark Fired Tobacco Growers' Association was the first to be backed by the Federal Government. Prices already are better on some grades since deliveries to the pools started. Deliveries have been running as high as half a million lbs. daily to the four receiving stations. Tobacco not sold is being prized in good condition. Foreign inquiries have been coming in. The dark growers are reducing their 1932 crops drastically. There was a reduction of only $14 \%$ in the Burley area. In the Clarksville-Hopkinsville district it is reported is $35 \%$, Paducah district, $30 \%$, Hunderson stemming district $37 \%$. One-Sucker district $34 \%$, and Green River, $44 \%$. Reduced foreign demand and a glutted market have necessitated the step.
COAL was in fair demand. Coke has also sold fairly well. At lower prices there has been a fair trade in coke in Long Island, Manhattan and New England. Later trade was quiet here and in the interior.

SILVER.--On the 21st inst. prices closed 10 to 24 points lower with sales of 450,000 ounces. May ended at 27.85 to 27.90 c .; June, 27.85 to 27.90 c .; Aug., 28.15 c . On the 23 d inst. prices closed 9 to 20 points net higher with sales of 450,000 ounces, ending with July at 28.15 to 28.20 c .; Aug., 28.30 to 28.34 c .; Sept., 28.40 to 28.53 e .; Oct., 28.60 to 28.70 c . On the 24th inst. prices ended 7 to 15 points lower with sales of 175 ounces, closing with May, 27.90 to 28.05 c.; July, 28.01 to 28.20 c .; Sept., 28.30 to 28.45 c ., and Oct., 28.50 to 28.60 c . On the 25 th inst. prices closed 6 points lower to 25 points higher with sales of 850,000 ounces. May ended at 28.15c.-N; July, 28.20c.-B; Aug., 28.32c.-N.; Oct., $28.53 \mathrm{c} .-\mathrm{T}$. On the 26 th inst. prices closed 20 points lower to 1 higher with sales of 250,000 ounces. May ended at 27.95 c .; July at 28.10 to 28.25 c .; Sept. at 28.36 to 28.50 c ., and Oct. at 23.50 c . To-day futures closed 7 points lower to 20 points higher with June, 27.80 to 27.88e.; July, 28e.; Aug. 28.10c.: Oct., 28.40c., and Dec., 28.70c. Final prices are 18 points lower on July for the week

COPPER was firmer. Domestic inquiry was a little better. Export sales on the 25th inst. increased to over 500 tons. Domestic copper at $51 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. was scarcer, it being rumored that but one custom smelter was still willing to do business so low. Generally custom smelters became settled at $63 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. for delivery through third quarter, the price of $51 / 2 \mathrm{e}$. generally applying to fourth quarter. Copper exports by the United States in April totaled 12,835 short tons, against 12,464 tons in March and 11,011 tons in Feb. according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics. Imports in April came to 14,975 tons against 19,895 tons in March and 21,370 in Feb. In London on the 25 th inst. spot standard was unchanged at the first session at $£ 2710$ s.; futures off 1s. 3d. to $£ 27$ 11s. $3 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ sales 200 tons spot and 1,000 tons futures. Electrolytic unchanged at $£ 3114 \mathrm{~s}$. bid and $£ 32$ 15 s . asked; at the second London session prices for standard copper fell 2 s . 6 d . on sales of 100 tons of futures. On the 21 st inst. futures here closed 10 to 20 points lower; no sales. May and June ended at 3.90 c . and July at 3.94c. On the $23 r$ inst. futures here closed net unchanged to 20 points higher with sales of 25 tons, ending with May 3.90 to 4.19 c . June, 3.90 to 4.20 c .; and July 3.95 to 4.30 c . On the 24th inst. prices closed 5 to 15 points lower; no sales. May and July ended at 3.80 c . and Sept. at 4.39 c . On the 26 th inst futures here closed 10 to 30 points lower with sales of 324 tons. July ended at 3.90 c .; Sept. at $4 \mathrm{c} . ;$ Dec., 4.10 c . In London on the 26 th inst. spot standard fell 1 s . 3 d . to $£ 27$ 8 s .9 d ; futures dropped 3 s .9 d . to $£ 277 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ sales 700 tons futures; electrolytic unchanged at $£ 3115 \mathrm{~s}$. bid and $£ 3215$ s. asked; at the second session standard copper advanced 1s 3 d . on sales of 50 tons of futures. To-day futures here closed with June at $4.15 \mathrm{c} . ;$ July, 4.20 c .; Aug., 4.25c. and Sept., 4.30 c .; sales 150 tons.

TIN was quiet with spot Straits called 21.10c. on the 25 th inst. The packs of foodstuffs this year promise to be smaller than last year, there being frequent reports of curtailment. This would indicate that tihe consumption in the canning trade will be less this year. In London on the 25 th inst. all descriptions advanced 7s. 6d.; spot standard $£ 1237 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$.; futures, $£ 12512 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ sales 150 tons spot and 300 futures; spot Straits ended at $£ 127$ 12s. 6d. Eastern c. i. f. London advanced $£ 12 \mathrm{~s}$. 6 d to $£ 129$ on sales of 50 tons; at the second session standard tin was unchanged with sales of 50 tons spot and 70 of futures. On the 23 d inst. prices closed 35 points lower; no sales. May ended at 20.35 c . and July at 20.65 c . On the 24th inst. prices closed 25 points higher with sales of 50 tons. May ended at 20.60 c . July, 20.90c., and Sept., 21.20c. On the 26th inst. futures here closed 25 to 30 points lower with sales of 10 tons, ending with July at 20.55 c .; Sept., 20.95c.; Dec., 21.55 c . and Mar., 22.15. On the 26 th inst. spot Straits declined to $203 / 4$ c. London at the first session on the 26 th inst. declined $£ 25$ s. or more while at the second session standard tin advanced 5 s . with sales for the day amounting to 650 tons. To-day futures ended with June at 20.15 c . bid; July, 20.25c. bid and May, 20.40c. nominal.
LEAD was in good demand and steady at 3c. New York and 2.90c. East St. Louis. In London on the 25 th inst.
spot fell 6 s .3 d . to $£ 918 \mathrm{~s}$. 9 d ., futures off 8 s .9 d . to $£ 106 \mathrm{~s} .3 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ sales 50 tons spot and 300 tons of futures; at the second London session prices fell 2 s . 6 d . on sales of 150 tons of futures. London on the 26 th inst. fell 7 s .6 d . on spot to $£ 911 \mathrm{~s} .3 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ futures off 5 s. to $£ 101 \mathrm{~s} .3 \mathrm{~d}$.; sales 100 tons spot and 750 futures; at the second session prices advanced 1s. 3 d . on sales of 100 tons futures
ZINC continued its advance. It is known that $27 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. East St. Louis was paid on the 25 th inst. for June delivery Sales made that day ranged in price from 2.75 to 2.875 c , In London on the 25 th inst. spot zinc dropped 7 s . 6d. to $£ 12$ s. $6 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ futures off 6 s . 3 d . to $£ 127 \mathrm{~s}$. $6 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ sales 450 tons futures; at the second session prices fell 2 s . 6 d . on sales of 500 tons of future. In London on the 26 th inst. spot fell 2 s .6 d . to $£ 12$; futures dropped 2 s . 9 d . to $£ 123 \mathrm{~s} .9 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ sales 850 tons futures; a the second session prices advanced 1 s .3 d . on sales of 150 tons of futures

STEEL remained in its old state of sluggishness of trade with no general or appreciable changes in prices. The average rate of ingot production is down to $24 \%$ as against $25 \%$ last week. Prices may be advanced on auto body stock, \&c. and on hot rolled strip, but present prices in general will be allowed to stand for the next quarter. The railroads are buying very little. Of structural steel contracts awards have increased somewhat.

PIG IRON was as quiet as ever with prices nominally $\$ 14$ to $\$ 14.50$ in the East in a virtually untested market. The buying is of small lots only without much quibbling over prices. To sell big lots at the present nominal prices might be an entirely different matter.

WOOL has recently been quiet with prices in some cases unchanged and in others slightly lower. London cabled that wool exports from Melbourne rromian and 606,000 bales of prised 2,522,000 bales of Austratian and 1006,000 bales of respectively, during the corresponding period of the previous year. Brisbane sales closed on the 19 th inst. Compared with the opening level, prices ware very firm. The next series was to be held from May 23 to 25 . Boston wired series was to 1 Inquiries continue to be received on 64 and finer later: "Inquiries continue to similar fleece wools. A further strictly combing these wools has been sold at around 16c. limiting amoun ore nolders are not inclined to in the grease, althoush rices on the bulk of the offerings sell at this figure. Asking prices in the burease therings are in the range of 16 to 17 c . in the grease or 40 to 43 c . scoured basis." Another Boston despatch called it a waiting market. Boston quotations:
Ohio \& Pennsylvania fine delaine, 17 to 18 c .; fine clothing, 14 to 15 c .;
blood combing. 17 to 18 c .; $1 / 2$ binod clothing, 14 to 15 c. . s combing
 13 to 14 c ., territory clean basis, fine staple, 45 to 46 ..; Texas, clean basis,
fine 12 months, 40 to 42 c .; fine 8 months. 28 to 40 c.; pulled, coured basis, A super, 40 to 41 c .; $\mathrm{B}, 35$ to 37 c .; Mohair, original Texas adult, 22 c .
Boston wired a Government report early in the week B follows: "A waiting attitude is attonded by a growing, though mild ontimism in spite of the immediate absence of a demand for wool. The important factor underlying of a demand beeling among wool man is the curtailment of aloth production. Receipts of domestic wool at Boston during the week ended May 21, estimated by the Boston Grain and Flour Exchange amounted to 648,900 bs compared with $3,005,200$ lbs. during the previous week."
In London on May 24 the fourth series of Colonial wool auctions during the current year opened. Offerings total 125,000 bales. According to present arrangements the sales will close on June 8. There was a large attendance of home and foreign buyers at the opening and competition was fairly general. About 8,000 bales were sold from offerings of 11,240 bales.
Compared with the last sales merinos ranged from par to $5 \%$ lower,
greasy crossbred were 5 to $10 \%$ cheaper. slipe declined $10 \%$ and Cape greasy crossbred were 5 to $10 \%$ cheaper. slipe declined $10 \%$ and Cape
greasy wools were down $5 \%$. Scoured Capes were 5 to $10 \%$ lower and Puntas greasy wools were down $5 \%$ Scoured Capes were 5 to 10 galower and Puntas
averaged between 5 to $10 \%$ iower. Details: Sydney 252 bales: greasy merinos


 back ranged from $101 / 2$ to $123 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. New Zealand slipe ranged from 5 d . to 9d.,

In London on May 25 offerings, 9,297 bales, met with increasing demand on the opening basis of values. Firm limits led to rather numerous withdrawals, chiefly merinos and slipe crossbreds. Details:
Sydney 1,042 bales; scoured merinos, 9 to $151 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. greasy, $6 \frac{1}{4}$ to 103 d .:
Queensland 517 bales; scoured merinos $111 / 2$ to 15 d .; Victoria 1,617 balesi scoured merinos, $91 / 2$ to $16 \frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy, $81 / 2$ to 1234 d d.: South Australia 650 bales; scoured merinos, 8 to $16 \mathrm{~d} . \dot{\mathrm{j}}$ greasy, $81 / 2$ to $10 \ddot{ }$. West Australia 437 bales; scoured merinos, 10 to 12 d . New Zealand 4.067 baies; scoured crossbreds. 6 to 15 d ; greasy, $33 / 2$ to $83, \mathrm{~d}$. Cape 766 bales; greasy merinos. 43/ to

In London on May 26 offerings 9,550 bales. Liberal buying by home and the Continent resulted in a good learance at late values. About 1,500 bales were withdrawn at firm limits.
Details: Sydney, 917 bales; greasy merinos, $71 / 4$ to $11 \mathrm{~d} . ;$ Queensland, ales; scoured merinos, 12 to 15 d .; greasy, 8 to 12 d .; South Australia, 200 bales; greasy merinos, $83 / 4$ to $101 / 2$ d. West Australia, 1,075 bales; greasy merinos, $61 / 4$ to 93 d .: Tasmania, 25 bales; scoured merinos, $141 / 2$ to $151 / 2 \mathrm{~d} .1$ to $91 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. Cape 1.397 bales; scoured merinos, $81 / 2$ to $111 / 2 \mathrm{~d} .:$ greasy, 4 to $73 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. Kenya, 104 bales; greasy merimos, $51 / 2$ to $81 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$., latter super-half-breds.
At Brisbane on the 23rd inst. sales opened. Prices were firm with demand good on a wider basis.

WOOL TOPS to-day closed quiet and unchanged to 80 oints lower with June at 52c.; July, 52.50c.; Aug., Sept., Oct. and Nov., 53 c. ; Dec., 53.50 c .; Jan., Feb. and March, 54 c . Boston spot unchanged at 57.50 c . Roubaix, 10 to 30 fr. lower at 16.80 for July, 17.00 for Sept., 17.40 for Dec. and 17.60 for Jan.; sales 379,000 lbs. Antwerp, $1 / 8$ to $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. lower lower with sales of $290,000 \mathrm{lbs}$.

SILK futures on the 21st inst. ended unchanged to 6 oints higher with sales of 620 bales, closing with May at 1.20; June and July, $\$ 1.26$ to $\$ 1.27$; Aug., $\$ 1.30$; Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec., $\$ 1.31$. On the 23d inst. futures closed 4 to 7 points lower with sales of 280 bales ending with May, $\$ 1.16$ to $\$ 1.20$; June, $\$ 1.18$ to $\$ 1.21$; July, $\$ 1.20$ to $\$ 1.21$; Aug \$1.25; Sept., \$1.26; Oct., \$1.26 to \$1.28; Dec., \$1.25 to $\$ 128$. On the 24 th inst. prices closed 1 to 5 points lower with sas of 140 bales, closing with May $\$ 1.14$ to $\$ 1.20$. June, \$1. 16 to $\$ 1.10$, \$1.17 to $\$ 120$. Aug \$120 to \$1.24; Spt to \$1.19; July, \$1.ct. and Dec., \$1.24 to \$1.25 $\$ .24$, Sept., $\$ 1.23$ to $\$ 1.25$, Oet. net unchanged to $\$ 1.25$ On the 25 th inst. prices closed net unchanged 730 bales, closing with June at $\$ 1.16$ to $\$ 1.17$; July, $\$ 1.17$ to $\$ 1.20$; Aug., $\$ 1.20$ to $\$ 1.23$; Sept. $\$ 1.22$ to $\$ 1.23$ and Oct., Nov. and Dec., $\$ 1.22$ to $\$ 1.24$. On the 26 th inst, prices closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 1,120 bales, closing with June, $\$ 1.16$ to $\$ 1.18$ July, $\$ 1.18$ to $\$ 1.20$ Aug $\$ 1.20$ to $\$ 1.22$, Sept, $\$ 1.22$ to \$1.23; Oct to \$1.20; Aug., \$1.20 and Jan, \$1 23 to \$1 To-day futures. and Dec., \$1.24 anf with sales of 620 bales June ended at $\$ 1.11$ to $\$ 1.14 ;$ July, $\$ 1.12$ to $\$ 1.17$; Aug., $\$ 1.09$ to $\$ 1.21$; Sept., $\$ 1.21$; Oct., $\$ 1.22$; spot $13-15$ crack double extra, $\$ 1.16$; best extra, $\$ 1.12 ; 20-22,85 \%$ yellow and white $\$ 1.19$ Final prices show a decline for the week of 6 to 10 points.

## COTTON

Friday Night, May 271932.
THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by ur the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 54,967 bales, against 37,536 bales last week and 62,170 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1931, $9,394,379$ bales, against $8,339,763$ bales for the same period of 1930-31, showing an increase since Aug. 11931 of $1,054,616$ bales.

| Receipts at- | Sat. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Galvesto | 1,130 | 1,832 | 2,043 | 1,097 | 590 | 65 | ${ }^{6,757}$ |
| Texas City | 1,2-2 ${ }^{1}$ | 720 | $6 \overline{8} 8$ | 352 | 657 | 1,929 | 5.570 |
| Corpus Christi | 19 723 | 930 | 3,509 | 15,095 | 6,488 | 1,515 | 28,260 |
| Mobile | 2,226 | 909 | 1,455 | 685 |  | 811 | 6,964 3,816 |
| Pensacola |  | 3.227 |  |  | 149 |  | 3,816 |
| Jacksonvin | 162 | 489 | 332 | 243 | 126 | $\begin{array}{r}167 \\ 13 \\ \hline 1\end{array}$ | 1.519 |
| Charleston- |  | 68 | 65 |  | 0 | 120 | 20 |
| Wilmington | 28 |  | 84 | 30 | 20 | 54 <br> 73 | ${ }_{100}^{216}$ |
| orfolk- |  |  |  |  |  | 82 | 82 |
| Totals this week | 5.627 | 8.175 | 8.189 | 17.502 | 9.087 | 6.387 | 54,967 |

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 11931 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

| Receipts to May 27. | 1931-32. |  | 1930-31. |  | Stock. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | This Week. | Since Aug 11931. | This | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Since Aug } \\ 11930 . \end{array}$ | 1932. | 1931. |
| Galvesto |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 512,656 \\ & 20,218 \\ & 922,716 \end{aligned}$ |
| Texas City |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Houston }}$ Corpus Chri |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beaumont- |  |  | 1,034,707 | 664,934 |  |  |
| ulfp | $\begin{aligned} & 6.964 \\ & 3,816 \\ & 3.152 \\ & 1,519 \end{aligned}$ | 479,779 72,300 <br> ${ }^{727}{ }^{72300}$ <br> 322,292 |  |  | 2,175 | 590.901 | 157,480 | 254,407 |
| ${ }_{\text {Mensacola }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Jackssonvil }}$ |  |  | 2,918 | 706,759 |  | 238,873 | 7,52 |
| Savannah |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} -75 \\ 60 \\ 239 \\ 583 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 102.042 \\ 58.044 \\ 10.098 \\ 50,784 \end{array}$ | 151,2ī1 |
| Charleston | $\begin{aligned} & 281 \\ & 120 \\ & 216 \\ & 100 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wilmingtor |  |  |  |  |  | 71,729 |
| Norfolk |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 'ports |  | $\begin{array}{r} 933 \\ 23,83 \\ 23 \end{array}$ | 993 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,1755 \\ 64187 \\ 24,195 \\ 24 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 203.706 \\ 14.406 \\ 1.488 \\ 5.389 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 226,558 \\ 3,786 \\ 1,083 \\ 5,283 \\ 5,213 \end{array}$ |
| Bosto |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balti |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 54,9679,394.379 |  | 18,911 ${ }_{\text {8,339,763 }}$ |  | 3.854.272 | 3,238.178 |

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

| Receipts at- | 1931-32. | 1930-31. | 1929-30. | 1928-29. | 1927-28. | 1926-27. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Galvest |  | 2,7 |  | 4 | 15, |  |
| Houston- | -5,570 | , 833 | - 41,798 | ${ }_{7}^{4,826}$ | 17,181 | 19,358 |
| Mobile- | 6.964 |  | 1,471 4,700 | 1,109 1,730 | 2,245 5,902 |  |
| Branswick |  |  |  | 330 |  | 361 |
| Charleston- |  | $\begin{aligned} & 75 \\ & 39 \end{aligned}$ | 79 | $\begin{array}{r} 254 \\ 674 \\ 67 \end{array}$ | 1,442 2.210 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,418 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| ewport |  |  |  |  | , 0 | 2,611 |
| others |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total this wk- | 54,967 | 18,911 | 36 | 30, | 54, |  |


The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 103,821 bales, of which 33,163 were to Great Britain,

6,900 to France, 13,432 to Germany, 9,397 to Italy, nil to Russia, 36,417 to Japan and China and 4,512 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 83,313 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been $7,769,130$ bales, against $6,178,607$ bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

| Week Ended May 271932. Exports from- | Exported to- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Great | France. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ger- } \\ & \text { many. } \end{aligned}$ | Italy. | Russia. | Japan \& | Other. | Total. |
| Galvesto | - ${ }_{3}^{1,675}$ | ${ }_{2}^{4,355}$ | 600 3 |  |  | 5,474 | 1,588 | 13,692 |
| Texas City |  |  |  |  |  | 1,828 |  | ${ }_{1}^{1,828}$ |
| New Orleans | 3,236 |  | 4,130 | 3,458 |  | 13,408 10,000 | 1,346 | ${ }_{\text {21,448}}^{21,438}$ |
| Jacksonvilie. |  |  | 145 |  |  |  |  | 16,438 |
| ${ }^{\text {Pensacola }}$ | 149 |  | 440 <br>  <br> 12 |  |  | 3,227 |  | 3,816 |
| Charleston | 5,414 | 3 | 2,000 | -...- |  |  | 200 | - |
| Wortork | 1.215 |  | 274 | 4,000 |  |  |  | 4,000 |
| New York |  | 50 |  |  |  |  | 75 | ${ }_{125}$ |
| Boston--- | 17,500 | 5 |  |  |  | 300 |  |  |
| Lake Charles. | 250 | 100 |  | з3і |  |  |  | 681 |
| Tota | 33,163 | 6,900 | 13,432 | 9,397 |  | 36,417 | 4,512 | 103,821 |
| Total 1931- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total 1930 | 5,188 | 1,336 | ${ }_{3,643}$ | ${ }^{1,450}$ |  | 7,200 | ${ }_{1}^{1,446}$ | 19,263 |


| From Aug. 11931 Exports from | Exported to- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Great } \\ \text { Britain. } \end{gathered}$ | France. | mant. | Italy. |  | Japan China. . | Other. | Tot |
| Galvest | 24 | 76 | 233 | 97 |  | 932, | 96 | 04 |
| Texas City | 212,980 25,088 | 01,970 | ${ }_{5441,123}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| CorpusChristi | 81,020 | 18,817 | 29,019 | 32 |  | 139 |  | ${ }_{338,832}^{167,581}$ |
| Beaumont | 8,408 | ${ }_{2,128}$ | 5,970 |  |  | 6,0 | 3,2 | 35,802 |
| New orlean | 283,757 | 73,357 | ${ }^{201,8541}$ |  |  | 376,310 | 106,314 | 1,182,934 |
| Jacksonvilie | $\begin{array}{r}108,840 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 10,349 | 127,524 | 16,617 |  | 207,768 | ${ }^{25,122}$ | 496,029 |
| Pensacola | 14,492 |  | 61,618 | 3ı74 |  | 11.4 | 266 | 11,8994 |
| Savannah | 94,579 | 179 | 98,430 | 750 |  |  | 3 | 403,874 |
| Brunswick | 4,1 |  | 25,093 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Charleston | 62,557 | 3 | ${ }^{64,947}$ |  |  | 35,046 | 16,687 | 179,240 |
| Nortolk.an | 22,966 | $5 \overline{5} 2$ | 12,606 | 23,900 |  |  | 2,561 | ${ }^{38,337}$ |
| New York | 3,080 | 225 | 1,956 | 100 |  | 18,974 | 3160 | 46,518 |
| Boston | 959 |  | 42 |  |  |  | 3,141 | 4,242 |
| Baltimore- | ${ }^{45}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{34}^{45}$ |
| nngele |  | 10 | 143 | 1,842 |  | 144,187 | 6,205 |  |
|  |  |  | 142 |  |  | 1,669 | 1,565 | 45,460 |
| Lake Charles | 6,208 | 9,507 | 26,295 | 6,930 |  |  | ${ }_{9,632}$ | - |
| To | ,206,6684 | 443,444 | 05,522 60 | 66,399 |  | 3,098,505 | 908,592 | ,769,130 |


| Total $1930-31 / 1,045,808922,0651,600,298$ |
| :--- |
| Total $1929-301,234,736803,5691,685,261637,849$ | Note.-Exports to Canada.-It has never been our practice to Incluce in the

above table reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually above table reports or cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually
aut the cotton destined to the Dominlon comes overland and it is impossible to give returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always sere slow in coming to hand. In view
however, of the numerous inquiries we are recelving rearding the matter however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we wil
say that for the month of April the exports to the Dominlon the present season
have hee say that ior the month. of April the exports to the Dominlon the present season
have been 16,771 bales In the corresponding month of the preceding season the
exports were 18224 bin tion


In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

| May 27 at- | On Shipboard Not Cleared for- |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Leaving } \\ & \text { Slock. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Great Britain. | Fran |  | Other | Coastwise. | Total. |  |
| Galv | 2,000 | 1,500 |  |  | ,000 | 23,500 | 585,303 |
| Sewannah | 955 | 2,8 | 3,189 | 15 | 530 | 22,930 | 1,011,777 |
| Charleston |  |  |  |  |  |  | 102,042 |
| Norfolk |  |  |  | 16,372 |  | , | 133,880 |
| Other po | 2,000 | 1,000 | 3,0000 | 33,0000 | 1,000 | 40,000 | 1,622,319 |
| Total 1932 Total 1931 | 12,183 <br> 9,043 <br> 9 | $\begin{aligned} & 5,355 \\ & 4,380 \\ & 6,781 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11,189 \\ & 12,96 \\ & 10,976 \\ & 10 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 78,773 \\ & 45,123 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| Total 1930 | 8,297 | 6,701 | 10,976 | 45,6 | 4, | 72,7 | 665.770 |

## * Estimated.

Cotton has dropped about $1 / 4 c$. under heavy liquidation partly for Liverpool account where one of the largest houses suspended. Also the decline in the stock market has had more or less effect. Goods have been quiet and the talk is growing louder of the necessity of still greater curtailment of output by the mills at the South if not elsewhere. Spot cotton has been slow. Washington news has not as a rule been favorable, though it has brightened a little within a day or two. On the 21st inst. prices declined 5 to 7 points, some of which was recovered. The drop such as it was, was explained by selling by Liverpool, the Continent, New Orleans and local professionals on beneficial rains in the Eastern belt and a peculiarly dull stock market making little if any real response to the new credit projects to help the country's business. Practically they fell flat. Also labor trouble in Lancashire was feared. Worth Street was dull with bids poor. It was rather cold comfort to be told that the mills were rejecting them. The weather in the West was mostly clear. Rains, presumably helpful, fell from Arkansas eastward. But the recent resistance to declines, explained it as it may be, was there. The net decline was only 3 to 4 points. The South still sold sparingly. Trade interests were again steady buyers. Spot houses bought. So apparently did Japanese interests. Shorts covered. They seem to have recently been keeping close to shore. The old time maxim to the effect that it is
generally dangerous to sell a dull market short apparently was not entirely ignored. The latest financial plans to help the business of the country were considered as worthy of attention, possibly as justifying a certain amount of hope despite the repeated disappointment in the past. Warmer weather at the South was desirable. It was still too cool. Charlotte, N. C., advices stressed the fact that the weather in that section was cool and the crop late.
The "Chronicle," it was noted, put the quantity on shipThe "Chronicle," it was noted, put the quantity on ship-
board awaiting foreign clearance at no less than 103,510 bales against 70,463 bales on the same date last year and 71,791 bales in 1930. The rise in wheat on a broadening outside speculation was noticed and it was hoped that something similar might visit cotton. The idea of some was that cotton was ripe for a worthwhile advance if the news should plainly favor it.
On the 23 rd inst. prices ended some 7 to 8 points higher, with offerings small and a certain amount of price-fixing by
the mills and also covering. Wheat was active and the mills and also covering. Wheat was active and $11 / 4$ to fell in the Mississipni Vadvanced. Light to heavy rains there began to be some shaking if the Eastern belt, and as perhaps somewhat too much at this time. The South was still selling very sparingly. Also there was an impression that there might soon be a change for the better in the budget outlook. And some were inclined to hesitate about selling short at this level. Some unfavorable crop reports came from Central Texas.
On the 24th inst. prices declined 15 to 16 points under heavier selling due to lower stocks and wheat and mostly rainless weather. July liquidation excited remark. May trading ceased at noon; 43 notices were issued. The South, the Continent and Liverpool sold. Also the selling by local operators told. Moderate hedge selling took place, part of which was attributed to Southern mills. Charlotte, N. C., wired that for the first time this season mills there were offering to sell some of their raw cotton and seem willing to sell at a lower basis than that asked by shippers. Worth Street was quiet, but mills were said to be refusing to accept lowered bids. Spot cotton was renorted quiet at the South, but the basis was said to be generally firm. The cotton mills of Europe are finding yarn and cloth business poor, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service; mill activity, it adds, is being maintained at the present rate largely on the basis of orders booked earlier in the year. It is not yet clear that this situation is resulting in an appreciable decline in mill operations, it states, but England says that there is some tendency to reduce operations and Germany that unless yarn and cloth markets improve curfuture Buyers are operating almost universally the near future. Buyers are operating almost universally on a hand-to-mouth basis. Export trade is generally less satisfactory than domestic business. Forwardings of American cotton to British and Continental mills last week were much smaller than in recent weeks, but this was doubtless due in large part to holidays in Europe. On the decline here on the 24 th inst. there was buying by the home trade, the Continent and apparently by Japanese interests. Domestic spinners were fixing prices here. But the buying power was more than offset by the selling, and rallies were too feeble to count. The closing was at within a point or two of the lowest prices of the day.
On the 25th inst. prices ended practically unchanged, i.e., unchanged to 1 point net higher. Earlier in the day the decline was 7 to 9 points. For stocks were lower. The weekly report was better than expected. Liverpool cables were lower than due. Cloths were dull. In Manchester yarns were easier and cloths quiet. Greenville, S. C., wired that two of the largest mills there were closing down for 30 days, and that the others were on short time, with business at a standstill. But buying was persistent. And the weekly report summary said: "Cotton needs higher temperature, especially in the eastern half of the belt. The rains of the week in the East, however, were decidedly favorable, and notwithstanding the coolness the outlook materially improves in the Southeast. There was too much rain locally in East Gulf sections, but damage to the crop was not excessive. In the Western belt, conditions varied considerably, but in the main were rather favorable. In Northern sections late planted cotton is germinating slowly in many places because of dryness, and good warm rains would be timely from Tennessee west to Oklahoma In Texas mostly fair weather following recent raing. In favorable, but in the central part of the State much replanting is necessary, and the growth has been retarded by cool nights, while some lowland soil is yet too wet for work. In Oklahoma stands are mostly good, and growth fairly so, with planting well advanced to Northern districts." Some recovery came later. On the 25th inst. Liverpool and the Continent bought. The trade was a steady buyer. Spot firms bought. There were rains at 25 stations in Texas of some $1 / 4$ to 2 inches. Minimum temperatures in the belt were 52 to 62. That is not growing weather. The nights were still plainly too cool.
On the 26th inst. prices were 13 to 15 points lower for a time on the announcement of the suspension of Hornby, Hemelryk \& Co. of Liverpool, an old house of very high standing. It came as a complete surprise and was followed by concentrated selling, supposedly for the most part for Liverpool. estimated at 20,000 to 25,000 bales, largely July and October. New Orleans, the South and Wall Street

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also sold. Stocks and wheat declined. Waco, Tex., reported the spot demand slow, with the basis unchanged. Worth Street was quiet and rather weak. Manchester reported yarns weak and cloths irregular. Liverpool closed quiet and 8 to 10 points lower, with hedge selling and general liquidation. On the decline, Liverpool straddlers bought and also the trade, Japanese interests, spot firms, local operators and scattered shorts, and the downward movement was checked. The principal decline took place at the opening. It ran into such good buying that prices started upward, regaining most of the early decline. A good rally in stocks helped, as the prospects seemed to brighten for
the adoption of the manufacturers' sales tax. Also the Dallas "News" stated that over much of the territory in Texas north of San Antonio and west of Dallas was threatened by the greatest invasion of grasshoppers ever known. Renewed rains in many sections of the belt, especially in Oklahoma, Alabama and Arkansas were considered a bullish factor. The forecast, too, was for showers over most of the belt. The exports attracted some attention. They were 37,788 bales, making a total thus far this season, according to one computation, of some $1,600,000$ bales, larger, thus far, than the total up to this time last year.
To-day prices ended 7 to 8 points lower, with stocks off and local operators, the Continent and Wall Street selling. Southern mills were supposed to be selling January. Some gray goods here have of late fallen $1 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. to new low ground for this year. Manchester reported business in both yarns and cloths restricted. At one time prices were somewhat higher, as Liverpool, New Orleans and spot firms as well as shorts bought. But later they bent under pretty general selling. New Orleans and local traders were considered the largest sellers as stocks became weaker and wheat had something of a decline. Some of the bulls were discouraged by the fact that the market ignored light to heavy rains from Texas to Georgia. They may have been favorable in some parts of the Eastern belt, but were supposed to be distinctly bad west of the Mississippi River. In Texas the boll weevil seems to be increasing. Forty-four counties of Texas report grasshoppers, and a few already report actual injury to the plant by this pest. Dallas wired: "The Assistant Director of Extension Service at Stillwater reports nine fields examined in southeastern Oklahoma show weevil infestation $25.6 \%$ against $2 \%$ a year ago." The idea of some here is that an average of rainy weather in the next two or three weeks would brace up prices as hinting more plainly than ever of coming weevil depredations this season. Spinners' takings were large enough to evoke favorable comment as being larger than last week and the same week last year. But all this was all futile as an actual bullish influence, though it may have acted as a brake on the decline. Final prices show a decline for the week of 24 to 26 points. Spot cotton ended at 5.60 c . for middling, or 30 points lower for the week.


The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been: May 21 to May $27-$ $\qquad$ $\underset{5.85}{\text { Sat. }} \underset{5.95}{\text { Mon. }} \underset{5.75}{\text { Tues. }} \quad \underset{5.75}{\text { Wed. Thurs. Fri. }}$
NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS:
The quotations for middling upland at New York on May 27 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:


FUTURES.-The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

|  | Saturday, May 21 | Monday, | Tuesday, May 24. | Wednesday, May 25. | Thutsday, May 26 | ${ }_{\text {Friday, }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing. | 5.70 | 5.80 | 5.61 | 5.58 | 5.51 | 5.44 |
| Range Closing |  | $5.72-52.83$ 5.8 | $5.65-5.83$ $5.66-5.67$ | ${ }_{5}^{5.58-5.58}$ | 5.52- 5.65 | 5.50-5.62 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing | 5.91 | 5.98 | 5.83 | 5.83 | 5.77 | 5.69 |
| Range Closing | $\begin{aligned} & 5.95-6.01 \\ & 5.99 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{6.06}^{5.96-6.06}$ | ${ }_{5}^{5.89} 5$ |  | 5.76-5.89 | 5.78-5.90 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Closing | 6.05 | 6.12 | 5.9 | 5.97 | 5.9 | 5.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { ec. } \\ & \text { Range } \end{aligned}$ | 6.08-6.12 | 6.11-6.20 | 6.03-6 |  |  |  |
| Closing. | 6.12 | 6.19-6.20 | ${ }_{6} .04$ | 6.04-6.04 | ${ }_{5.99}^{5.89}$ 6.03 | $\begin{aligned} & 5.88-6.02 \\ & 5.91- \end{aligned}$ |
| (an.(1933) | 6.15-6.18 | 6.18-6.27 | 6.11-6.29 |  |  |  |
| Closing. | 6.19 | 6.27 | 6.12 | 6.12 | 6.07 | 5.99 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\xrightarrow[\text { March- }]{\text { Closing }}$ | 6.27 | 6.34 - | 6.19 | 6.19 | 6.14 | 6.06 |
| ${ }_{\text {Range }}$ Closing | 6.33- 6.36 | 6.33-6.42 | ${ }_{6}^{6.26-6.45}$ | 6.20-6.27 | 6.13-6.24 | 6.12-6.2 |
| ,rla- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\underset{\text { cay }}{\text { Closing - - - - }}$ - $6.34-6.29-6.20$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Range-- Closing |  |  |  | 6.36-6.41 | 6.30-6.37 | 6.35-6.40 |
| Closing. |  | - | - | 6.41 | 6.37 | 6.27 |

Range of future prices at New York for week ending May 271932 and since trading began on each option:


THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows: Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. ButBut to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday) we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

| May 27- | 1932 | 1931 | 1930 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stock at Liverpool...-....-bale | 620,000 | 855,000 | 757,000 | 926,000 |
| Stock at Manches | 204,000 | 204,000 | 127,000 | 109,000 |
| Total Great Brit | 824.000 | 1,059,000 | 884,000 | 1,035,000 |
| Stock at Hamburg | 395,000 | 468.000 | 412.000 | 388.000 |
| Stock at Havre | 190,000 | 365,000 | 248.000 |  |
| Stock at Rotterdar | 23,000 | 8,000 | 13.000 | 10,000 |
| Stock at Barcelona | 101,000 | 119,000 | 96,000 | 67,000 |
| Stock at Genoa | 72,000 | 61,000 | 46.000 | 41,000 |
| Stock at Ghent |  |  |  | 11,000 |
| Stock at Antw |  |  |  |  |
| Total Continental stocks | 781,000 | 1,021,000 | 815,000 | 718.000 |
| Total European stocks | ,605,000 | 2,080,000 | 1,699,000 | 1,753,000 |
| India cotton afloat for Europe | 58,000 | 127,000 | 148.000 | 142.000 |
| American cotton afloat for Europe | 259,000 | 120,000 | 75,000 | 201,000 |
| Egypt, Brazil, \&c. . afl't for Europe | 72,000 | 85.000 | 86,000 | 115,000 |
| Stock in Alexandria, Egypt | 605,000 | 642,000 | 524,000 | 349,000 |
| Stock in Bombay | 856,000 | 976.000 | 1,286.000 | 1,202,000 |
| Stock in U. S. port | 854,272 | 3,238,178 | 1,738.518 | 1,087,789 |
| Stock in U. S. inter | ,554,722 | 1,037,599 | 778.788 | 418.598 |
| U. S, exports to-d | 17,991 | 40,481 |  |  |

Total visible supply ............. $\overline{8,881,985} \overline{8,346,258} \overline{6,335,306} \overline{5,268,387}$ Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows: Liverpool stock


## Continental imports for past week have been 99,000 bales.

The above figures for 1932 show an increase over last week of 20,611 bales, a gain of 535,727 over 1931, an increase of $2,546,679$ bales over 1930, and a gain of $3,613,598$ bales over 1929 .

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement-that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in d $\theta$ tail below:

| Towns | Movement to May 271932. |  |  |  | Movement to May 291931. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Receipts. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Shir- } \\ & \text { ments. } \\ & \text { Week. } \end{aligned}$ | Stocks May 27. | Receipts. |  | Shipments. Week. | Stocks May 29. |
|  | Week. | Season. |  |  | Week. | Seas |  |  |
| Ala., Birming'm Eufaula | 30 <br> 34 | 74,216 | 4,792 | 17,717 | 94 | $\begin{gathered} 101,061 \\ 28 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r\|r} 444 & 33.968 \\ 94 & 9.122 \end{array}$ |  |
|  |  | 12,612 |  | 6,616 <br> 55,436 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Montgom | 28176 | 38,918 | 824 |  | 99 | 70,706 | 336 | 56,151 |
| Selma |  | 88,464 | 3,674 | 51,462 | 226 | 100,030 | 968 |  |
| Ark.,Blythe | 36 | 120,034 | 957 | 33,559 | 7 | 76,808 | 517 | 15,486 |
| Forest Cit | 2085 | 33,907 | 195 | 15,492 | 265 | 15,739 | 406 | 3,380 |
| Helena |  | 77,895 | 622 | 36,807 | 25 | 41,760 | 724 | 11,386 |
| Hope |  | 59,504 |  | 10,377 |  | 32,529 | 105 | 04 |
| Jonesbor |  | 21,142 | 23 | 2,064 | ${ }^{3}$ | 26,416 |  | 1,526 |
| Little Ro | 50 | 190,607 | 2,624 | 52,138 | 06 | 102,029 | 1,250 | 23,642 |
| Newport | 3 | 48,573 | 305 | 11,524 |  | 27,959 <br> 87 | 113 | 3,039 12,283 |
| Pine Blutt | 488 19 | 178,639 | 1,499 240 | 46,261 5,294 | 73 | 83,998 <br> 27 | 796 | 12,283 1,770 |
| Walnut Rid |  | 47,104 | 240 | 5,294 3,709 |  | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 23,498 } \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | ${ }_{3,733}^{1,76}$ |
| Athens. | 200 | 38,944 |  | 40,835 | 22 | 45,197 | 100 | 25,236 |
| Atlanta | 257 <br> 556 | 83,509 |  | 167,179 | 2,688 | 226,559 | 2,82 | 170,365 |
| Augusta |  | 183,927 | 977 | 107,440 | 698 | 332.054 | 3,733 | 71,342 |
| Columb |  | 58,780 | 600 | 24,090 |  | 49,630 | 1,300 | 6,700 |
| Macol |  | 32,582 | 75 | 38,130 | 139 | ${ }^{93,039}$ | 707 | 29,142 |
| Rome | $\begin{aligned} & 30 \\ & 45 \end{aligned}$ | 14,529 | 25 | 11,056 |  | 20,886 | 300 |  |
| La., Shreveport | 132 | 111,962 | 370 | 75,838 | 12 |  |  |  |
| Miss.Clarksdale | 243 90 | 197,623 | 1,546 487 | 77,172 8727 | 44 | 112,966 | 1,040 | 21,067 5,508 |
| Columbus | 90 | - 170,592 | 187 1.698 | r7,790 |  | 25,187 138,128 | 1,364 | 32,216 |
| Meridia |  | 44,031 | 297 | 23,616 | 43 | 66,255 | 696 | 21,453 |
| Natchez | 12 | 12,500 | 145 | 5.061 | 48 | 12,648 |  |  |
| Vicksburg |  | 41,108 | 674 | 11,838 | 16 | 35,087 32 | 651 450 | 8,280 6,759 |
| Yazoo City | r 31 1,404 | 142,263 | 236 1,421 | 17,638 897 |  | 32,892 231,851 | 3,278 | 6,759 6,085 |
| Mo., St. Louls- | 1,404 |  | 1,421 43 |  | 3,381 3,296 | 20,022 | -377 | 36,090 |
| N.C., Greensb'o Oklahoma | $76 \quad 19,706$ |  |  | $20,375$ | 3,296 |  |  |  |
| 15 towns |  | $619,652$ | 2,636 | 39,143 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 532,881 \\ & 141,144 \end{aligned}$ | 1,462 |  |
| S.C., Greenville | $2,548$ | 166,498 1033,895 |  | 85,620 | 1,714 ${ }^{1,470}$ | $1,336,108$ |  |  |
| Tenn., Memphls Texas Abilene | 15,262 ${ }^{128}{ }^{2}$ | 2,033,895 | 25,926 180 | 326,127 395 | , 28 | 1,336,098 | 15,565 22 | 196,959 124 |
| Austin. | 7310 | 28,428 |  | 2,550 |  | 24,872 |  | 343 |
| Br |  | 19,974 | 125 | 5,143 |  |  |  |  |
| Dall | 20221 | 144,038 | 1,488 | 16,313 | 101 11 | 145,374 63,558 | 16 | 7.414 |
| Paris |  | 97,834 | 207 | 6,477 | 11 | 54,783 |  | 9,467 |
| Robstown... <br> San Antonio. |  | 31,137 17,900 |  | 544 | 27 | 27,800 | 12 | ${ }^{2,95}$ |
| Texarkan | 12788 | 65,373 | 395 | 9,236 | 61 | 34,670 61,676 | 183 | 3,128 4,161 |
|  |  | 81,69 |  | 6.5 | 61 |  |  |  |
| otal, 56 towns | 23,519 | 1.53 | 56,82 | 55472 | 3.04 | 792,372 | 5.39 | 37 |


| Total, 56 towns |
| :---: |
| Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma. |

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 33,383 bales and are to-night 517,123 bales more than at the same period last year. The receipts at all towns have been 474 bales more than the same week last year

## MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

|  | Spot Market Closed. | Futures <br> Market <br> Closed. | SALES. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Spot. | Contr't. | Total. |
| Saturday--- | Quiet, 5 pts. dec | Steady | 100 |  | 100 900 |
| Monday .-. | Quiet, 10 pts . adv | Steady |  | 1,400 | 100 1,400 |
| Tuesday ${ }^{\text {Wednesday- }}$ | Quiet, 20 pts . dec | Steady |  | 1,400 300 60 | 1,400 |
| Thursday -- | Quiet, 10 pts . dec- | Steady | 2,595 1,690 | 600 | 3,195 1,690 |
| Friday .-.-- | Quiet, 5 pts. dec.- | Stead | 1,690 |  | 1,690 |
| Total week <br> Since Aug. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 4,385 \\ & 50,663 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,200 \\ 156,100 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7,585 \\ 06,763 \end{array}$ |

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.-We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows: May 27 - $\quad 1931-32$ Since $-1930-31$ Since

| $\begin{gathered} \text { May 27- } \\ \text { Shipped-. } \\ \text { Via St. Lou } \end{gathered}$ | Since |  |  |
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|  | Aug. ${ }_{\text {dio }}$ | Week | ${ }^{\text {Aug. }}$ 29988 |
|  | 145,096 | 945 |  |
| Via Rock |  |  | 1,602 |
|  | 7,945 | ${ }_{3}^{371}$ | 161,571 |
| Via Virginia points--.------------22,579 | 1063,972 | 13,162 | 531,052 |
| 27.198 | 741,426 | 21,247 | 1,006,595 |
| Deduct Shipments ${ }^{\text {O }}$, Berland to N , Boston, \&c... 82 |  |  |  |
| Overland to N. Y., Boston, \&c.-- ${ }^{\text {Between interior towns }}$ | 25,099 11,549 | 203 |  |
| Inland, \&c., from South----------1, 1,263 | 193,861 | 7,266 | 280,090 |
| Total to be deducted.---------1,5 | 230,509 | 9,06 | 325,286 |
| Leaving total net overland*---25,60 | 510,917 | 12,183 | 681,30 |

* Leaving total net overland*--25,605

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 25,605 bales, against 12,183 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 170,392 bales.


Movement into sight in previous years
Week-
1930-June 1 .
$1929-$ June 2 .

1928 -June 3 $\qquad$ | Bales. | Since |
| :---: | :---: |
| 125,310 | $1929-30$ |
| 131,903 | $1928-29$ |
| 119,524 | $1927-28$ |

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.-Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week

| Week Ended May 27. |
| :---: |
| Gaiveston <br> New Orleans <br> Mobile <br> Savannah <br> Norfolk <br> Baltimore <br> Augusta <br> Memphis <br> Houston <br> Little Rock <br> Dallas <br> Fort Worth |
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| Saturday. | Monday. | Tuesday. | Wed'day. | Thursd'y, | Friday. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5.70 | 5.75 | 5.60 | 5.60 | 5.55 | 5.50 |
| 5.85 | 5.89 | 5.75 | 5 | 5.68 | 5.59 |
| 5.45 | 5.82 | 5.40 | 5.40 | 5.57 | 5.49 |
| 5.75 | 5.80 | 5.67 | 5.65 | 5.60 | 5.80 |
| 5.85 | 5.85 | 5.95 | 5.75 | 5.65 | 5.65 |
| 5.56 | 5.56 | 5.44 | 5.44 | 5.38 | 5.25 |
| 5.15 | 5.20 | 5.05 | 5.05 | 5.00 | 4.90 |
| 5.65 | 5.70 | 5.55 | 5.05 | 5.50 | 5.45 |
| 5.10 | 5.17 5.40 | 5.01 | 5.02 | 4.95 5.20 | 4.87 5.10 |
| 5.30 | 5.40 | 5.25 | 5.25 | 5.20 | 5.10 |

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.-The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:


ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON-SPINNING INDUSTRY FOR MAY.-Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.
REVISED ESTIMATES OF COTTON ACREAGE, YIELD PER ACRE, AND PRODUCTION, 1931, BY STATES. -The Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, from the reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians, co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and agricultural colleges, and ginnings, makes the following revised estimates of cotton acreage in cultivation July 1, acreage finally harvested, yield per acre, and production, crop of 1931. Cotton ginnings for the 1931 crop, as reported by the Bureau of the Census, May 17 1932, are also shown:
REVISED EStimates of the COTTON CROP OF 1931, BY STATES.

| State. | Area in Cultivation July 11931 | Area Picked 1931. | Yteld of Lint Cotton Picked Per Acre 1931. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Production } \\ & \text { 1931. a } \end{aligned}$ | Ginnings 1931 Crop As Reported by Census May 171982. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Acres. | Acres. | Pounds. | Bates (500 us. Gross). | Bales (500 lbs. Gross). |
| Virginia | 71,000 | 70,000 | 289 | 42,000 | 42,423 |
| N. Carolina | 1,342,000 | 1,333,000 | 271 | 756,000 | 756,294 |
| S. Carolina | 1,970,000 | 1,960,000 | 245 | 1,005,000 | 1,004,730 |
| Georgla | 3,452,000 | 3,431,000 | 194 | 1,393,000 | 1,392,665 |
| Florlda | 120,000 | 118,000 | 175 | 43,000 | 43,164 |
| Missouri | 350,000 | 348,000 | 397 | 289,000 | 288,991 |
| Tennesse | 1,119,000 | 1,115,000 | 255 | 594,000 | 594,512 |
| Alabama | 3,421,000 | 3,397,000 | 200 | 1,420,000 | 1,419,689 |
| Mississipd | 4,069,000 | 4,032,000 | 209 | 1,761,000 | 1,761,203 |
| Loulsiana | 1,968,000 | 1,958,000 | 220 | 900,000 | 899,922 |
| Texas | 15,769,000 | 15,469,000 | 165 | 5,320,000 | 5,322,453 |
| Oklahoma | 3,429,000 | 3,395,000 | 178 | 1,261,000 | 1,261,123 |
| Arkansas. | 3,602,000 | 3,566,000 | 256 | 1,907,000 | 1,906,736 |
| New Mexico.. | 119,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Arizona_b._ | 178,000 | 176.000 | 313 | 115,000 177000 | 115,061 176,560 |
| Callifornia.-. | $\begin{array}{r} 194,000 \\ 16,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 192,000 \\ 16,000 \end{array}$ | 440 363 | 177,000 12,000 | 176,560 11,944 |
| , | 41,189,000 | 40,693,000 | 201.2 | 17,096,000 | 17,095,594 |
| Lower Calif. (old Mexico) c | 69,000 | 69,000 | 182 | 26,000 | d 26.250 |

## a Bates rounded to thournds allowances made for inter state movement or

cotton for ginning and added for United States total
b Including Pima long staple, 30,000 acres, yield 225 lbs . per acre, production
14,000 bales. 14,000 bales.
c Not included in California figures, nor in United States total.
c Notnling 26,112 running bales, as enumerated by Californla Co-operative Crop Reporting Service.
COMMENTS CONCERNING COTTON REPORT OF MAY 20 1932. -The United States Department of Agriculture in giving out its report on May 20, also added the following comments:
The Crop Reporting Board, in revising statistics of acreage, yield and
production of the 1931 cotton crop, estimates the area in cultivation in the production of the 1931 cotton crop, estimates the area in cultivation in the
United States on July 11931 to have been $41,189,000$ acres; the area harUnited States on July 11931 to have been $41,189,000$ acres; the area har-
vested, $40,693,000$ acres; and the yield of lint cotton to have been 201.2 vested,
pounds per harvested acre. The report of the Bureau of the Census, pub-
lished on May 17 placed final ginnings for the 1931 crop at $17,095,594$ lished on May 17 placed f
equivalent 500 -pound bales.
equivalent 500-pound bales. $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ above the preliminary estimates made last December, an adjust-
ment of $1 \%$ in total production being necessary to make the estimate conform with the total quantity ginned. The yield per acre of 201.2 pounds is the highest realized since 1914 when the yield was 209.2 pounds.
Forecasts of cotton production made by the Crop Reporting Board Forecasts of
during the 1931 season and comparisons with final production were as follows: Aug. 1, 15,584,000 bales, $8.8 \%$ below; Nopt. $1,16,903,000$ bales, below; and Dec. 1, 16,918,000, $1.0 \%$ below. Each forecast made during the
season showed improvement in crop prospects over the preceding forecast, season showed improvement in crop prospects over the preceding forecast,
as the 1931 season was extraordinarily favorable for the production and
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based upon indications at the time the reports are prepared and upon the
assumption that weather conditions after that time will be about average.
REPORT ON REDUCTION IN COTTON YIELDS FROM STATED CAUSES IN 1931.-United States Department of Agriculture also made public on May 20, the following:
Reductions from full yield of cotton during the favorable season of 1931
were much less than usual for each of the various causes considered were much less than usual for each of the various causes considered. The total reduction from various causes is reported to have been onty
of a normal or full crop, based upon an inquiry to cotton reporter on this
subject. In 1930 the reported reduction was $47.1 \%$ in $1929,43.8 \%$, and subject. In 1930
in $1928,36.4 \%$.
Defficient moisture, or drouth was responsible for only $8.3 \%$ reduction attributed to exceessive moisture was $2.6 \%$, compared with $2.8 \%$ in 1930 and $7.2 \%$ in 1929 .
Boll weevil dam
less than average and in 1931, while somewhat greater than in 1930, was less than average and relatively unimportant. Loss from this cause was
reported at $8.3 \%$, compared with $5.0 \%$ in $1930,13.3 \%$ in 1929 and $14.1 \%$ in 1928.
"Other climatic" causes, including floods, frost, heat and hot winds,
contributed 3.5\% to the loss in 1931, against $6.3 \%$ in 1930 and $6.0 \%$ in
1929 1929. Plant diseases are reported to have caused losses of about $2.0 \%$, Which is about the same as in each of the last three years. Loss due to insects other than boll weevil was reported at $1.8 \%$, which is the lowest
percentage attributed to this cause in recent years. This statement on losses is based upon reports of February, on a general crop damage inquiry in which the correspondents were asked to report the per cent of a normal yield per acre of cotton harvested the preceding year, the per cent of loss in yield, and to distribute
the loss to stated causes. The resulting indfcated percentages represent the consolidated judgment of the crop reporters and are useful as a rough index of relative losses from the stated causes.
COTTON REDUCTION FROM FULL YIELD PER ACRE FROM STATED


FOREIGN COTTON PRODUCTION AND ACREAGE. -From the latest information received on the 1931-32 cotton crop in foreign countries the preliminary estimate of production in all foreign countries is now placed at $10,404,000$ bales of 478 pounds. This compares with an estimated foreign production of $11,868,000$ bales during 1930-31 and $11,672,000$ bales in 1929-30, and was the smallest since 1926-27. The large domestic crop, however, gives a world production of about $27,500,000$ bales or an increase of $1,700,000$ bales over $1930-31$, was $1,000,000$ larger than 1929-30 and was the largest since 1926-27 when the total world production was about $28,400,000$ bales. The principal foreign countries showing decreased production this season include India, China and Egypt. In India alone there was a decrease of 971,000 bales, in China about 450,000 bales and in Egypt 429,000. Russia on the other hand increased her production by something like 311,000 bales. In India and China the decreased production was largely the result of reduced yields although some decrease in acreage was reported. In Egypt there was a large acreage decrease and a slight decrease in yields. The low yields in China resulted from the damages done by floods

The increased production which took place in Brazil and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan resulted from a return to more normal yields. The yields in the Sudan in 1930-31 were unusually low due to serious damages from two diseases known as "Leaf Curl" and "Black Arm" whereas a severe drouth in some of the principal cotton producing States materially reduced the average yield per acre in Brazil. The increased production in Russia resulted from an increase in acreage, the yield per acre showing a decrease compared with 1930-31. Reports from Russia early in the season stated that the crop would be 700,000 or more bales larger than this Bureau estimated, but at present Russian estimates are very close to ours. The reduced Russian yields this season have resulted from the expansion of production into new regions most of which are not irrigated. In 1930-31 Russian acreage increased about $50 \%$ and production increased almost $25 \%$. This season the acreage increased $37 \%$ and production $23 \%$. As a result of these decreasing yields the Russian officials are said to have planned for an acreage increase in 1932-33 of only 13 or $14 \%$ with greater efforts to be made in improving the yields and quality.

| Item and Country. | 1928-29. | 1929-30. | 1930-31. | 1931-32. | Percent. 1931-32 is of 1930-31 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1,000 Acres | 1,000 Acres | 1,000 A cres | 1,000 A cres | Per Cent. |
| AcreageUnited States | 45,341 | 45,793 | 45,091 | 40,693 |  |
| India-....... | 27,053 | 25,922 | 23,812 | 23,522 | 98.8 |
| Russia | 2,400 | 2,608 | 3.911 | 5,346 | 136.7 |
| China_a | 4,847 | 5,133 | 5,228 | 5,078 | 97.1 |
| Egypt | 1,805 | 1,911 | 2,162 | 1,747 | 80.8 |
| Uganda | 699 | 663 | 740 | 876 | 118.4 |
| Chosen | 503 | 456 | 473 | 461 | 97.5 |
| Anglo-Egyptian Sudan .-- | 315 | 369 | 387 | 356 | 92.0 |
| Mexico | 502 | 492 | 390 | 319 | 81.8 |
| Syria and Lebanon | 19 | 60 | 60 | 76 | 126.7 |
| Italian Somaliland | 20 | 27 | 19 | 15 | 78.9 |
| Bulgaria | 13 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 100.0 |
| Eritrea | 6 | ${ }^{6}$ | ${ }^{7}$ | 7 | 100.0 |
| Algeria | 12 | 14 | 10 | 3 | 30.0 |
| Total above countries. Est. total foreign countries | $\begin{aligned} & 83,535 \\ & 42,059 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 83,468 \\ & 41,907 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 82,303 \\ & 41,709 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 78,512 \\ & 42,007 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Est. world total | 87,400 | 87,700 | 86,800 | 82,700 |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \text { Bales } \\ & 478 \text { lbs.Net } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \text { Bales } \\ & 478 \mathrm{lbs} . \mathrm{Net} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \text { Bates } \\ & 478 \mathrm{lbs} . \mathrm{Net} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \text { Bales } \\ & 478 \mathrm{lhs} . \mathrm{Net} \end{aligned}$ | Per Cert. |
| Production- | 14.478 | 14.828 | 13.932 | 17.096 |  |
| India. | 4,838 | 4,289 | 4,372 | 3,401 | 77.8 |
| Russla | 1,174 | 1,279 | 1,589 | 1,900 | 122.6 |
| China | 2,466 | 2,116 | 2,250 | 1,800 | 80.0 |
| Egypt | 1,672 | 1,768 | 1,715 | 1,286 | 75.0 |
| Brazll. | 825 | 584 | 460 | 570 | 123.9 |
| Mexico | 278 | 246 | 178 | 207 | 116.3 |
| Anglo-Egyptian Sudan | 142 | 139 | 106 | b199 | 187.7 |
| Uganda | 171 | 108 | 156 | 170 | 109.0 |
| Chosen | 150 | 139 | 154 | 136 | 88.3 |
| Syria and Lebanon | 4 | 14 | 12 | 17 | 141.7 |
| Tanganylka..... | 28 | 23 | 19 | 12 | 63.2 |
| Australia | 5 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 100.0 |
| Colombia | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 90.0 |
| Bulgaria | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 125.0 |
| French Equatorial Africa- | 7 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 71.4 |
| Italian Somaliland -. | 7 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 166.7 |
| Union of South A frica | 8 | 14 | 7 | 3 | 42.9 |
| Southern Rhodesia.... |  | 1 | 2 | 2 | 100.0 |
| Total above countries.- | 25,960 | 25,581 | 24,986 | 26,833 |  |
| Est. total for. countries | 12,422 | 11,672 | 11,868 | 10,404 |  |
| Est. world total.. | 26,900 | 26,500 | 25.800 | 27.500 |  |

Complied by the Division of Statistical and Historical Research largely from data recelved through
received up to May 19 .
Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture except as noted.
a Estimates of Chinese Millowners' Association.
b Estimated as being between 194,000 and 204,000 bales.
WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.-Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that the weather during the week has been mostly unfavorable, there being too much rain in the Gulf sections. Temperatures have been too low during most of the week but have been considerably higher the past few days. Progress and condition of early planted cotton are mostly good.

Texas.-Much replanting is necessary in this State. Cool nights have retarded growth. Some lowlands are too wet for work.

Memphis, Tenn.-Condition and progress of cotton are goot.


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:


Dallas Cotton Exchange Weekly Crop Report.
The Dallas Cotton Exchange each week publishes a very elaborate and comprehensive report covering cotton crop conditions in the different sections of Texas and also in Oklahoma and Arkansas. We reprint this week's report which is of date May 23 in full below:

## TEXAS.

## WEST TEXAS

Abicene (Taylor Co.)-Weather has been favorable this week except a hittle cool first of week. Planting has progressed rapidly and with good weather will be completed in a few days. Some cotton up south of tow Brady (McCulloch Coes) $-60 \%$ of cotton planted $10 \%$ to to stand fied are grassy. Nights are too cool. Need hot dry weather. Labor plentiful. Money tight.
Lubbock (Lubbock Co.)-About half of cotton planted the last two week but most of it will be replanted account heavy rains all over the Plains. Shamrock (Wheeler Co.)-Weather past week has been very favorable for planting, would say $75 \%$ crop planted, and $15 \%$ up to nice stand. There has been some early planted that had to be replanted. Need dry weather for another ten days.
Stamford (Jones Co.)-About $75 \%$ of the acreage has been planted and replanted. Planting will practically be finished next week if weather stays fair; the land is barely dry enough to plant now. Looks like we will have about a normal start except slightly late. Have heard no complaint of insects. Need fair warm weather.
Vernon (Wilbarger Co.)-Cotton has practically all been planted and coming up to good stands. We are about seven to ten days early and have plenty of moisture, labor, etc. Looks like the best start since the big crop of 1926.

## NORTH TEXAS.

Clarkssille (Red River Co.) - Have had six full working days without rain and soil is in better shape. Fields are beginning to look clean and plant has a healthy look in spite of too much cool weather in the early mornings. Crop has practically been replanted where necessary and is up to a good tand. Sometbing like $25 \%$ chopped out. No reports of insect damage, but hot weather needed.
Ennis (Ellis Co.)- $90 \%$ planted, $80 \%$ up, $10 \%$ to be repianted. Have plenty of moisture, need dry warm weather. Had one inch rain first of week. Growth of plant has been retarded account cool nights, which has caused lots of lice, and the wet fields have kept the farmers out, and there is lots of weeds and grass. Crop is scill two weeks late and will be later unless we have some warm dry weather.
Terrell (Kaufman Co.)-Acreage in this territory is decreased from $10 \%$ to $15 \%$. Planted $85 \%$ to $90 \%$ is up with a good stand. Dry hot weathe is needed to finish planting and stimulate cotton that is up. There is some talk of lice in some fields.
Wins Point (Van 2andt Co.)-Crop is a very mixed affair right now. Approximately $50 \%$ is in good shape, and $20 \%$ has been chopped. $30 \%$ o crop is in the grass and weeds and $20 \%$ is yet to be planted. Fair and warm weather needed for next two weeks.

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OENTRAL TEXAS
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Austin (Travis Co.)-Weather all right this week except too cool during nights
Bartlett (Bell Co.)-Have had entirely too much rain in the recent past Many fields are grassy. Small per cent of crop will be replanted on accoun of grass. Nights are too cool, hot dry weather is badly needed. Chopping will be general next week.
Cameron (Milam Co.) - Weather conditions past week more favorable. Farmers working hard but still in grass. Need hot dry weather for two reeks.
Navasota (Grimes Co.)-Weather this week largely favorable for cotton, still crop is rather grassy but being worked out steadily. Complaints of grasshoppers continue, but some being poisoned. Need dry warm weather North winds all this week not good
Taylor (Williamson Co.)-Cotton made rather poor progress past week and growth very slow owing to the cool nights and mornings. Cultivation and chopping making good progress. With hot weather cotton will improve apidly.
Temple (Bell Co.)-Heavy rains last Sunday over this territory. Very ittle farm work this week. Will be considerable replanting necessary fields getting grassy, dry warm weather needed 0 that farmers can finsb Waco.
Waco (McLennan Co.)-Torrential rains over last week-end caused considerable replanting. Fields grassy and farmers without cash to hire additional labor. Numerous complaints of insects and general weevil in estation likely. Continued dry weather needed.
Waxahachie (Ellis Co.)-Crop making good progress. Chipping will start next week. Fields fairly clean. Nights rather cool.

EAST TEXAS
Marshall (Harrison Co.)-Crop getting off to a good start. About $85 \%$ planted and $70 \%$ up. Stands perfect. Soil in excellent condition and plenty of labor. About $5 \%$ reduction in acreage. Warm dry weather next 10 days is what is needed.

## SOUTH TEXAS

Alice (Jim Wells Co.)-Dry weather needed. Good rains first part of week. Some fields grassy but work progressing well in most places. Cotton quaring freely. No weevil reported in this country but have heard of some in Duval Co. Few farmers complain of lice, but not enough to do much damage.
Gonzales (Gonzales Co.)-Good rain May 16th. Nights have been too cool. Clear warm weather needed for next 15 days for chopping and cul ivating. Consider prospect now good for cotton crop.
San Antonio (Bexar Co.)-Crops in this section are fair with numerous eports of insects. Weather has been too cool and cloudy, altho last few Wome replanting was necessary due to heavy rains ret in the fields have taken the fields, but the farmers have been able to that is if the weather continues as it is now.
San Marcos (Hays Co.)-One inch rain Monday followed by cool weather this week. Plant has made slow progress, need some hot weather.
Sinton (San Patricio Co.)-Cotton did well this week, no rain and plowing ver since rain is nearly over. Nights are too cool. Some weevil and fleas, no damage to speak of. Chopping about complete.

OKLAHOMA.
Hugo (Choctaw Co.)-Crop progress very favorabie. All planted and mostly chopped out. Stands good. Uplands will need showers next week.
Mangum (Greer Co.)-Dashing rain of week ago caused some $10 \%$ replanting, but as a whole stands are splendid and growing nicely with recent
hot sunshine. Occasional showers would prove beneficial, but generally speaking conditions are very promising for a cotton crop. Think this ounty reduced fully $12 \%$ in acreage from last year.
date. The nighis have been too cool. Acreage $8 \%$ to poor progress to ear. $85 \%$ planted, $70 \%$ upstands Acreage $8 \%$ to $10 \%$ less than last year. $85 \%$ planted, $70 \%$ upstands good. Only small percentage has used, and no weevil reported to date. No fertilizer

## ARKANSAS

Ashdown (Little River Co.) $\mathbf{9 5 \%}$ planted. $80 \%$ up. Stands ranging all the way from poor to good. $25 \%$ chopped. Late planted will not erminate until it rains. Cold nights causing plant to continue to die considerable replanting.
Conway iFaulkner Co)-Cotton hasn't done so well the past week-growth has been retarded by cold nights and lack of moisture. In fact some late planted will not come up until it rains.
Little Rock (Pulaski Co.)-Planting and replanting about completed. remperatures during past week below normal. Light rains have been beneficial. Crops making fair progress. Higher temperatures and showers ould be good. A good deal of the early cotton has been chopped out. Pine Bluff (Jefferson Co.)-Crop is 15 days late. Chopping under ful headway. Weather rather cool for best results. A general rain with warmer nights would work wonders. Acreage reduction about $10 \%$. abor in abundance, willing and anxious to work. Indications point une and July, the growing months. Corn, alfalfa and oats are fine, and it takes these crops to grow cheap cotton

## OKLAHOMA.

Frederick (Tillman Co.)- $90 \%$ crop planted-small per cent up-conditions good to date-too early for much of an opinion.

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.


The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 11931 are 10,085,626 bales; in 1930 were $8,857,662$ bales, and in 1929 were $8,547,177$ bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 54,967 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 21,584 bales, stock at interior towns having decreased 33,383 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were nil bales and for 1930 they were 5,367 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

| Cotton Takings, Week and Season. | 1931-32. |  | 1930-31. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week. | Season. | Week. | Seaso |
| Visible supply May 2 | 8,861,374 |  | 8,475,138 |  |
| Visible supply Aug. 1 |  | 6,892,094 |  | 5,302,014 |
| American in sight to May Bombay receipts to May | 125,189 58,000 | $15,071,943$ $1,815,000$ | 109,947 | 13,476,435 |
| Other India ship'ts to May $26 .-$ | 13,000 | 1,325,000 | 21,000 | 3,054,000 |
| Alexandria receipts to May 25 | 12,000 | 1,405,000 | 9,000 | 1,359,100 |
| Other supply to May 25 | 11,000 | 485,000 | 7,000 | 557,000 |
| Total sup | 9,080,563 | 25,994.03 | 8,671,085 | 24,304,549 |
| Visible supply M | 8,881,985 | 8,881,985 | 8,346,258 | 8,346,258 |
| Total takings to May | 198,578 | 17,112,052 | 324,8 | 15,958,291 |
| Of which American | 128,578 | 12,755,052 | 202,827 | 11,022,191 |
| Of which other. | 70,000 | 4,357,000 | 122,000 | 4,936,100 |

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, \&c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by
Southern mills, $3,826,000$ bales in $1931-32$ and $3,716,000$ bales in $1930-31$ -takings not being available-and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, $13,286,052$ bales in $1931-32$ and $12,242,291$ bal
in 1930-31, of which $8,929,052$ bales and $7,306,191$ bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS. The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all Indian ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

| May 26 Receipts at- | 1931-32. |  | 1930-31. |  | 1929-30. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } . \end{gathered}$ | Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } . \end{gathered}$ | Week. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } 1 . \end{gathered}$ |
| Bombay May 26 | 58.000 | 1,815,000 | 49,000 | 3,054,000 | 55,000 | 3,238,000 |


| Exports <br> from- | For the Week. |  |  |  | Since August 1. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Great } \\ \text { Britain. } \end{gathered}$ | Continent. | Japan\& China. | Total. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Great } \\ \text { Britain. } \end{gathered}$ | Continent. | Japan \& China. | Total. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bombay- } \\ & 1931-32 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,000 \\ & 2,000 \end{aligned}$ | 2,00010,000 | 38,00031,000 | 40,00043,000 | 17,000118,000 | 122,000624,000 | 789,000 | 928,000 |
| 1930-31. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1929-30- |  | 21,000 | 29,000 | 52.000 | 75,000 | 716,000 | 1,380,000 | ,171,000 |
| Other India: | $\begin{array}{r} 7,000 \\ 17,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,000 \\ 4,00 \\ 15,000 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 13,000 \\ & 21,000 \\ & 15,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 91,000 \\ & 138,000 \\ & 150,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 234,000 \\ & 418,000 \\ & 568,000 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 325,000 \\ & 556,000 \\ & 718,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1930-31-- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1929-30.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total all | $\begin{array}{r} 7,000 \\ 19,000 \\ 2,000 \end{array}$ | 8,000 <br> 14,000 <br> 36,000 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 53,000 \\ & 64,000 \\ & 67,000 \end{aligned}$ | 108,000256,000 | 356,000042,000 |  |  |
| 1931-32 |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 789,0001,253,000 \\ .599,002,890,000 \end{array}$ |  |
| 1930-31.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1929-30.- |  |  |  |  | 225,000 | ,284,000 | 138,000 | ,889,000 |

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 9,000 bales. Exports for all India ports record a decrease of 11,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of $1,637,000$ bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.-We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:


SHIPPING NEWS.-Shipments in detail:
GALVESTON-To Liverpool-May 19-Patrician, 491...-May $24{ }^{\text {Bale }}$
 To Bordeaux-May 19 Silverine, $1,27 \overline{-1}$
 To China, May 19 Washington, 115-. May 21 -Pacific To Havre May 21 Her bbert, 3.078 To Ghent-May 21 Hybert, 270 - ..................................... To Rotterdam - May 21 Hy Hybert, 200-. May 24 -Frode. 871 I:
MOBILE To Geno May 122 IIa Zo. 1.608
To Bremen May- May 14 City of Alma, 1,98
To Japan-May
To China-May 25 Silverwillow,
To China-May 25 -Siverwillow, 2,900
To Hamburg-May 14-Cily of Alma, 150
To Rotterdam-May 14-City of Alma
HOUSTON -To Bremen-May 20-Nashaba, 2,033...May 19

 To Manchester-May 20-Patric
To Ghenotrt. 48, 25 -Hybert, 103
Ghenn, 1,907-.-May $25-$
To Ghent-May $21-$ Hanover, 748,
To Japan-Margan
To Hamburg-May 19-Friderun,
To Hamburg-May 19 Friderun,
To China-May 21 Hanover, 450
To
To Rotterdam-May 25 -Frode, 129

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To Rotterdam- May $25-$ Ingola, 400
HARLESTON-To Bremen-May $23-$ Ingola, 2,000
To Rotterdam-May $24-$ Ingoia, 24 Atlantian, 4,064
To Manchester-May 24-Atlant
PENSACOLA-To Japan-May 21 , Silverwillow, 100
To China-May $21-$ Silverwillow, 3,127 - 10 -
To Bremen-May 27 -Delfshaven, 440 - ${ }^{2}$ To Manchester-May 25 West Madaket, 48


To $\begin{aligned} & \text {, Japan-May Man } \\ & \text { Tana }\end{aligned}$ 10.412
125
380
1

To Guayaquil-May 19 Contessa, 125
To Oporto-May $25-$ Sahale, 380 - 150


| $2,370-$ |
| :--- |
| ne $866=$ |



To Miverpool-
To Manchester-May 21 - Eglantine, 86
To Rotterdam-May 23-Leerdam, 441 WIIMINGTON MO To Venice May M23, Chester Valley, 4,0-000.....
OS ANGELES-To Dunkirk-May 21-Washington, 25..........
NORFOLKe-To Tiverpoo-May - Mordfarer, $17,500-$ Coelleda, 276 .
 porter, 539 Hisbon-May $23-$ - Y pria, 75 JACKSONVIILK-May To Bremen - - May 19 - Ingola, 145

COTTON FREIGHTS.-Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert \& Barrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:


LIVERPOOL-By cable from Liverpool we have the fol lowing statement of the week's sales, stocks, \&c., at that port:

|  | May 6. | May 13. | May 20. | May 27. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F | 54,000 | 52,000 | 31.0 |  |
| tal sto | 614,000 | 603,000 | ${ }^{626.000}$ | 62 |
| Of which | 281,000 | 275,000 38,000 | ${ }^{2977}{ }^{4} \mathbf{0} 0000$ |  |
| Of wh | 19,000 |  | 40,000 | 35,000 |
| nount | 126,000 | 123,000 | 106,000 |  |
| Of which American | 94,000 | 78,000 | 49,000 | 30,00 |

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:

| Spat. | Saturday. | Monday. | Tuesday. | Wednesaay. | Thursday. | Friday. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Market, } \\ 12: 15 \\ \text { P. M. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { HOLI- } \\ & \text { DAY. } \end{aligned}$ | Quiet. | Quiet. | Quiet. | More demand. | Qulet. |
| Mid.Upl'ds |  | 4.51 d . | 4.60 d . | 4.51 d . | 4.44d. | 4.45 d . |
| Sales .-..- |  |  |  | ---- |  |  |
| Futures.$\{$ Market opened $\{$ |  | Steady, unch'ged to 1 pt. adv. | Steady, 2 to 3 pts . advance. | Barely stdy <br> 9 to 11 pts decline. | Barely stdy 2 to 8 pts. decline. | Steady 7 to 8 pts advance. |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Market, } \\ \stackrel{4}{\text { P. M. }} \end{gathered}$ |  | Steady. 2 to 3 pts . advance. | Quiet but <br> st'dy, 4 to 6 pts. adv. | Steady, <br> 9 to 10 pts decline. | Quiet, <br> 8 to 10 pts . decline | Steady 3 to 6 pts . advance. |

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below

| $\begin{gathered} \text { May } 21 \\ \text { May } 27 . \end{gathered}$ | Sat. | Mon |  | Tues |  | Wed |  | Thurs |  |  | Fri |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  p. m. p. m. p. m.p. m.'p. m.p. m.p. m. p. m. p. m. p. m. p. m. p. m |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| w |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ${ }_{4}^{4.26}$ | 4.25 |  | 4.35 |  | 25 |  |  |  |  |  |
| July. |  | 4.22 |  | 5.31 | 4.30 |  | 4.21 | 4.15 |  |  |  |  |
| August |  | 4.23 | 4.26 | 4.33 | 4.31 | 4.22 | 4.22 | 4.16 |  |  | 4.17 |  |
| Septer |  | ${ }_{4}^{4.24}$ |  | ${ }_{4.33}^{4.33}$ | 4 |  | 4.22 | 4.16 | 4.13 |  | 4.18 |  |
| Octobe | HAY. | 4.26 |  |  |  | 4.25 | 4.2 |  |  |  | 4.19 |  |
| December |  |  |  | 4.36 |  | 4.26 | 4.25 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {January }}$ February ${ }^{\text {(1933) }}$ |  | ${ }_{4}^{4.30}$ |  | ${ }_{4.42}^{4.39}$ |  | ${ }_{4}^{4.29}$ | 4.31 | 4.225 4 4 4 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 4.37 | 4. | 4.46 | 1 | 4.35 | 4.34 | 4.28 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |

## BREADSTUFFS

## Friday Night, May 271932.

FLOUR was quiet but firm, and late last week advanced. On the 23 rd inst. prices advanced 10 c . Though trade was still quiet, flour responded to rising prices for wheat.

WHEAT has risen some $1 / 2$ to 1 c . under the spur of persistent bad crop accounts from the winter wheat belt. Also it appears that some large professional operators have been buying to some extent, whether tentatively or not remains to be seen. Of late prices have sagged a little owing to beneficial rains in the West and Northwest. And export trade on the whole has been disappointing. On the 21 st inst. prices ended $7 / 8$ to $11 / \mathrm{sc}$. net higher, with bad crop reports, including those about the Hessian fly the main force in sending prices upward. Heavy damage was reported by this pest in Kansas. Also it was said that the effects of the frost in March was becoming more apparent. One estimate of the Kansas crop was only $60,000,000$ bushels, or only $25 \%$ of last year's crop. About 100,000 bushels of hard winter were sold for export. Southwestern mills
bought 400,000 bushels. July in Kansas City was only 5 c. under Chicago, the smallest difference of the season.
On the 23 rd inst. prices ended $11 / 4$ to $15 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. higher on bad winter wheat news, reports of Hessian fly in Illinois and Indiana, and grasshoppers in the Northwest. East of the Missouri things look bad for the winter wheat owing to pests, dry weather, and the effects of the freeze in March, which are becoming more apparent as time goes on. One estimate of five States, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Texas and Colorado, was $164,000,000$ bushels against $444,000,000$ harvested there last year. Further abandon ment of acreage was reported in Kansas. The Nebraska mid-month report said that the condition of winter wheat was 58 compared with 72 a month ago and 96 last year Government May report showed condition of 70 . Fields are spotted and off color, and Hessian fly is widespread and severe. On the 24 th inst. prices declined $11 / 4$ to $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. on rains in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas, realizing and a weaker technical position. At one time the decline was $17 / 8$ c., but some of this was regained on covering, buying against bids, and some outside demand on persistent bad crop reports from the winter wheat belt. The talk in some quarters was that the crop there will not be over $400,000,000$ to $450,000,000$ bushels against $458,000,000$ the Government estimate of May 1 and $787,000,000$ harvested last year.
On the 25 th inst. prices made a goo rally after an early decline, with stocks off and rains in Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois and Iowa. The presence on the Chicago Board of Trade of Cutten, Livermore and Howell attracted attention. Wall Street bought. Professionals in Chicago were understood to be buying. The technical position was considered better. A fair export business was done. Rumor said that it was of substantial size overnight. Apparently a good export trade in barley was done at Winnipeg. Some of the buying was on reports of dust storms in Saskatchewan. The speculation showed a tendency to broaden on the bad outlook for the winter wheat crop. The spring wheat crop seems to be doing well. The French foreign wheat quota for mills was increased. On the 25th inst. prices ended 5/8 to $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. higher, after being at one time $3 / 8$ to $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. lower. Today the "Modern Miller" said: "Rains over considerable portion of the West are expected to check deterioration caused by dry weather. More moisture is needed. Full crop inquiry indicates extensive fly infestation in Indiana, Illinois. Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. Every winter wheat State in the Middle West with the exception of Michigan and Ohio shows deterioration since May 1. Spring wheat seeding is completed and soil conditions good. Cold weather is holding grasshoppers in check and rains should reduce the menace." On the 26th inst. prices fell $2 c$. on heavy and beneficial rains in the Northwest, some rain in the Central West, and a decline in stocks. Professional interests sold long wheat. Later, as stocks rallied, shorts covered, and some rebuying set in, there was a partial recovery in wheat, leaving it $7 / 8$ to 1 c . net lower. To-day prices closed $3 / 8$ to $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. lower, with further rains in the Northwest and in the winter wheat belt. The export business to-day was apparently small. Winnipeg was comparatively steady on reports that $1,000,000$ bushels or more of Manitoba had been sold yesterday and to-day. At one time prices were $1 / 2$ to $5 / \mathrm{c}$. higher, and at another $1 / 2$ to $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. lower. The factors that prevented any real net break were buying by large professionals, the relative firmness of Winnipeg, the indications that the Southern Hemisphere shipments this week will drop to $12,000,000$ to $13,000,000$ bushels, and Liverpool reports of a good demand there from France, which may need a good deal of wheat during June and July. Also parts of Nebraska had killing frost, June and July. Also parts of Nebraska had killing frost,
and North Dakota and Montana had light frosts. Back of it all is the smallness of the winter wheat crop. Final prices show an advance for the week of $3 / 8$ to $7 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.


Daily closing prices of wheat futures in winnipeg.
May delivery-
July delivery


INDIAN CORN has been dull both as to speculation and the cash trade. These factors offset the smallness of the country offerings. On the 21st inst. prices advanced $1 / 4$ to $3 / 8$ c., lifted by wheat, but with shipping demand slow. On the 23 rd inst. prices advanced $3 / 8$ to $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. net. May was at one time 1c. higher, and other months $5 / 8$ to $\pi / 8$ c., reacting later on profit-taking. The country sold 102,000 bushels to arrive. Chicago handlers sold 21,000 bushels to the East. The United States visible supply decreased last week
$1,134,000$ bushels. The total is now $20,562,000$ bushels against $13,749,000$ a year ago. The Nebraska report said that planting was $70 \%$ completed and that the acreage increase is $15 \%$. On the 24 th inst. prices ended $1 / 4$ to 1 c . lower, May acting the best. Corn took its tone largely from heat, but showed no activity
On the 24th inst. sales in Chicago were $3,130,000$ bushels; open contracts, $31,063,000$ bushels. On the 25 th inst. prices closed $3 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. lower to $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. higher, December showing the most strength. May was the weakest. The Nebraska mid-month crop report estimated $70 \%$ of the corn had been planted, with a $15 \%$ increase in acreage, or around $1,500,000$ acres, suggesting $11,500,000$ acres for the 1932 crop. Shipping demand remained slow, while the country sold 75,000 bushels to arrive. On the 26th inst. prices closed $1 / 4$ to $5 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. bushels to arrive. On the 26 th inst. prices closed $1 / 4$ to $5 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. Country offerings were small. But the Eastern demand was light. To-day prices closed $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. lower to $1 / \mathrm{c}$ c. higher. May was comparatively steady. Country offerings were again small, but the cash demand seemed to be just as small. But cash corn was firm. Light frosts here and there, and a forecast of further frosts, had no effect. Final prices are $3 / 8$ to $7 / 8$ c. lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF GORN IN NEW YORK. No. 2 yellow
DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICACO May delivery........................... July delivery
Septivery-
December delivery


OATS have been dull and a fraction lower, with no features of special interest. On the 21st inst. prices closed $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. lower to $1 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. higher, with May liquidation a drawback. On the 23 rd inst. prices advanced $3 / 8$ to $5 / 8 \mathrm{c}$., with corn higher. On the 24 th inst. prices closed $1 / 2$ to $5 / 8$ c. lower, with other grain down. But commission houses bought on the decline. On the 25 th inst. prices closed $1 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. lower to $1 / \mathrm{sc}$. higher. May fell under the weight of liquidation. On the 26 th inst. prices declined $1 / 4$ to $1 / 2$ c., with other grain lower. Beneficial rains fell in the Central West. Cash houses sold May; commission houses bought it. To-day prices closed unchanged to $1 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. higher on futures and $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. higher on cash, with no activity. Final prices for the week are unchanged to $5 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. lower.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.
No. 2 white $\ldots . .$. daily closing prices of oats futures in chicago. May delivery ...
July delivery - ......
September divery-
December delivery
 dAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG. May delivery- $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Sat } & \text { Mon } \\ 37 \% \\ 36 \% & 37 \\ 36\end{array}$
RYE has declined owing as much as anything else to the lack of an export trade, though when wheat declined to-day rye followed. On the 21 st inst. prices were $1 / 2$ to $5 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. higher. On the 23rd inst. prices advanced $3 / 8$ to 1 c . under the lead of wheat, with no other special incidents. On the 24 th inst. prices declined $15 / 8$ to 2 c . on the decline in wheat and persistent selling by commission houses. On the 25th inst. prices gained $3 / 8$ to $5 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. in sympathy with wheat. On the 26 th inst. prices fell $5 / / 8$ to $11 / 4 \mathrm{c}$., with other grain. Today prices closed $1 / 8$ to $5 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. lower, with wheat off and no export demand for rye. Final prices show a decline for the week of $7 / 8$ to $15 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.
daily olosing prices of rye futures in chicago. May delivery
July delivery
July delivery $\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { Season's High and When Made- } & 413 / 4 & 4218 & 411 / 8 & 411 / 2 & 4911 / 2 & 4014\end{array}$ May

| September | $543 / 8$ | Nov. 91931 | Nuly |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 54932 | September |  |

Closing quotations were as follows: GRAIN.
Wheat, New York-
No. red, c.l.f.
Manitoba No. i, fomestic. N. Y.
N $73 \% / 8$
Corn, New York-
No. 2 yellow, all rail
ail
No. 2 white_-
No. 2 white_...........
No. 3 white.............
Rye Ni, 2, f.o.b. bond N
Chicago,

No. 3 yellow, all rail .......-- $44^{3 \frac{3}{3} / 8}$
Narica, c.i.f. domestic
Nhicago, cash
34 501/45
FLOUR.


All the statements below regarding the movement of grain receipts, exports, visible supply, \&c.-are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports
for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years:


Since Au
1931.
1930
1929.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, May 21 follows:

| Receipts at- | Flour. | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats. | Barley. | Rye. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New York | bbls. 196 loss | nush, 60 liss. | nish. 56 los. 15.000 | 32 los, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ 4,000 | ush.48lis. | ush.56bs. |
| Philadelphia.- | 37,000 | 137,000 | 1.000 | 8 8,000 |  | 2,000 |
| Batitimore- | 14,000 |  | 14,000 | 2,000 |  |  |
| Newport News | 12,000 1,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| New Orieans* | 42,000 | 120,000 | 21,000 | 36,000 |  |  |
| Galveston- | 54.000 | 1,658,000 | 1,000 | $2 \stackrel{66,000}{ }$ | 591,000 | 281,000 |
| Halifax. | 6,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soston | 32,030 | 41,000 | 2,000 | 9,000 |  |  |


| Total week 32 | 347,000 | $2,992,000$ | 54,000 | 364,000 | 591,000 | 283,000 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Since Jan. $1 \times 32$ | $6,442,000$ | $42,669,000$ | $1,657,000$ | $3,339,000$ | $2,643,000$ | $4,539,000$ |

 * Receipts do not Include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports
on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, May 21 1932, are shown in the annexed statement:

| Exports from- | Wheat. | Corn. | Flour. | Oats. | Rye. | Barley. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New York | Bushels. $1,187,000$ | Bushels. 1,000 | Bartels. <br> 13,595 | Bushels. | Bushels. 9,000 | Bushels. |
| Boston. | 273,000 |  | 1,000 |  |  |  |
| Philadelphi | 261,000 144,000 |  | 1,000 |  |  |  |
| Mobile. | 40,000 |  | 1.000 |  |  |  |
| New Orlea | 157,000 | 1,000 | 9,000 | 6,000 |  |  |
| Galveston | 282,000 $1,658,000$ |  | 3,000 54,000 | 266,000 | 281,000 | 591,000 |
| Sorel. | 41,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Halifax |  |  | 6,000 |  |  |  |
| Total week 1932 | 4,043,000 | 2,000 | 88.595 | 272,000 | 290.000 | 591,000 |
| Same week 1931. | 7.303,000 | 6.000 | 328.890 | 448,000 | 307.000 | 2.155,000 |

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1931 is as below:

| Exports for Week and Since Juky 1 to- | Flour. |  | Wheat. |  | Corn. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week } \\ M a y 21 \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Week } \\ & \text { July } \\ & \text { 1931. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week } \\ \text { May. } 21 \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Suly } \\ & 1031 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week } \\ \text { May. } 21 \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ | Since 1931. |
|  | $\xrightarrow[\substack{\text { Barrels. } \\ 51.160}]{10}$ | Barrels. | Bushels | Bushels. | Bushels. | Bushiels. |
| United Kingdom. | 151,140 | ${ }^{2,622,148} 11.63,467$ | 2,348,000 | ${ }^{35,842,000}$ |  | 187,000 |
| So. \& Cent. Amer. | 3,000 13,000 |  | $\begin{array}{r}263,000 \\ 4,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $13,466,000$ 191,000 | 2,000 | 11,000 86,000 |
| Writ.No.Am.Col. |  | ${ }_{11,962}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Other countries... | 6,295 | 211,777 | 4,000 | 2,845,000 |  |  |
| Total 1932 Total 1931 | $\left.\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 88,595 \\ 328,890 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\left.\begin{array}{\|c} 5,104,731 \\ 10,388,211 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,043,000 \\ & 7,303,000 \end{aligned}$ | 150,187,000 <br> 175,262,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,000 \\ & 6,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, May 21, were as follows:

bushels: Erle, 282,000 : total, 283,000 bushels, against $1,674,000$ bushels in 1931 .
Wheat, New York, $1,440,000$ bushels: New York afloat, $1,215,000 ;$ Butfalo, $2,372,-$



 Summary Summary-
Amertcan-
Canadian.-. Total May $211932-\frac{60,328,000}{-} \frac{2,844,000}{13,977,000} \frac{7,255,000}{16,429,000} \frac{3,117,000}{50,49,000}$

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, May 20, and since July 11931 and 1930, are shown in the following:

| ports. | Wheat. |  |  | Corn. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week } \\ \text { May } 20 \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ | Since 1931. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { July } 1 \\ & 1930 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week } \\ \text { May } 20 \\ 1932 . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Suly } \\ & \text { Jun1. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Suly } 1 \\ & 1930 . \end{aligned}$ |
| North Amer. | Bushels. Bushels. Bushels. <br> $6,580,000295,182,0000129,922,000$ <br> $3.51,000131,440,000,96,885,000$ $4741,000144,696,000115,736,000$ <br> $4,741,000144,696,000115,008,000$ |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bushels. } \\ 2,164,000 \\ 32,556,000 \\ 349,171,000 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Black Sea--- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australia --. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oth. countr's | $520,000$ | $\begin{array}{r} 600,000 \\ 31,422,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  | $\frac{20,061,000}{403,952,000}$ | $39,898,000$ |
| Total..... | 15,550,000 $713,080,000692,841,000$ |  |  |  |  | 7,878,000 | 296,369,000 |

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED MAY 25. -The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agticulture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended May 25, follows:
Low pressure persisted in east Gulf
entire weels while two extensive ${ }^{\text {"highs }}$.highing practically the
moved eastward over Northern entire week, while two extensive highs moved eastward
States This pressure distribution bought to Southeastern States cloudy
and rainy weater and rainy weather thoughout nearly the entire period, while it was mostly
fair and decidedly cool north of the eastern half of the cotton belt. Farther fair and decidedly cool north of the eastern hare of the cotron belt. Farther
west a bove-normal temperatures were the rule rather generally, and prewest abovenormal emperatures were the rule rather generall, and pie
cititation was of a decidedly local character, with most sections receiving
little little or no rain.
Chart I shows that the week, as a whole, was decidedly cool in nearty
all sections east of the Mississippi River, with the Appalachian and Atlantic States having the greatest departures from normal temperature. On States having the greatest departures rrom norma temperature. entral
the other hand, the Northwest, extending as far east and south as centren
Iowa and Oklahoma, had much above normal temperature, with the plus departures ranging from six dea. to as much as 12 deg. over conplus departures ranging facific six deast States had somewhat below normal warmth Alinimum temperatures were low for the season in the more
weastern States. with freezing reported locally in the interior of the Northeast. eastern States, with freezing reported locally in the interior of the Northeast.
The Ohio Vailey had minimum temperatures in the low 40 s . while 32 The Ohio Vailey had minimum temperatures in the 10 w , 10 s , while 32
deg. or lower was reported from some elevated sections of the southwest. deg. or liwer was reported rom some elevant show that tainfall was substantian in the Southeastern States, but excessive amounts were confined to relatively small areas,
princinally along the immediate Gulf coast from eastern Louisiana to principally along the immediate kern Florida. The heaviest weekly falls reported were 10.5 inches at New Orleans, Ls. and Mobile, Ala. 10.1 at Eufaula, Ala, and 8.3 at Miani, Fla. A considerable number of stations
in east Gilf districts had around five inches of rainfall. Elsewhere the week was mostly fair and precipitation generally light. except in some
wocal areas of the Northwest. The interior valleys and lower Lake region had a practically rainless week.
The outstanding feature of
The outstanding feature of the week's weather was the substantial to heavy precipitation in the southeast, which effectively relieved the seri-
ously drouthy conditions that had developed in that area. A few localities had excessive rains, with attendant crop damage, but these were
wind confined principally to immediate east Gulf sections and southern Florida;
thoy were comparatively local in char2cter. On the whole, the alriculthoy were comparatively locar
tural outlook was much improved by the week's weather from southern North Carolina to Florida and in the east Gulf States. In the southern and more eastern States growth was slow because of cool weather, but the week closed with rising temperatures and, especialy In the northern cootton
progress will be rapid with warmer weather. In the Northwestee to Oklahoma, warm rains are rather conditions continue generally satisfactory,
though the past week was somewhat less favorable than recenta weels. though the past week was somewhat less favorable than recent weeks.
This was due to high, drying winds. and the absence of precipiation in many places. A few sections of the Northwest are now needing moistured
but the general situation remains satisfactory. Grasshoppers have hatched rapidly in South Dakota and Nebraska, and are reported in western Iowa;
in some places they have appeared in large numbers and are causing in some places they have appeared
appretension
In the central States, between the. ppalachian and Rocky Mountains. conditions are gradually becoming less small grains because of the growing tendency to dryness. This is most pronounced in the western Ohio and lower Missouri Valieys, especialy in
Missouri and over the Great Plains from Nebraska southward to Oklahoma. Oportune rains were very helpful, especially for small grains, in
the north Pacific area, while the range and livestock continue to improve gradually in Rocky Mountain and Great tsain states. winter wheat progress and condition continued very good to excellent, but in central and western valley areas advance was checked by dryness and low temperatures. and there was local deterioration, Rain is rather hadiy
needed in the latter area, and also in Missouri where the crop is heading northward to west-central sections, but on short stra; condition remains fair in the northwestern part of this State and on main river bottom, s but many uplands are in poor shape. In Kansas wheat developed satas-
factorily in east-central and northeastern parts, but continued to deteriorate fin the western half: most of the crop is headed out in the eastern half, but there is very little heading in the western third.
In the southwest progress of winter wheat was poor in some sections. but condition ranges from poor to very good: harvest has started in Texas.
Winter grains did very well in the Northwest. except for some dry areas in the north-central Great Plains. Good rains in the north Pacific sec tion were of material benefit. The heavy rains in the southeast delayed harvest.
In the
In the spring wheat region advance continued largely favorable, except
in some locally dry areas. Oats vary widely, with the winter varieties fair to goocal in parts of the southwest, but the spring crop very poor: reports were rather poor from some other central parts of the country.
Flax seeding is progressing in the northern Great Plains, while rye is Flax seeding is progressing in the northern Great linain, whe resume of The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of
the conditions in the different States:
Virginia-Richmond: Temperatures somewhat below normal: heavy rain at beginning of week. Cotton planted and some sprouted. peanuts
being planted. Cultivation of corn begun in south. Grains fair: heading short. Sweet potatoos and tobacco being transplanted. Truck improving: meadows and pastures excellent.
North Carolina,- Calelg., Cool, with much cloudiness and frequent rains in south: heavy in southeast, but lisht elsewhere and more needed in
north. Advance of crops fair to good in south, but poor in north. Cotton mostly good stands, except parts of north but growth retarded. winter cercal harvest. Weather especially faverable for sweet potato transplanting, which is active. Young tobacco growing nicely. Tree fruits
made seasonal growth. Cotton and corn generally good stands, and cotton
being chopped in north and practically completed in south; both early crops
being being cultivated. Truck, gardens and grass vigorous.
Georgia.-Atlanta: Almost daily rains, with excessive falls locally in south where mostly needed, were extremely beneficial, despite accompanyy-
ing cool weather. Germination of cotton mull South where mostly needed, were extremely beneficial, despite accompany-
ing cool weather. Germination of cotton much improved and comparatively
little replanting necessary; growvth slow, but will be rapid with warmer
nights; chopping continues, mostly in northern division. Progress of corn very good; planting on lowlands continues. Transplanting sweet potato,
pepper and tomato plants now progressing rapidly. Pastures, melons,
truck and truck and all minor crops much improved,
Florida. Jacksonville: Weekly rainfall averaged 2 to 3 inches, except in
west-central coast district where totals less generous. Damaging rains in small areas, but marked improvement of corn, cane, peanuts, melons,
tobacco, truck and citrus. Planting sweet potatoes active, but potato har yest delayed.
Alabama.- Montgomery: Cool throughout; rains quite general-excessive
in localitijes of south, but mostly light in north in lacalities of south, but mostly light in north. Farm work delayed. Corn
planting well advanced; corn up and mostly doing well; rains delayed culti-
vation. vation. Progress and conditinn of potatoes, truck and pastures mostly fair to good. Cotton planting practically finished; progress, condition and
stands poor to good, but averaging fair: coolness retarding growth: comstands poor to good, but a veraging fair: coolness retarding growth; com
plaints of too much rain in south where chopping practically finished.
Mississippi - Vicksburg: Frequent light showers in extreme north and Mississippi, Vicksbnrg: Frequent light showers in extreme north an
Morther
northwest, with moderate to excessive falls elsewhere. Mostly cool. Growt of corn and cotton fair; progress of cultivation poor to fair. Warmth needed throughout. Progress of truck and pastures fair to good.
I.ouisiana. New Orleans: Generally cool, with heavy to excessive east-central and southeast and light showers in west and extreme north. Too cessive rains in southeast; progress fair to good. Corn mostly very for ex cessive rains in southeast; progress fair to good. Corn mostly very good;
cultivation good. Cane, truck and potatoes good progress. Rice only fair.
Texas.-Houston: Warm in Panhandle and extreme west, but moderate Texas.-Houston: Warm in Panhandle and extreme west, but moderate
to cool elsewhere. Dry in south, but widely-scattered showers over north half. Condition of cotton fair to good; much replanting necessary in central whopping backward, but progressing to extreme north, except on lowlands where soil too wet. Progress of corn steady, despite cool nights; some
tasseling in south. Condition of oats only poor to fair. Winter wheat mostly fair to good; grain cutting starting. Kice mostly planted.
Sight to moderate scattered showers general, but rain needed in coll sections. Progress of winter wheat poor as too dry; condition poor to very good:
ripening rapidly in south, but headed on short straw in north ripening rapidly in south, but headed on short straw in north. Erogress
of corn poor as too dry, buit condition generally very good; stands and culti-
vation good. Progress of cotton fairly yation good. Progress of cotton fairly good; stands generally good; plantand ripening rapidly: spring oats mostly very poor and heading short. Arkansas.- Iittle Rock. Progress of early cotton very good and stands and condition very good: chopping advancing rapidly and crop clean and well due to dry soil, but elsewhere germination good Progress of corn pery dut rain needed. Wheat, oats, truck and strawberries damaged in some
borthern and western portions by dryness, but fair to very good elsewhere. Tennessee. Nashville. Progress of early corn very good, but needs genaccount coolness and absence of rain, and replanting in sections. Condition and progress of winter wheat fair, ooats poor to fair and need rain. Setting Kcntucky.-Louisville: Cool and very dry. Corn planting nearly finished; vation of early commenced and stands fairly good; some land unbroken in extreme north. Growth of tobacco plants irregular because of dryness; ome ready and need good rain for setting. Wats, clover, meadows and pastures showing effects of dry weather. Rain and warmth badly needed

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE

## New York, Friday Night, May 271932.

The continuance of favorable weather and scattered im The continuance of favorable weather and scattered im-
provement of consumption at retail has made it necessary provement of consumption at retail has made it necessary on seasonal goods. Some slight expansion of buying at distributors' hands resulted in some quarters, it is reported, but the improvement in total was not sufficiently marked to encourage the hope that a significant change in the textile situation is in prospect. The improvement was confined largely to a few lines, notably wash goods, sheets and pillow cases. Textile markets, while doing much toward consolidating their present position against eventualities are inclined to center attention on the situation in Washington, where nothing conclusive has yet been done toward balancing the Federal budget and instituting an acceptable relief program. It is generally conceded that no genuine revival of business in general can be expected while these issues remain unclarified. Many textile observers, meanwhile, share the apprehension of all business observers with regard to the inflationary flavor of many of the plans being considered. While it is thought that the Goldsborough and Veterans' Bonus bills will not be enacted, they are not the only measures which are being looked at askance in some quarters. The relief programs now being offered in Washington include the alternative measures of a large Government bond issue, or an expansion of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation's resources, which similarly involves Government expenditures, with the difference that smaller issues of bonds would be issued from time to time instead of immediately in one lump. Both these projects, together with other aspects of the programs, are being vigorously criticized by reputable commentators, though it is generally conceded that some such plan is necessary. This confusion of viewpoint is aggravating the nervousness occasioned by Congress's failure so far to accomplish anything definite. The forthcoming conference at Lausanne is meanwhile not being lost sight of. Hope is apparently waning in many quarters as to the prospects of any satisfactory solution of the pressing problem of international debts at that meeting, though the warning is widely voiced that the world cannot recover from the depression while it is burdened with debts as at present. However, hopeful expressions continue to be made in textile markets on the score of the great curtailment now going forward; reduced costs of production, greatly deflated values, recent evidence of slackening in the rate of decline in commodity prices. The outlook is concededly disquieting, but hope has by no means been relinquished that the next three months will usher in clarified conditions, renewed confidence, and measures to cope adequately with the fundamental evils of the depression and enable the country's purchasers to take advantage of the
excellent values available. New constructive developments are of course urgently needed to stimulate confidence, and they may be provided relatively early, possibly by the groups of financiers now occupied in finding ways to utilize the country's stagnant funds. Meanwhile, there is no indication of any early change in the dullness which prevails throughout textiles, and the necessity of continued intensive and intensified curtailment is being recognized in the only suitable way-that is, by conforming to it. Further news of additional curtailment has been coming to hand daily, especially in the cases of cotton and rayon mills, it is reespecially in the cases of cotton and rayon mills, it is re-
ported. In the rayon division general shutdowns are in ported. In the rayon division general shutawns are in to undermine prices. The woolen goods division continues heavily curtailed, while closing down of finishing and printing machinery in the cotton goods division is proceeding steadily. Financial backers are said to be having something to do with forcing this concerted move to stabilize values against the effect of accumulations. Prices have continued to fall off here and there.
DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.-Scattered, small, replenishment of seasonable goods was not sufficient to make any noteworthy change in the cotton goods situation, which continues very slow, with attention divided between the insistent struggle to obtain adequate curtailment of production, and the disturbing tenor of conditions outside the industry. Buyers' caution appeared to be as marked as ever, and they placed orders only for small lots for spot or nearby needs. There was some inquiry for future needs, but it was reported as somewhat below that of last week. One encouraging development in this respect, however, is the refusal of many mills to consider orders for July to September delivery at current prices. Complaints from some quarters that retail prices are often too high still, in relation to the declines that have taken place in raw materials and primary prices for goods, are aggravated by the accusation that retailers are undermining consumer confidence by concentrating too much on low qualities. It is charged that retailers, in order to attract consumers, are offering them low qualities, which are amenable to bargain prices rather than reducing their prices on quality goods. The fact that a vast amount of unfast and unserviceable cotton goods is being offered to consumers at this time in place of the sound fabrics that are available is widely deprecated by leaders in the trade, who fear that considerable damage will thus be done to the good reputation of cotton goods which has been built up in the public mind. National Cotton Week, everything considered, is reputed to have been a pronounced success. The Cotton-Textile Institute elicited a general and very gratifying response from the retail trade which promoted cotton dresses and domestic products vigorously, and with some material success. For instance, there has been no letup in re-ordering of cotton dresses, which have continued to move steadily into consumption since termination of National Cotton Week. Print cloths prices continued to recede in dull trading. Print cloths 27 -inch $64 \times 60$ 's constructions are quoted at $2 \% / 8$ c, and 28 -inch $64 \times 60$ 's at $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$. Gray goods 39 -inch $68 \times 72$ 's constructions are quoted at $35 / 16 \mathrm{c}$., and 39 -inch $80 \times 80$ 's at $37 / 8$ to $4 c$.
WOOLEN GOODS.-Greatly curtailed activity in all respects continues to characterize the woolens and worsteds trade, with production greatly reduced and in some places at a complete standstill, and duplicates on fall men's wear suitings coming to hand slowly and stipulating for small quantities. Price unsettlement seems to be somewhat less marked than in recent weeks. Some men's wear mills have reduced prices on semi-staples 5 c . to 10 c ., which brings them in line with lower prices for wool, and instances are reported of reductions on certain highly competitive fabrics by large mills, but it is denied that such reductions were drastic enough to unsettle the market. Current demand for tropicals is described as disappointing, and pressure for reduced prices is insistent. Retailers, it is reported, want cheap tropicals and cannot afford to use standard cloths. However, this situation has not yet weakened the position of mills, which continue to hold prices firm in anticipation of the time when really hot weather will, it is predicted, make the limited supplies of tropicals now available move into consumption very quickly. Initial business on women's cloakings for fall was not particularly gratifying following openings by a majority of women's wear mills. There is as yet no certainty as to style-leaders, and buyers are holding back until they have had an opportunity to consider well. Active buying is not looked for until early in July, when, however, it is expected to approximate satisfactory proportions.
FOREIGN DRY GOODS.-Continued favorable weather and the appearance of a sharply expanded volume of inquiry for men's linen suitings during the past week have led importers to assume that clothing manufacturers will be buying linens in a large way within the next fortnight. Retailers, it is understood, are taking larger quantities of suits, and clothing makers' stocks are depleted. Burlap business during the week comprised a small amount of small spot orders for quick delivery. Less than carload lots were specified in most instances. The tone of the market was bately steady. lacking any constructive news from Calcutta. Light weights are quoted at 3.15 c ., and heavies at 4.33c.

## State and ©ity Alpraxtment

## NEWS ITEMS

Florida.-Summary of Supreme Court Decision on Priority of State, County and City Tax Liens. -The effect of the decision recently handed down by the Supreme Court of Florida holding that there is no priority between the liens for State lawsuit instituted by the Bondholders' Protective Committee of Sanford-V. 134, p. 3854 -is summarized in a statement prepared for the committee by Thomson, Wood \& Hoffman, bond attorneys of New York City. The statement reads as follows:

City of Sanford vs. J. C. Dial.
The suit involved the question of whether there were any priorities special assessments levied by the county taxes and the liens for taxes and
tective Commitho that the lien for city taxes was not inferior to the lien for State and county case in the Sunseme Cor the committee of Floriticipated in the court held argument of this state and county taxes and for city taxes rank on a parity, but that under the provisions of the Sanford charter the liens for special assessments, levied under the charter, were inferior to the liens for state and county and to the liens for State and county and city taxes was based upon the languare of the Sanford charter, and the court's decision in this respect is applicable solely to special assessments levied by the City of Sanford. Many municipal charters and special Acts of the Florida Legislature expressly provide for state and county taxes. The decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Sanford vs. Dial does not apply to special assessments levied under
such statutes. Moreover, the bonds of the City of Sanford, for the payment of which
special assessments have been pledged, are general obli ations of the city The validity of these bonds and the obligation or the city to levy taxes for their payment were not involved or questioned in the litigation. The right property in the city for their compent is not impaired by that decision and the court expressly held that the lien for such taxes ranks on a parity The decision in this case is favory taxes. bonds rather than prejudicial to their interests provided their municipal general obligations of the municipality, as is almost invariably the case. The holder or such bonds is assured by this decision that the taxes levied bonds will not be rendered payment of the principal and interest of the lien securing the State and county tax levied upon the same property, and conversely the holder of bonds secured by county taxes is assured that the
lien securing the payment of such taxes will not be extinguished by the lien securing the payment of such taxes will not be extinguishe
foreclosure of the lien securing the collection of municipal taxes.

Ruling Given on Payment of Bonds by Delinquent Drainage Districts.-Bond money collected in the treasury of a delinquent drainage district cannot be paid out by supervisiors to the first bondholders who ask for it, but must be divided equally among all holders of the issue, Judge A. V. Long of Gainesville, has ruled, according to dispatches from Tampa to the "Wall Street Journal" of May 24. It is stated that the decision sets a precedent for payment of money by drainage districts which is opposed to the ruling set in the case of municipalities by the Supreme Court which ruled in the case of cities the first bondholders to come should be the first served (see item under Coral Gables in V. 134, p. 354.).
Idaho.-Statement on Bonded Debt of Taxing Units for 1930. -The following is the latest available data on the indebtedness of the counties and taxing units of the State, as tentatively reported in V. 134, p. 3316, forwarded to us in response to our inquiry by E. G. Gallet, State Auditor, under date of May 4:


Financial Statement (As Officially Reported May 13 1932).
Assessable value of property within Province (estimated) .... $\$ 200,000,000$ Gross funded and temporary debt (incl. present issue) Revenue-producing
Total sinking funds.
Less sinking fund

806.211
${ }^{4,985.170}$
$\qquad$
Net funded and temporary debt.................................- $\frac{12,586,46}{\$ 46,063,825}$

| Contingent liabilities in respect to guaranteed obligations....-: | $\begin{array}{l}\$ 1,172,000 \\ \text { Ordinary revenue fiscal } \\ \text { Oear } \\ \text { Ord }\end{array}$ |
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| $, 980,914$ |  |

 6,761,9140

Maine.-Additions to List of Savings Bank Legal Invest-ments.-In a bulletin made public on May 21 it was an nounced by Sanger N. Annis, State Bank Commissioner, that the following public utility bonds have been added to the list of investments considered legal for savings banks:
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Blackstone Valley Gas } \\ \text { Northern Pennsylvania } & \text { Electric Co., B } \\ \text { Power Co., } \\ \text { st }\end{array}$
Northern Pennsylvania Power Co., 1st \& ref. B 5 s of 1962 ,
Michigan.-Public Debt Commission Organized to Refund Maturing Bonds.-The following is taken from a Lansing dispatch to the Detroit "Free Press" of May 22 regarding the organization of a Public Debt Commission that was authorized at the recent special session-V. 134, p. $3854-$ designed to act as a refunding advisory body for municipalities in the State which have bonds maturing within the next five years:
Michigan's new Public Debt Commission was organized to-day to avert next 12 months. The groundwork was laid for a refinancing program that Wality by per to almost every county, township, school district and municiparing the five permitting renewal of obligations totaling $\$ 300,000,000$ or more Created by an Act passed during the special session of the Legislature, the Commission is composed of State Treasurer Howard C. Lawrence,
Attorney-General Paul Woorhiis and Auditor-General O. B. Fuller.
Mr. Lawrence was made Chairman at the board's first meeting.

Saves Bond Default.
There would have been a state-wide
enacted." State Treasurer Lawrence declared. "Heamity had this law not been ments, would have been forced by circumstances to default their bonds maturing this year. Governmental credit would have been destroyed pelled to wait indefinitely for their money. Meanwhile, interest payments would have stopped.
ments to mature plunging recklessly into debt. The obligations are beginning of tax delinquencies and the huge cost of welfare work. Had the Legislature not acted, most of the debts would have been repudiated for the time being.
obligations, new law sets up a safe and sound method of refinancing these rules to guard against recurrence of a situation such as exists to-day. We are going to see to it that when the refunding, bonds mature, the money Nules Being in the local treasuries to take them

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The rules of procedure The outstanding debt of the local governments is now $\$ 814,148,000$. The State Treasurer estimated that $\$ 71,800,000$ of this obligation will become due within the next 12 months. He said the local units will be
able to retire about $\$ 22,000,000$ and that probably $\$ 50,000,000$ will be refunded.
The debt includes $\$ 233.121,000$ in sinking fund and long-term securities; $577,417,000$ in special interim paper; $\$ 44,603,000$ in Covert Road bonds, and $\$ 18,365,000$ in drain Before any of these debts may be refinanced, the local governments Before any of these debts may be refinanced, the local governments
must apply to the Public Debt Commission and submit to the State a
Mississippi.-Outline of New General Tax Law.-The following detailed outline of the outstanding provisions contained in the new general tax measure signed by Governor Conner on April $28-\mathrm{V} .134$, p. 3668 is sent to us in response to our request of recent date by Leigh Watkins, Jr., Director of the State Tax Commission:

Salient Features of Emergency Revenue Act of 1932 Prepared by Leigh Watkins, Jr., Director 1st.-License tax of one dollar must be paid to the Tax Commissioner from
and after the 30th of April for the privilege of engaging in any business
taxable under the Law, conditioned that the tax accruing under the Act shall be paid.
(1)-All manesses and Professions Taxable, and rates: drain tile, building tile sewer pipe, Portland Cement and Parturers or prick, cement
products and clay products, at rate products and clay products, at rate of $1 \%$. Bottled soft drinks, $1 \%$. Ice
factories, $1 / 4$ of $1 \%$. Cotton seed oil mills, $1 / 4$ of $1 \%$. Limestone, sand, gravel and other mineral products, $2 \%$ : timber, $2 \%$; Freight on mineral and manufactured products to be deducted when sold ngaged in producing timer-tax to be applicable only to persons principally production wrodhin state, regardless of whether sale or deliveries are made without state.
property whatsoever person engaged in the business of selling any tangible evidences of indebtedness) Rate $2 \%$.
$a$. Wholesalers and jobbers (selling only to retailers or jobbers)-Rate $a_{\text {. }}$ Who $1 \%$.
Persons doing business as both wholesaler and jobber must pay rate required on business under ea
must pay on basis of retailer.
cipally ater or public sewerage, or street railway-Rate $2 \%$, excent muni\%; Electricity, power and gas-Industrial rate $1 \%$. All other purposes, e. Telegraph business- $2 \%$.
d. Railroad $-2 \%$.
$e$. Sleeping or palace car (Pullman) $-2 \%$.
g. Pipe line companinies- $2 \%$.

Exceptions: Inter-state commerce schol busses
Exceptions: Inter-state commerce or commerce with foreign countries. taxed under the privilege tax laws of the state, except persons paying taxes taxed under the privinege tax laws of the state, except persons paying taxes
under the Amusement Tax Laws of the State and those otherwise taxed (6)-Contractors (as define

Legislature Adjourns.-The regular biennial session of the State Legislature adjourned on May 18 after having been in session for 107 days, according to the New Orleans
"Times-Picayune" of May 19. It is stated that before adjournment the Legislature balanced the budget for the adjournment the Legislature
next biennium with total appropriations of $\$ 20,180,891$, a next biennium with total appropriations of $\$ 20,18$
reduction of $\$ 7,009,377$ under the previous figure.

Pamphlet Issued Describing Outstanding Bond Issues of Dominion of Canada and Its Provinces. McLeod, Young, Weir \& Co. of Toronto have issued an interesting booklet showing in detail the various outstanding bond issues of the Dominion Government and of the Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan. Details given include the amount of bonds and the rate of interest, the date of maturity, places of payment and the manner of payment, whether in gold, pound sterling or Canadian funds. In addition to describing municipal issues, the booklet also shows the different issues bearing the guarantees of the Dominion and its Provinces, such as bonds of the Canadian National Railways. The booklet, according to the bankers, has been prepared with the idea of facilitating trading in Canadian securities, one of the essentials of which is the necessity of knowing exactly where the bonds are payable.

Piqua, O.-State Supreme Court Affirms Legality of Power and Light Bonds.-In a decision handed down on May 18 the legality of the $\$ 810,000$ bond issue for light and power purposes, approved by the voters in Nov. 1931 - V. 134, p. 3316was upheld by the State Supreme Court in refusing to review a decision previously rendered by the Court of Appeals of Miami County. United Press dispatches from Columbus on May 18 reported on the case as follows:
A legal action filed by Bernard $s$. Keyt, Director of Law of Piqua, O., for the purpose of constructing a municipal light plant and distribution system, met with defeat to-day in the State Supreme Court
The high court, acting on appeal firled by Kevt on behaif of three tax-
bat The high court, acting on appeal filed by Keyt on betair of three tax-
cours, refused to review a decision favoring the bond issue by the appeals
court of Miami county court of Miami county.
The decision by the Su
The decision by the Supreme Court served to uphold legality of the $\$ 810$,-
000 bond issue, which was approved in 1931 by Piqua electors. Two ordinances have been passed by the Piqua, City Commission, one providing for $\$ 25.000$ and the other for $\$ 675,000$ of anticipatory notes,
allowing construction of the light plant and distribution system.
Kent courts, claiming that they would place the bonded indebtedness of the city cours, claiming latimitation.
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He pointed out that the city had previously issued $\$ 450,000$ in bonds to
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improve and extend the local water works system by order of the Ohio improve and extend the local water works system by order of the Ohio
Board of Health, and claimed that the revenue from the water works system Board of Health, and claimed that the revenue from the water works system
was not sufficient to retire or pay interest on the bonds, thus necessitating a tax levy.
Taking. such a levy into consideration Keyt contended, the proposed
$\$ 810,000$ issue of notes would represent an amount beyond the legal limitaKion,
Keyt asserted further that the legislation and ballot on which the question
the issue of bonds was submitted were invalid because they provided for of the issue of bonds was surmitted were invalid because they provided for bonds for more than one purpose. He cited a communication to the electors,
stating that the bonds would be used to "construct a municipal electric light stan opwer plant and acquiring the distribution system of the Dayton Power
\& Light CO., if it can be acquired on reasonable terms; otherwise, to con$\&$ Litht Co., if it can be acqui
struct a distribution system." by both the lower courts.
The injunction was refused by
San Antonio, Tex.-Suit Dropped on $\$ 1,100,000$ Funding Bonds.-According to a dispatch from San Antonio to the "Wall Street Journal" of May 25 the suit that has been pending for so long in the District Court-V. 133, p. 4354to block the sale of the $\$ 1,100,000$ in refunding bonds, has been dropped. It is stated that the agreement also provides for a judgment against the city in another suit attacking the validity of a $\$ 4,975,000$ bond issue authorized in 1930 .

## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

ADEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Adel), Dallas
County, Iowa.-BOND SALE.-A $\$ 17,000$ issue of school funding bonds County, lowa.-BOND SALE.-A 17,000 issue of schoon funding bonds
is reported to have been purchased by an undisclosed investor. AKRON, Summit County, Ohio-BONDS AUTHORIZED. -The
 1933 to 1935, incl., and $\$ 15,000$ in 1936 and 1937. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. FURTHER BONDS OFFERED.- The city is now advertising tor sealed
bids to be opened at 12 M . (Eastern standard time) on June 13 for the purbids to be opened at 12 M . (Eastern standard time) on June 13 for the pur-
chase of $\$ 89,200$ coupon or registered bonds. Tenders should be addressed chase of $\$ 89,200$ coupon or registered bonds. Tenders should be addressed
to E . Galieher. Director of Finance. The offering comprises
$\$ 72.0006 \%$ street impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as forlows: $\$ 14,000$ from 1933 17.200 to $51 / 2 \%$ watincl., and $\$ 15.00$ ine in 1936 and 1937 . 193 . $17.2005^{51,1, \%}$ water works extension and impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as
Each issue is dated June 11932 Prin. and int. (April and Oct.) payable at the Chase National Bank. New York. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at rates other than those indicated above, will also be considered, such rates,
however, to be expressed in a multiple of $1 / 4$ of $1 \%$. Bids must be for
 A certified check for $2 \%$ of the amount bid, payable to
Director of Finance, must accompany each proposal.
BONDS NOT SOLD. The city failed to receive a bid at the offering on May 23 of $896,160.436 \%$ coupon or registere
impt. bonds, comprising two issues-V. 134 , p. 3502 .
ALBANY PORT DISTRICT (P. O. Albany), Albany County, N. Y.
$-B O N D$
SALE. May $26-\mathrm{V}$. 134 . D. 385 - were a warted as 5 s , at a price of par, to the nly bidder. the National Commercial Bank $\&$. Trust Co. of Albany. Dated
Due $\$ 40.000$ on June 1 from 1937 to 1981 incl. Financial Statement as of May 11932.
 Total
$\underline{\$ 247,371,762}$
Albany Port District Commission bonded debt. \$5,036,000
ALBANY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Albany), Shackelford County, Tex.-BOND DETAILS.-The Board of Education school refunding bonds that was sol 5 s at par. Deno. \$2.000. Dated Jan. 1 and July 11932 . Due $\$ 2,000$ from 1933 to 1948. optional
interest-paying date.
(These bonds were registered on May 18.)
ALICE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alice), Jim Wells County, Tex.-BONDS REGISTERED.-An issue of $\$ 128,000$ $5 \%$ serial school bonds was register

ANAMOSA, Jones County, Iowa.-BOND DETAILS.-The $\$ 8,000$
issue of $5 \%$ refunding bonds that was purchased at par by local investors (V. 134, p. 3855 ) is dated May 181932. Due on May and Nov. 18 from
1933 to 1940 . Coupon bonds in denom. of $\$ 500$. Interest payable ATHENS, Pickaway County, Ohio--BONDS AUTHORIZED.-The City Counci has adopted an amended ordinance providing for the issuance
of $\$ 1,3786 \%$ bonds to be dated May 161932 and mature $\$ 689$ on March
15 in 1933 and 1934. 15 in 1933 and 1934.
IZEDTALA COUNTY (P. O. Kosciusko), Miss.-BONDS AUTHOR-IZED.-A bill was recently signed by Governor Conner authorizing the
County Board to issue without an election $\$ 869,000$ in bonds for refunding
road bonds.
BANDERA COUNTY (P. O. Bandera), Tex.- BOND DETAILS,The $\$ 6,000$ issue of $51 / 5 \%$ semi-ann. funding bonds that was reported sold
recently-V. 134, p. 2378 was purchased by the First State Bank of
 BASTROP, Morehouse Parish, La.-BOND OFFERING.-It is
reported that sealed bids will be received until June 15 by Mayor J . R.
R. reported that sealed bids will be received until June 15 by Mayor J. R.
Ludlum, for the purchase of a $\$ 30,000$ issue of $6 \%$ semi-ann. street impt.
bonds.
BATAVIA, Genesee County, N. Y.-BOND offering.-John C. Pratt, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m . (Eastern standard
time) on June 6 for the purchase of $\$ 35.141 .71$ not to exceed $5 \%$ interest

 Each issue is dated June 1 1932. Rate of interest to be expressed in a
multiple of 14 or $1-10$ of $1 \%$ and must be the same for all of the bonds.
 the city, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion or ollay.
Dillon \& Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.
BAYONNE, Hudson County, N. J.-BOND offering.-William P. Lee, City Clirk, will receive esealed bids until 11 a.m. (daylight aving
time. on June 7 or the purchase of $\$ 1,016,00041 / 4.43,4,5,51 / 4,51 / 2,5 \% / 4$
or $6 \%$ coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows: or
$\$ 621,000$ general impt. bonds. Due May 1 as follows: $\$ 20,000$ from 1934
to 1957 incl. $\$ 30$. 000 from 1958 to 1961. incl. and $\$ 21,000$ in 304,000 library bonds. Due May 1 as follows: $\$ 10,000$ from 1934 to 1956 . incl.; $\$ 15,000$ from 1957 to 1960 . incl. and $\$ 14,000$ in 1961.
91,000 school bonds.
Due May 1 as follows: $\$ 3,000$ from 1934 to 1958 . Each issue Each issue is dated May 1 1932. Denom. 81,000 . Prin. and int. (May
and Nov.) will be payable at the Bayonne branch of the Hudson County National Bank, or at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of $\$ 1,000$ over the
amount of each issue. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the bonds of each issue bid for, payable to the order of the city, is required. Separate certified checks must be made for each issue. The approving opinion of Hawkins, (The city originally intended to receive sealed bids until April 5 for the purchase of $\$ 1,016,000$ not to exceed $5 \%$ interest bonds designated for
BEAUMONT, Jefferson County, Tex.-WARRANT SALE.-It is
is reported that local banks have purc
total authorized issue of $\$ 160,000$.
BETTENDORF, Scott County, Iowa.-BOND SALE.-A $\$ 9,846$ issue of $5 \%$ sewer bonds is said to have been pur
Phillips Co. of Davenport at a recent sale.
BLAIR, Washington County, Neb.-PURCHASER.-The $\$ 7,500$ issue or sewer bonds that was awarded as $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ at par (V. 134, p. 3856) was purchased by Wachob, Bender \& Co. of
Due on Nov. 11951 , optional on Nov. 11937
BRISTOL, Washington County, Va.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received by J. F. McCrary, City Comptroller, untii 4 p . m. (Eastern standard time on June 7 for the purchase of a $\$ 50,000$ issue of
street improvement and bridge construction bonds. Interest rate is not \% payable semi-annually
BROOKHAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coram), Suffolk Davis. Clork of therd of before the state Commissioner of Educacation contesting the legality of berore ection held on Mar
the ele
voted. $V$. 134, p. 2199 .
BURLINGTON, Chittenden County, Vt.- BOND OFFERING.(standard time) on May 31 for the purchase of $\$ 50,0004 \frac{1}{\%} \%$ coupon or registered road construction bonds. Dated June 11932 . Denom. $\$ 1.000$. registered road 1959 Prin. and int. (June and Dec. will be payable at
Due on Dec. 1959 . Pre
the office of the City Treasurer. The bonds will be prepared under the the offrice of the City Treasurer. The bonds will be prepared under the
supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, whose certificate as to supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co, Boston, whose certhicate as to
legality will be signed thereon. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the par value of the bonds, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Ropes, Gray, Boyden \& Perkins of Boston will be furnished the successful bidder. Bonds will be delivered at purchaser's option.
Assessed valuation, 1931........at Slatement.
Bonded debt, not including this issue....................................- $839,441,830.00$


Population (1930), 24,789.
CALHOUN COUNTY (P. O. Anniston), Ala. - BOND SALEE-It is now reported that the remaining $\$ 63,000$ of the 876,000 issue of court house
bonds that was partially sold in March-V. 134. p. $2575-$ has since beer sold.

CAMBRIA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.-BOND SALEE-1. S. Jones, Secretary of the Board of Directors, reports that an issue Teachers' Retirement Fund, at Harrisburg. Price paid was par and accrued interest to date of delivery of bonds.
Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Interest is payable in $A$. \&
CAMBRIDGE, Lamoille County, Vt.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed June 6 for the purchase of $\$ 45,0005 \%$ coupon refunding bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows $\$ 2,500$ from 1932 to 1949 incl.. and $\$ 2.000$ in 1950 .
Prin. and Int. (M. \& N.) will be payable at the First National Bank.

CANTON, Norfolk County, Mass. Town Treasurer, reports that the $\$ 28,000$ issue of coupon sewer notes a price of 100.399 , a basis of about $4.35 \%$. Dated May 15 i 1932 . Denom. a price on
$\$ 1,000$ Due May
D In 1936 and 1937 . The Merchants National Bank, of Boston, the
bidder, named a price of 100.27 for the issue at $41 / 2 \%$ interest.
CANTON, Summit County, Ohio-BOND OFFERING--Samuel E Barr. City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. (Eastern standard struction bonds. Dated June 11932 . One bond for $\$ 756$. others for $\$ 750$ and $\$ 500$. Due June 1 as follows: $\$ 756$ in $1934 ; \$ 500$ in $1935 ; \$ 750$ in 1936 ;
$\$ 500$ in 1937, and $\$ 750$ in 1938. Principal and interest (June and Dec) will be payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Bids will also be conmust be accompanied by a certified check for $5 \%$ of the amount of bonds must be accompanied by a certified check for bid for. Blank bidding form furnished upon application to the City Auditor.
CASCADE COUNTY (P.O. Great Falls), Mont.-BONDS CALLED.-
It is announced by John McDonald, County Treasurer, that he is calling
for payment on Juty 1 , on which date interest shall cease, various of the
$43 \%$ and $5 \%$ North Bridge bonds of the issue of July 1 1998, to be payable

CHICAGO, Cook County, Ill.-WARRANTS CALLEEDFOR REDEMP-
TION.-Lewis E. Myers, President of the Board of Education, has announced that the following tax anticiotation warrants are called. for redemp-
tion on or before May 31, payment of which will be made upon presentation
 No. 1535.11930 .
ING.-CheLAND HEIGHTS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio--BOND OFFERuntii $11 \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{m}$. (Eastern standard time) on June 6 for the purchase of
$\$ 118.0506 \%$ bonds divided as follows:
S111.000 street impt in , 00 street impt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: $\$ 11,000$ from 1933
to 1937 incl.; $\$ 12,000$ in 1938, and $\$ 11,000$ from 1939 to 1942 incl. 49,550 sewer bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,550$ in 1933 and $\$ 5,000$
from 1934 to 1942 incl.
27,000 park impt, bonds. Due Oct, 1 as follows: $\$ 2,000$ in 1933 ;
$\$ 3.000$ from 1934 to $1937 ; ~$
1941,000 in $1938 ; \$ 3,000$ from 1939 to 10,500 water main bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,500$ in 1933 and Each issue will be dated July 11932 . Prin. and int. (A. \& O.) payable
the office of the Director of Finance or at the legal depository of the city in cleveland. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other A certifified ehecte for $3 \%$ or of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the
Director of Finance, is required.
BOND OFFERING.-Mr. Frazine will receive sealed bids until $11 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{m}$. (eastern standard time on June 20 , for the purchase of $\$ 2.345 \%$ property
 office of the Director of Finance or at the legal depository of the City in Cleveland. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other then $6 \%$. check for $3 \%$ of the amount bonds bid for, payable to the order of the
COCHISE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO
(P. O. Bisbee), bonds offered on April $23-V$. $134,29.2950$ - was not sold, as there were
no bids received. Dated April 151932 . Due $\$ 200$ from 1933 to 1942 incl. COLUMBUS, Lowndes County, Miss. - BOND DETAILS.- The two issues of refunding street impt. bonds agrerating $\$ 29,000$ that were pur-
chased by local investors- V. 134, p. 2767 -were awarded as 6 , and
were sold were sold at par. Due in 20 years.
CORSICA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Corsica), Jefferson County, on May 20 but was not sold as there were no bids received, according to A. W. Luther, District Secretary.
CRANFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cranford), Union County, N. J.Clerk, will be received until June 14 for the purchase of $\$ 174,000$ bonds and $\$ 54,000$ of public improvement. CUMBERLAND COUNTY (P. O. Fayetteville), N. C.- BOND SALE. court house and jail refunding bonds authorized by the County Commis-
sioners last November has been purchased at par by T. A. Uzzell \& Co of Greensboro
DEFIANCE COUNTY (P. O. Defiance), Ohio--BOND SALE.The following issues of coupon bonds aggregating s40,000 offered on May $\&$ Trust Co., of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of $\$ 108$, equal to a price of 100.27, a basis of about $5.44 \%$ :
$\$ 30,000$ bridge construction bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: $\$ 4,000$ from 10,000 road bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: $\$ 2,000$ in 1934 and 1935 , Each issue is dated Dec. 1 1931. Bids received at the sale were as follows:
Bidder-
 Seasongood \& Mayer, Cincinnati-a.
Assel, Goetz \& Moerlein, Cincinnati
Weil, Roth \& Irvine Co Katz, Oincinnat
Prudden \& Co., Toledo-
State Bank, Defiance.
Moines MOINES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Des coupon school refunding bonds was purchased recently by the Harris Trust Savings Bank of Chicago at a price of 101.51 a basis of about $4.26 \%$
Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Dated July 11932 . Due on july 1 as follows: 824.000 in 1938: $\$ 65,000,1939$, and $\$ 30,000$ in 1940 and 1941 . Principal and interest ity to be approved by Chapman \& Cutler of Chicago
Financial Statement (As Officially Reported on May 11932 by the Secretary)
Value of taxable property-..............................229.835.064 Population 1930 census, 142,559 ; 1920 census, $126,468$.
The Supreme Court of Iowa defined this to be $5 \%$ of the actual value of taxable property as returned by the assessor and as equalized.
DETROIT, Wayne County, Mich.-COUNCIL VOTES TO RENEW at not to exceed $6 \%$ interest, $\$ 15,750,000$ bond anticipation notes which become due on June 1 . It also voted to extend until Aug. 16 1932, at not
to exceed $6 \%$ interest, maturing tax anticipation notes to the amount of to exceed
$\$ 582,000$.
G. Hall Roosevelt, City Controller, has stated that the note holders have
indicated a willingness to renew their holdings. Those holding the note are: First Wayne National Bank, $\$ 7,000,000$; Guardian National Bank of Co.. $\$ 500,000$; Detroit Savings Bank, $\$ 500,000$, and the Bankers Trust Co. $\$ 6,250,000$.

DUNMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lackawanna County, Pa.BONDS DEFEATED.-The election held on April 26 resulted in the defeat of the proposal to issue $\$ 400,000$ school building construction bonds. The
measure was closely contested, votes in the affirmative numbaring 2,921 as compared with 3,020 in the negative.
EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Old Bridge) Middlesex town, has taken a 30 -day option on the issue of $\$ 60.0006 \%$ coupon or regis tered temporary water bonds unsucceesfuly or follows: $\$ 6.000$ from 19340 . 3857 . Dated May 11932 . Due May 1 as follows 84.000 cl .
1937 incl.; $\$ 12,000$ in 1938 and $\$ 6,000$ from 1939 to 1942 incl.
EAST FORK IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Odell), Hood County,
 $6 \%$ refunding bonds. Denom. $\$ 500$ and $\$ 100$. Dated July 11932 . Due
 bid for, payable to the President of the Board, is required. (This report

ELBRIDGE, Onondaga County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING.-Aurilla Wood, Village, Clerk, will receive sealed bids untill 8 p. m. (Eastern Standard
tme) on May 31 for the purchase of $\$ 52,000$ not to exceed $6 \%$ interest
coupon or registered water bonds. Dated June 11932 . Denom. $\$ 1,000$. ${ }^{\text {Due }} \$ 2,000$ on June 1 from 1937 to 1962 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed payable ate of (June and Dec.) will be New York. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for, to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving
opinion of Hawkins, Delafield \& Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished pinion of Hawkins,
(These bonds were voted at an election held on Oct. 21 1931.-V. 133
ELLSWORTH, Hancock County, Me.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 75,000$ coupon funding bonds offered on May M5.- -134 . p. 3857 -were awarded as $41 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$ to the Chase Harris Forbes Corp. of Boston, at a price of 98.43 , a
basis of about $4.50 \%$ Dated June 1 D 192 . Due on June 1 as foilows: basis of about $4.50 \%$ Dated June 11032 . Due on June 1 as roll 19 incl, and $\$ 10,000$ from 1942 to 1944 incl. Only
$\$ 5,000$ from 1933 to 1941 ne
ELWOOD, Madison County, Ind.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 30,000$ $4 \% \%_{0}$ swimming pool construction bonds offered on May $16-\mathrm{V}$. 134, , p.
3670 have been purchased at a price of par by the contractors for the project. DDated Jan. 191932 . Due on Jan. 1 as follows: $\$ 3,000$ from 1935 to 1942 incl., and $\$ 6,000$ in 1943
ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.The Second National Bank, of Boston, has purchased a Sis ${ }^{2}, 000$ temporar
loan at $2.07 \%$ discount basis. Due on Nov. 10.1932 . Bids received at the sale were as follows:
Second National Bank (successful bidder) Merchants National Bank of Salem (plus $\$ .95$ premium)

Discount Basis.

## Faxon, Gade \& <br> Naumkeag Trust Co-_ Ann National Bank

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Cle S10.000 issue of emergency bonds that was a athorized by the City Council
on May 9 . 134, p. 3857 -is reported to have since been purchased by the local depository
FAYETTEVILLE, Cumberiand County, N. C.- BOND REPORT.
The city is reported to tave made arrangements for the issuance of the
$\$ 65.000$ of river terminal bonds that were voted on No $\$ 65.000$ of river terminal bonds that were voted on Nov. 17 1931-V. 133 ,
p. 3492 . FLINT, Genesee County, Mich--ASSESSED VALUATION FIGURE REDUCED.-The State Board of Revew has reduced the total of assessed
valuation an aditional $87.600,000$ the total contraction in the figure
for 1932 as compared with that of 1931 being $\$ 30,000,000$, according to for 1932
FORT EDWARD, Washington County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING.Fred J. Betts. Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids untill $7: 30 \mathrm{p}$. m. (day-
light saving time) on June 7 for the purchase of $\$ 23.000$ not to exceed $5 \%$ interest street paving bonds. Dated July 11932 . Denom, 81.000 . Due
July 1 as follows 84,000 from 1934 to 1938 incl. and $\$ 3.000$ in 1939 Principal and interest (January and July) will be payable at the Fort Edward
National Bank. A certified check for $10 \%$ of the amount of the bid, payNational Bank. A certified check for $10 \%$ of the an
able to the order of the village Treasurer, is required
FORT SCOTT, Bourbon County, Kan. - BOND ELECTIION.-It is reported that an election win be held on Ju.
FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio--BONDS AUTHORrelief bonds in accordance with legislation enacted at a special session of the State Legislature-V. $134, \mathrm{p}, 3502$-was favoranly acted upon by the State Relief Commission on May 19 . Proceeds of the bonds will be distributed
to the various local sub-divisions in the county in accordance with their to the vand re-payment of the same will be made from the proceeds of an needs, and re-payment of the same will be madi from the procee
additional $1 \%$ levy on the gross revenues of utilities in the state.
FREDERIC, Polk County, Wis.-BONDS VOTED.-At the election held on May $16-\mathrm{V}$. 134. p. $3671-$ the voters approved the proposed issuance of $\$ 25,000$ in street paving bonds by a arge majority it is stated
that the Village Board then authorized a $\$ 25,000$ loan application from the that the village Board then authorized a ask.
trust funds of the State to carry on work.
FROSTBURG, Allegany County, Md.-BONDS NOT SOLD.-The issue of $\$ 25,00041 / \%$ coupon tax-exempt water improvement bonds offered
on May $19-V .13$, p. 371 - was not sold, an all of the bids submitted were rejected. Dated June 1 1931. Due $\$ 1,000$ annually on June 1 from 1936 to
1960 incl.
GALVESTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gal-號 of School Trustees is reported to have been author
mission to issue and sell $\$ 100.000$ in school bonds.
GLADEWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. that an election will be held on May 30 in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of $\$ 125,000$ in $5 \%$ semi-ann. school bonds. (This GLOUCESTER, Essex County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The Athur Perry \& Co. of Boston, at $2.50 \%$ discount basis. Dated May 25
to Arthe
1932 and due on Nov. 25 1932. Bidd received at the sale were as follows: Aidhur Perry \& Co. (successful bidders)
Arthur Perry \& Co. (successful bidder
Gloucester Safe Deposit \& Trust Co..
Gloucester National Bank ..............
Cape Ann National Bank, Gloucester.
Cape Ann National
Faxon, Gade \& Co.
Jackson \& Curtis.
Discount Basis.

GOOSE CAMP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Selfridge), Sioux received, until 2 p.m. on June 4 by Oscar Brugmann, District Clerk, at the
office of the County Auditor in Fort Yates, for the purchase of an issue of $\$ 1,000$ certificates of indebtedness. Denom. $\$ 500$. Duted June 41932 , designated by the purchaser. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the bid, payable
to the District Treasurer, is required.
GRAND JUNCTION, Mesa County, Colo--BONDS CALLEDIt is stated that the City Treasurer is calling for payment at his office
on June 11, on which date interest shall cease, various alley paving district, on June 1 , on which date interest shall cease, various a iey pavtng
paving district, sidewalk district, combined sewer district and sewer paving district
GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 250.000$ social service relief bonds offered on May 23-V. 134 p. 3857 . Were
awarded as 413s at a price of par to the First Securies Corp. of St. Paul
and Minneapolis. Dated June 1 1932. Due $\$ 50,000$ on June 1 from 1934 and Minneap.
to 1938 incl.
GRAND RAPIDS AND KENT TOWNSHIPS FRACTIONAL Mich.-BOND OFFERING.-Louis J. DeLamarter, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7 p . m . on May 28 (to-aay)
for the purchase of $\$ 16.000$ not to exceed $6 \%$ refunding bonds, dated June 1 for the purchase of $\$ 16.000$ not to exceed $6 \%$ refunding bonds, dated June 1
1932 and $\$ 2.000$ on June 1 from 1933 to 1940 incl Principal and semiannual interest payaile at the Grand Rapids Savings the printed bonds and the legal opinion of Miller. Canfield. Paddock \&f Stone. of Detroit. A A
certified check for $2 \%$ of the amount of the bid must accompany each
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 100 (P. O. issue of $6 \%$ refunding bonds offered for sale on May $23-\mathrm{V} .134$ p. $3504-$ a block of $\$ 20,000$ bonds was purchased by the State of Washington at par.
Dated June 10 1932. Due in from 2 to 10 years and optional after 2 years.
GREENBURGH (P.O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.bonds offered on May $26-\mathrm{V}, 134$, p 3857 -were awarded as 5.40 s to the Dated March 1 1932. Due on March 1 as follows: $\$ 5.142 .75$ in 1933 and $\$ 5$.

GREENVILLE, Hunt County, Tex.-BONDS REGISTERED.-On May 19 a $\$ 45,000$ issue of $41 / 2 \%$ refunding, series 0 of 1932 bonds was
registered by the State Comptroller. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due serially. HALLOWELL WATER DISTRICT, Kennebec County, Me.-BOND SALE.-The issue of $\$ 25,000412 \%$ coupon sinking fund gold bonds unas follows $\$ 13,000$ to the Augusta Savings Bank, of Ausgusta, and $\$ 12,000$
to H. M. Payson \& Co., of Portland. Dated Jan. 11932 and due on Jan. 1
HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.-BOND OFFERING. sealed bids until 12 M , on June 17 for the purchase of $\$ 403,371.63443 \%$
Deer Park sewer construction bonds. Issue will be dated June 11932. The bonds will mature as follows: $\$ 11,371.63$ March 15 and June 11932.000 Sept. March and Sept. 15 from 1936 to 1952 incl. Prin. and int. Will be payable bear interest at a rate other than $43 \%$, expressed in a multiple of $1 / 4$ of $1 \%$, certified check in amount of $\$ 4.034$, payable to the order of the County
Treasurer, is required. A complete transcript of the proceedings with respect to the issue will be furnished the successful bidder Uni Unofficial reports state that bids will also be received on June 17 for the purchase
of $\$ 1,000,00043 / \%$ poor relief bonds, dated June 11932 and due from
1934 to 1938 incl.
HAMPDEN COUNTY (P. O. Springfield), Mass.-LOAN OFFER12 m . (daylight saving time) on June 8 for the purchase at discount basis of a $\$ 100,000$ temporary loan. Dated June 91932 and payable on Nov. 8
1932 Denoms. $\$ 25,000, \$ 10,000$ and $\$ 5,000$. Notes evidencing the
existence of the debt will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity existence of the debt will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity Perkins of Boston
HANNIBAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hannibal) Marion County, the voters approved a proposal calling for the issuance of $\$ 320.000$ in high
school construction and negro school improvement bonds. HARRISON COUNTY (P O CIVI
Fred I. Wolpert, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p.m. on May 21 for the purchase of $\$ 5,1004 \%$ Morgan Township road construction bonds. Dated May 311932 . Denom. $\$ 255$. Due one bond each
six months from July 151933 to Jan. 15 1943. HARTLEY COUNTY (P. O. Channing), Tex.-BOND ELECTION.
It is reported that an election will be held on June 25 in order to have
the voters pass on the proposed issuance of $\$ 150,000$ in highway bonds. HENDRICKS COUNTY (P. O. Danville), Ind.-BOND OFFERING. on June 3 for the purchase of $\$ 8,00041 / 2 \%$ Brown Township road improve-
ment bonds. Dated June 1.1932 . Denom. $\$ 400$. Due one bond each six months from July 151933 to Jan. 151943 . HILLSDALE, COPAKE, CLAVERACK, TAGHKANIC, AUSTER-
LITZ, ANCRAM, GALLATINAND NORTHEAST CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Hillsdale), N. Y. -BOND OFEERING Holmes, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on June 18 Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due June 1 as followss: $\$ 5,000$ from 1934 to 1938 incl.
$\$ 10,000$ from 1939 to 1942 incl.: $\$ 15,000$ from 1943 to 1946 incl.: $\$ 20,000$ from 1947 to 1952 incl, and $\$ 25,000$ in 1953 and 1954 . Rate of int. to be at the Farmers National Bank, Hudson, or at the Chase National Banke,
New York. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield \& Longfellow of
New York.

HILLSIDE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hillside), Bergen County, N. J.offering on May 25 of $\$ 1,438,000$ not to exceed $6 \%$ int. bonds marked the p. 3857. Bidders were privileged to name a price of 99 for the issue under
the provisions of a bill signed on March 23 by Governor A. Harry Moore. cil authorized H. L. Allen \& Co. of New York, to negotiate for the exchange of $\$ 1,000,000$ of the bonds for a like amount of temporary securities, which
became due on Jan. 1 1932. The Township itself will endeavor to effect a similar exchange agreement with the holders of a further $\$ 355,000$ notes, extend the maturity date untii July 11932 . In the interim the township HINTON, Summers County, W. Va.-BONDS DEFEATED.-At the election held on May 10 (V. 134, p. 3504 ) the voters rejected the proposal
to issue $\$ 30,000$ in bridge bonds. HOBOKEN, Hudson County, N. J.-BOND OFFERING.-William receive sealed bids until $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. (Daylight saving time) on June 7 for the purchase of $\$ 216,0006 \%$ coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:
$\$ 161,000$ school bonds. Due July 1 as follows: $\$ 15,000$ from 1933 to 1940
 Each issue is dated July 1 1932. Denom; $\$ 1,000$. Prin. and int.
(J. \& J.) will be payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the Bank of New York \& Trust Co., New York. No more bonds are to be awarded certified check for $2 \%$ of the bonds, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, De
HOLCOMB, Ontario County, N. Y.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 32.500$ coupon or registered water bonds offered on May 24 (V. 134, p. 3671) only bidder, at par plus a premium of $\$ 325$, equal to a price of 101 , a
basis of about $4.915 \%$. Dated June 1932 Due June 1 as follows:
$\$ 1,000$ from 1935 to 1965 , incl., and $\$ 1,500$ in 1966 . HUMPHREYS COUNTY (P. O. Belzoni), Miss.-NOTE SALE.-A $\$ 30,000$ issue of $6 \%$ tax anticipation notes is reported to have been pur-
chased by the Union \& Planters Co. of Memphis. Dated April 41932 . chased by the Union \& Planters Co. of Memphis.
INDIANAPOLIS, Marion County, Ind.-BIDS ASKED FOR BONDS OF THE CITY ITSELF, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE SANI-
TARY DISTRICT.-Wiliam L. Elder, City Comptroller, will receive
sealed bids until 11 a.m. (Central standard time) on June 1 for the purchase of $\$ 100,00043 / 4 \%$ coupon municipal street improvement bonds of 1932 from 1933 to 1952 , incl. Principal and interest (Jan. and July) will be payable at the office of the City Treasurer and will constitute an obliga-
tion of the city, according to the notice of sale. Proposals must be acof the issue.
SCHOOL DISTRICT NONDS OFFERED.-A. B. Good, Business Direc bids until 11:30 a.m. on June 7 for the purchase of $\$ 48,00041 / 2 \%$ Arsenal Technical School remodeling bonds. Dated June 10 1932. Denom
$\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 2,000$ on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1956 , incl. Interest payabl $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 2,000$ on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1956 , incl. Interest payable
semi-annually in Jan. and July. A certified check for $3 \%$ of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of School Commissioners, must ac-
company each proposal. Paraphernalia to be used in bidding for the issue will be furnished upon application to the Business Director of the district Legislative enactment authorizing issuance of the bonds will be found in SANITARY DISTRICT BONDS OFFERED.-William L. Elder, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a.m. on June 15 for the pur-
chase of $\$ 409,00041 / 2 \%$ bonds of the Indianapolis Sanitary District, chase of $\$ 409,000$
divided as follows:
$\$ 266,000$ bonds, fourth issue of 1932. Denom. $\$ 950$. Due $\$ 13,300$ annually on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1953, incl. $\$ 900$. Due $\$ 5,400$ an-
108,000 bonds, second issue of 1932 . Denom. $\$ 9$. 1934 to 1953 incl
35,000 bonds, third issue of 1932 . Denom. $\$ 875$. Due $\$ 1,750$ an-
nually on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1953 . incl.

Each issue will be dated June 15 1932. Bids will be received for the
urchase of all or any part of the bonds. Prin. and int. (Jan. and July) depositories of the city. A counfied cheasurer $3 \%$ of the band bid for, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Sanitary District, must accompany each proposal. The official call for bids co
payable at the office of the Treasurer of Marion County Indian shall be City of Indianapolis, Indiana, or at one of the aunthorized $d$ positories of said city. Said bonds shall not in any respect be a corporate obligation ness of the Sanitary District of Indianapolis, as a special taxing districtand said bonds and interest thereon shall be payable only out of a speciai tax to be levied upon all property in said Sanitary District, as provided by the purpose forms which the recited on
ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P, O. Brent-
wood) Suffolk County, N. Y.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 17,000$ coupon or woodstered school bonds offered on May $23-\mathrm{V} .134$, p. 3857 -were awarded as 6 , at a price of par, to A. C. Allyn \& Co. of New York, the only bidder.
Dated June 1932 . Due June 1 as follows: $\$ 3,000$ from 1933 to 1935 , incl. and \$4,000 in 1936 and 193
JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The city has been obliged to borrow $\$ 20,000$ from local banks to meet operating
expenses. This loan is in addition to one of $\$ 10,000$ obtained from the same source a short time ago.
JACKSON, Hinds County, Miss.-BOND SALE.-A $\$ 90,000$ issue of rerunding street improvement and liquidation bonds is reported to
have been purchased on May 17 by Saunders \& Thomas of Memphis at a
price of 95.00 . price or 95.00
JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Independence) Mo.- BOND SALE.V. 134, p. 3858 were purchased by a syndicate composed of the National
City Co. of New York, the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, R. H. Moulton \& Co. of New York, the First National Co. of St. Louis and the City Bank $\&$ Trust Co. of Kansas dity as as follows: price of 100.10 , a basis of about
$4.49 \%$ The issues are divied
$\$ 1,000,000$ Kansas City court house bonds. Due from Jan. 11937 to 1952 200.000 Independence court house bonds. Due from Jan. 11937 to Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1932. Interest payable J. \& J.
BONDS OFFFERED FOR SUBSCRIPTION.-The successful syndicate re-offered the above bonds for general investment priced to yield as follows: 1937 and 1938 maturities, $4.25 \% ; 1939$ to 1942 maturities, $4.30 \%$,
and 1943 to 1952 maturities to yield $4.35 \%$ These bonds are said to be exempt from all Federal income taxes and tax free in Missouri. They are
legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York and other Stat
JASPER, Pickens County, Ga.-BOND OFFERING.- Sealed bids
will be received until noon on June 10 by Mayor R. M. Edge for the pur will be received until noon on June 10 by Mayor R. M. Edge for the purDated June 1 1932. Due $\$ 1,000$ from Jan, 11939 to 1962 , incl. Prin. and int. (J. \& J.) payable in gold at the Chase National Bank in New York.
These bonds were approved by the voters ion April $9-V$. 134 , p. 3135 .
No certified check is required. No certified check is required.
JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Steubenville) Ohio.-NOTES NOT
SOLD.-The issue of $\$ 120,0006 \%$ notes offered on May 11 -V. 134 p. SOLD. - The issue of $\$ 120,0006 \%$ notes offered on May $11-\mathrm{V}$. 134 p. pid
3319 - Was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated May 15
i932 and due in six months.
JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Iowa City), Iowa.-BONDS AUTHORfor $\$ 17,300.545 \%$ semi-annual funding bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$, one for $\$ 300.54$. Dated April 11932 Due as follows: $\$ 1,000$ on Nov. 1 1934;
$\$ 2,000$ Nov. $1935 ; \$ 3,000$, May and $\$ 4,000$ Nov. $1936 ; \$ 3,000$ May
and $\$ 4,300.54$ Nov. 11937 .
JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jefferson) Greene County, Iowa.-BOND ELECTION.-It is reported that an election will
be held on June 1 to submit to the voters a proposal to issue $\$ 40,000$ in grade school bonds
JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sandy) Salt Lake County,
Utah.-BONDS DEFEATED-We on March 8 the proposal to issue $\$ 80,000$ in school bonds was rejected by KANE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lakota) Nelson County, North bonds that was voted on April $1-\mathrm{V}, 134$, p. 2769 has been purchased at KANSAS, State of (P. O. Topeka)-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be received until 10 a.m. (Central standard time) on June 10 by
Governor Harry H. Woodring for the purchase of a $\$ 500.000$ issue of $41 / \%$ soldiers' compensation bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Lated July 11932 . Due reas the Treasurer of the State. Bids must be submitted on a form furnished by the Secretary of State. Bonds will not be sold for less than par. Pur-Attorney-General. A certified check for $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ of the par value of the KENEDY, payable to 1. B. Boyd, state Hreasurer, is required KENEDY, Karnes County, Tex.-BONDS REGISTERED. -The works refunding, series A of 1932 bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due serially.
KOHLER, Sheboygan County, Wis.-BOND REPORT.-It is stated system bonds voted on April 5 (V. 134, p. 3505) has been printed and are now ready to be offered for sale
LAGUNA BEACH ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ING.-Sealed bids will be received until 8 p . m . on July 6, by G . W. Prior
City Clerk , for the purchase of a $\$ 56.845$ issue of improvent bonds nt, rate is not to exceed $8 \%$, payable J. \& J. Dated April 61932 . Denoms. 1951 , and $\$ 4,345$ in 1952 . Prin. and int. payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer. No bids for said bonds will be considered for less than These bonds are issued under the provisions of the Acquisition and Imto the City, must accompany the bid. A certified check for $10 \%$, payable
(The preliminary report of this
offering appeared in V. 134, p. 3858 .) LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 98,000$ p 3671 or were sold as $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, at a price of par, to the Lansing Water and Detroit, bid a price of 98.30 for the issue at $41 / \%$ interest, while a bid of㲘
 high school bonds that was voted on March $22-V_{\text {. }}$. 134, p. 2769 is stated to have since been purchased by local banks. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Dated LEWISTON, Androscoggin County, Me.-TEMPORARY LOAN--
John C. Reardon, City Treasurer, reports that a $\$ 450,000$ tax anticipation loan was sold on April 15 to the National Shawmut Bank, of Boston, at $5 \%$ discount basis. At an offering on April 8 of a $\$ 225,000$ loan, scheduled
to mature Sept. 1 1932, the city failed to receive an offer.-V. 134, p. 3769 . LIBERTY SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. North Liberty), St. Joseph sealed bids until $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. (standard time) on June i1 for the purchase of $518,0005 \%$ funding bonds. Dated June 1 1932. Denom. $\$ 900$. Due one bond each six months on June and Dec. 30 from 1933 to 1942 , incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. 30 ) payable at the Merchants National Bank, South Bend. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the bonds
bid for, payable to the order of the Trustee, must accompany each proposal.

LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.-BONDS NOT SOLD.-The issue of
$\$ 50,000$. $6 \%$ first series sewage disposal bonds offered on May $26-\mathrm{V} .134$,
 1955 and 1956.
LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. McIntosh), Sioux
County, N. Dak.-CERTIFICATE OFFERING.-Sealed bids will be County, N. Dak.-CERTIFICATE OFFERING,-Sealed bids will be received by Robert Knispel. District Clerk, at the office of the County
Auditor in Fort Yates, until2 p.... on May in fro the purchase of a $\$ 2.000$
issue of certificates of indebtedness.
Denom. $\$ 500$. Dated May 28.1932 . issue of certificates of indebtedness. Denom. $\$ 500$. Dated May 281932 .
Due 500 on May and Nov. 28193 and 1934 . Prin. and int. payable at LINNEUS, Linn County, Mo-BONDS APPROVVED.-The $\$ 38,000$ issue of $51 / 2 \%$ school building bonds that was voted in February -V. 134 .
Dphat 1617 has recentl|y beem anproved as to legality by B. H. Charles of
St. Louis. Dated April 15 1932. St. Louis. Dated April 151932.
LONG BEACH, Nassau County, N. Y-CITY HOLDS SALE OF $\$ 500,000$ the municipality has balanced its budget and is in excellent financial con-
 half of which were purchased by bidders, while the remaining $\$ 250,000$
was bid in by the city. Three syndicates are reported to have made offers was bid in by the city. Mhree syndicates are reported th thave ma position
for this latter amount. Mr. Hogan added that the city is now in a to offer its bonds for sale. instead oof resorting to emergency temporary
torrowing previously contemlpated.
LORAIN, Lorain County, Ohio--BOND SALE.- The $\$ 38,234.32$
special assessment street improvement bonds offered on May 26 - V .134 , p. 3858 - were awarded as 6 s to the Weil, Roth \& Irving Co.., of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of $\$ 114$, equal to 100.29 a basis of $5.94 \%$. Dated
June 11932 Due Sept. 15 as follows: $\$ 3,234.32$ in 1933 ; $\$ 3,000$ in 1934 , and $\$ 4,000$ from 1935 to 1942 incl.
Los Angeles), Calif.-BOND FLOUD CONTROL DISTRICT (P. O.

 at the office of the County Treasurer. No bids will be considered at a lower rate of interest than $5 \%$. The bonds will be sold for cash only, and
for not less than par and accrued interest. The approving opinion of O'Melveny, Tuller \& Myers of Los Angeles, will be furnished. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds, payable to the Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors, is required. The following information is furnished with the The assessed vatuan of tavable real property in said Los Flood Costrol District for the year 1931 was $\$ 2,938.629 .120$ and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is $\$ 13,122,250$. proximately $1,722,880$ acres.
LOWELL, Middlesex County, Mass.- $\$ 1,000,000$ REF UNDING ISSUE $\$ 1,000,000$ refunding loan bill, thereby advancing a step further the city's efforts to refinance itself and retire current obligations that now total about $\$ 850,000$ Almost $\$ 650,000$ of that figure constitutes unpaid municl-
pal payrolls dating from the week ended March 5, according to report. LUDLOW, Kenton County, Ky .-BOND REPORT.-We are informed that the 81200.000 issue or $6 \%$ semi-annual water works revenue bonds of-
fered for sale without success on April 7 - $V$. 134. p. 2952 -has not as yet fered for sale. without success on Apri1 $7-$ V. 134. D. 2952 ha
been sold. Due $\$ 6.000$ from Dec. 11933 to 1952, inclusive.
McGINTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bastrop) Morehouse Parish, La.- BOND REPORT.-We are informed that the $\$ 5.000$ issue of $6 \%$ semi-
ann. school bonds offered for sale withouts uncess on Nov. $17-\mathrm{V}$. $134, \mathrm{p}$.
1230 -will not be reoffered in the near future. McKEAN COUNTY (P. O. Smethport), Pa.-BOND OFFERING.bids until June 2 for the purchase of $\$ 200,00041 / 2 \%$ county bonds. Dated
June 15 F 1532 . Denom. $\$ 1.000$ Due $\$ 20,000$ on June 15 from. 1942 to
1951 incl. The county reports an assessed valuation of $\$ 28,250,000$. MACOMB COUNTY (P. O. Mount Clemens), Mich.- PROPOSED office has been asked to decide as to the validity of the action of the county officials in calling an election for June 15 to permit of a vote on a proposed
$\$ 200,000$ building bond issue.- V . 134 , 3858 . Under the provision of a recent enactment by the state Legislature a municipality whose tax delinquincy exceeds $25 \%$ may not issue additional bonds. The present gate $34 \%$.
MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.- TEMPORARY LOAN.-The
city sold a temporary loan amounting to $\$ 2000000$ to the First National MARIETTA, Washington County, Ohio.- BONDS AUTHORIZED.The city council has adopted an ordinance providing for the issuance of
$\$ 36.500$ JJ\% police station and jail construction bonds, to be dated June 1
1932 . Denom. $\$ 500$. Due Dec. 1 as follows: $\$ 1.500$ in 1933 : $\$ 2.000$, 1934 ;
 MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind--BOND SALEE.May $18-\mathrm{V}$. $134, \mathrm{p} .3320$ - were awarded to Newton Todd, a local investor,
at par plus a premium of $\$ 112.25$, equal to a price of 101.83 , a basis of 1935 inc. Dateup comp Trust Co. and the Union Trust Co., all of Indianapolis, bid par plus a premium of $\$ 26$ for the issue.
MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Shoals), Ind.-BONDS NOT SOLD.-The $83,94041 / 2 \%$ road construction bonds offered on May 4-V. 134, p. 3320-
were not sold, as no bids were received. Dated May 4. 1932 Denom.
Due one bond each six months on Jan. and July 15 from 1933 to 1942 inclusive.
1940 .
BONDS NOT SOLD.-The further issue of $\$ 1,86041 / \%$ township road impt. bonds offered on May $21-\mathrm{V}$. 1344 , P . $3672-$ also was not sold, no
bids having been submitted. Dated May
six months from July 15 M1933 to Jan. 15 1943. 1932. Due one bond each
MEADVILLE, Crawford County, Pa.-BOND SALE,-The issue of $\$ 25,0004 \%$ coupon city bonds unsuccessfully offered on Nov. $10-$
V. 130 p. 3299 has since been sold over the counter. Suscription price
was par. Bonds are dated Jan. 11932 and will mature $\$ 5,000$ on Jan. 1 in MERIDIAN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320 (P. O. Belingham .-It ic reported that the sale of the $\$ 10.000$ school bonds
SUMM ATE of Washington, as 6 s, at par- V . $134, \mathrm{p} .3136$-was not consummated.
MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Peru), Ind-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 60041 \%$
coupon road construction bonds offered on May $24-\mathrm{V}$. 134, p. $3859 \%$
 bidder. Date
Jan. 15
1943.
MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS (P. O. Bearea, R. F. D.), Cuyahoga purchased on May 23 a total of $\$ 295.5006 \% \%$ street impt. bonds, incluaing

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (P. O. New Brunswick), N. J.-BOND OFm. (daylight saving time) on May 31 for the purchase of $\$ 600.000$ not

 June and Dec.) will be payable at the office of the County Treasurer Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of one one-hundredth of
The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Continental Bank \&

Trust Co., of New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the
signatures of the County officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified sheck for $2 \%$ of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Legality of bonds to be ap-
proved by Caldwell \& Raymond, of New York. Financial Statem


##  $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Total bonded debt now outstanding (excl. of these issues) -- } & 6,580,000.00 \\ \text { Sinking fund (as of Jan. } 11932 \text { ) }\end{array}$

MILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Chittenden County, Vt.-BOND on or before June 4 for the purchase of $\$ 7.0005 \%$ coupon school bonds. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Essex Trust Co., Essex unction, Vermont.
MILWAUKEE, Milwaukee County, Wis.- BONDS SOLD.-The by the Common Council Finance Committee- $\mathbf{V}$. 134 , p. 1230 -are reported The bonds are divided as follows: the various pension funds of the city. crossing abolition bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Dated Jan. 11932.
MILWAUKEE COUNTY (P. O. Milwaukee), Wis.-OFFERING
 appeared in V. 134, p. p .
that the bonds will mature $\$ 42,000$ from Oct. 1 1942 to 1951, instead of April 1, as previously given. These bonds are issued in conformity with resolutions presented to and adopted by the County Board of supervisors of Milwaukee County, Wis., at a continued annual meeting held on May 10
1932 , and in conformity with section 7 , subdivision (b) of Chapter 554 of the Laws of Wisconsin of 1921 , being section 59.96 sub-section 7, subdivision (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes of 1929, for the purpose of procuring the tenance of a sewerage system for the collection, transmission and disposalo touse and other sewage and for constructing and building a sewage disposal plant, pursuant to a resolution adopted Sept. 19 1930, by the Sewerage Comchapter 554 of the Laws of Wisconsin of 1921 , being section 59.96 sub-section 7 subdivision (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes of 1929 , that it required $\$ 840,000$ lection projection, planning and construction of a sewreage system for the collectron, transmission and disposal of house and other sewage and for contherewith. $\$ 420,0004 \%$ Metropolitan Sewerage Area bonds have previously

MINNESOTA, State of (P. O. St. Paul).-LIST OF BIDDERS.000,000 coupon or registered semi-ann. trunk highway bonds that were awarded on that day to a syndicate headed by the Chase Harris Forbes
Corp. of New York as 4 s and 41 s , at a price of 100.158 , a net interest The second highest tender was 100.038 for the same combination of coupons, representing an interest cost of $4.214 \%$ This bid was sub-
mitted by the First National Bank of New York; Halsey, Stuart \& mitted by the First. National cank or Nlaw Corp.; Hatsene, \& Webster and Blodget, Inc.: S Salomon Brothers

 Lehman Brothers and associates submitted a bid of 100.10 for all $41 / \mathrm{s}$,
 merce Co.a the Central Republic Co. Kalman \&o.ie the Mercantile ComCo, the Mississippi Valey Co.; Stern Brothers \& Co.; Werthem \& Co., and Webb, Hemenway \& Co. $41 / \mathrm{s}$, or a net interest cost of $4.237 \%$, was
A tender of 1000899 for ail 4, .
named by the National City Co. the Guaranty Co. the First Union Trust \& Savings Bank; the First National Old Colony Corp; the First Securities
 MISSISSIPPI, State of (P. O. Jackson).-BOND REPORT.-In ofnnection with the report in 1 134 , Pi 3859 of the unsuccessful offering
of the $\$ 12,500,000$ deficit and refunding bonds, we give the following
 in "In spite of the 'balanced budget' the State did not sell its $\$ 12,500,000$ Bo. Following an all-afternoon session of the Bond Commission with the legislative advisory bond committee and representatives of five bond houses, the Governor announced that the bonds were not offered for sale,
but that an investigations was started of the possibility of disposing of bond in the $\$ 12,500,000$ issues offered, $\$ 8,000,000$ were deficit bonds to take up outstanding State warrants and $\$ 4,500,000$ were of refunding The previous announcement that the bonds would be offered for sale yesterday was an 'oversight,' Governor Conner said.
"Following the session the Commission issued the following formal statement: No State bonds were advertised for sale on this date, and the meeting of the Bond Commission to-day was not for the purpose of selling bonds
but for the purpose of conferring with representatives of various financial organizations interested in buying and selling bonds with regard to the the MONONGA
MONONGAHELA, Washington County, Pa.- BOND OFFFRING.Robert B. Albright, city clerk, will receive sealed bias until $\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{p}} \mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{i}}$ on
 and october. A certified check tor $\$ 500$, payable to the order of the city,
must accompany each proposal (These boyds were previously offered on
April 18, at which time all of the bids received were rejected.-V. 134 , p. 3136.$)$

MORGAN CITY, St. Mary Parish, La.-BOND REPORT.-We are
informed that the S175.000 issue of $6 \%$ semi-ann. municipal water. electric light and power plant bonds offered for sale without success on Feb. 8-
MURRAY COUNTY (P. O. Slayton), Minn--INTEREST RATEE-refunding bonds that was purchased by the State Board of Investment at refunding bonds
par - 134 . . 3
1937 to 1947 incl

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.-MATURING BONDS TO BE REFUNDED. The District proposes to refund $\$ 32,000$ figare includes a block of $\$ 10.000$, held by the First State Savings Bank,
 it will give every consideration to any refunding application that the Dis-
trict may submit.
NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Mineola), N. Y. - PRICES REDUGEDD oN Dillon Read \& Co. of New York, which obtained the awward on May 3 of four issues of $41 / 2 \%$ bonds totaling $\$ 5.000,000$, and made immediate p, 3506 - published an advertisement on May 24 offering the unsies V . Vortion . th. +3 ; incl. $4.35 \%$. for those from 1951 to 1955 incl., and $4.40 \%$ for the
1250 to 1961 bonds.

NEW BRITAIN, Hartford County, Conn.-BONDS PUBLICLY
CFFERED.
The $\$ 310,00041 / 2 \%$ coupon, or registered bonds awarded on May 20 to Phelps, Fenn \& Co. of New York, at a price of 101.69 a basis ment at prices to yield from 3.00 to $4.25 \% \%$. Bonds are legal investment

 R.L. Day \& Co. E. M. Bradiey \& Co., F.R. Cooley \& Cou, Comning \& Co.
and R. F. Griggs \& Co.


 of these boonds sas been treated in more detail in v . 134, , p. 3672 .)
 of a block or $5 \%$ state bonds, due July 1 1941, priced to yield $4 \%$.
NEW ORLEANS, Orleans Parish, La - BoND SALE.-The S750,000

 Corp., the Canal Bank \& Trust Co.. the Whitney Trust \& Savings Bank,
 BoNDS orer recenved. PUBLIC-The above purchasers re-offread the the
bonds for general investment priced as follows: 1933 maturity to yield 5.00 ;
 Theop arestated to be direct city obligations, legal for savings banks in New
York State.

 June 7 . 1932 and payable on sept. 1932 at the First National Bank, of
Boston. The notes will be issued under the supervision of and certified 1 as to genuineness by the aforementionod bank. The aproving opinion or Ropes,


 Bids received for the loan were as follows:
Bidder
Bidder-
Boston Safe Deposit \& Trust Co. (successful bidder).
Shawmut Corp Shawmut Corp-1.-................
Second National Bank of Boston-
First National Old Colony Corp First National Old Colony Corp
Arthur Perry \& Co-


NEW YORK, N. Y.- $\$ 700,000$ BONDS VOT ED FOR SUBWA Y OPERA$\$ 700,000$ special revenue bonds or certificates of indebtedness to make possible municipal operation of the new Eighth Ave. subway, should no NEW YORK
NEW YORK (State of).-BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.-The Chase Harris Forbes Corp., of New York, offered for public investment on May 2
$41 / 4 \%$ registered State bonds, due March 1965 , priced to yield $3.65 \%$. NORTHAMPTON, Hampshire County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN. awarded to the First National Bank of Northampton at $2.85 \%$ discount basis. Dated May 26 1932 and payable on Nov. 261932 at the Mer-
chants National Bank of Boston. Bids received at the sale were as follows: Bidder-
First National Bank, Northampton (successful bidder)...
Merchants National Bank of Boston...............

NORTH CASTLE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. coupon or registered school bonds offered on May $24-\mathrm{V}$. $134, \mathrm{p}$. $3860-$ were awarded as $53 / \mathrm{s}$ to the Guaranty Co. of New York at a price of 100.072 .
a basis of about $5.74 \% \%$ Dated June 1932 Due June 1 as follows:
$\$ 5,000$ from 1934 to 1950 inclusive and $\$ 2,000$ in 1951 .

NORTH ELBA, Essex County, N. Y.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 150,000$ -V 134, D. 3860-were awarded as 5.90 s to the M. \& T. Trust Co of Buffalo at a price of 100.274, a basis of about $5.87 \%$. Dated July 11931 . 19 ,
Due July 1 as follows: $\$ 3,000$ from 1932 to 1941 incl. and $\$ 6,000$ from 1942 Due July 1 as
NORTH PELHAM, Westchester County, N. Y.-BIDS REJECTED.At the offering on May 26 of $\$ 66,000$ not to exceed $6 \%$ int, coupon or
registered highway bonds-V. 134, p. 3860 -the following tenders were rejected:
Bidder
Batchelder \& Co
M. © Trust Co
Wachsman \& Was

$\begin{array}{rr}\text { Int. Rate. } & \text { Rate Bid. } \\ 5.70 \% & 100.42 \\ 5.70 \% & 100.479 \\ 5.90 \% & 100.199\end{array}$
NORWOOD, Hamilton County, Ohio.-BOND OFFERING.-W. R. time) on June 6 for the purchase of $\$ 7,0006 \%$ police and fire, motor and apparatus, series No. $1-1932$ bonds. Dated April 11932 . Denom. $\$ 1,000$.
Due Oct. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000$ in 1933 , and $\$ 2,000$ from 1934 to 1936 incl Principal and interest (April and Oct.) will be payable at the First National Bank, of Norwood. A certified check for $5 \%$ of the amount of the bonds,
payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.
Bidders must satisfy themselves as to the validity of the issue before bidding or same. The favorable opinion of Peck, Shaffer \& Williams, of Cincinnati, will be furnished the successful bidder at his own expense.
NORWOOD, Norfolk County, Mass.-TEMPORARY LOAN.-The N100,000 revenue loan offered on May 23 , V 134, , 3860 -Was awarded
to F. S. Moseley \& Co. of Boston at $.65 \%$ discount basis. The accepted
bid was the only one submitted. Loan is dated June 11932 and will bid was the only one s
mature on Dec. 11932 .
OSCEOLA, Saint Clair County, Mo.-BOND ELECCTION.-It is reported that an election will be held on June 3 in order to sub
voters a proposal to issue $\$ 30,000$ in municipal light plant bonds
OYSTER BAY, Nassau County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING.-Charles E. Ransom, Town ler for whe purchase of $\$ 21,000$ not to exceed $6 \%$ interest coupon Jericho Water District (Oyster Bay Cove extension) bonds. Dated June 151932 . Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 1,000$ on June 15 from 1937 to
1957 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of $1 / 4$ or $1-10$ of $1 \%$. Principal and interest (June and Dec. 15) will be payable at the Bank of
Syosset. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for, payable Syosset. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the amount of bonds bid for, payable
to the order of the town. must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay.
successful bidder.

Financial Statement.
 $123,758,995$
$4,238,875$
 Sewer district bonds--
Sidewalk district bonds 150,000
187,000
Town hall bonds
Population-1920 Federal Census, 20,$296 ; 1925$ State Census, 29,610

PANHANDLE, Carson County, Tex.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 41.500$ issue of $6 \%$ funding, series of 1931 bonds that was registered by the state
Comptroller in October $-V$. 133, p. 3126 has since been purchased by
the Dunne-Davidson-Ransom Co, Wichitas PASSAIC, Passaic County, N. J. - BOND orfering.-A. D.
Bolton, City Clerk. will receive soaled bids until 3 p. m . (daylight saving

 Passac Nationd Bank \& Trust Co., Passaic, or at the Chase National
Bank, of New York. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produca
premium of 1 . Brank, of New York. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a
premum of S1, 000 ver the amount offered. A certified check for $2 \%$ or
the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the city must accompany each proposid. The approving opinion order Havk the city, Delafield accompany each
New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.
 saving time) on June 10 for the purchase at discount basis of a $\$ 300,000$
temporary loan. Dated June 101932 and payable on Dec. 101932 at the
First National First National Bank of Boston. Denom. to suit on Dec. 10 . 1932 at the
Fine notes
will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity by the First National Bank of Boston under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden \& Perkins of Boston. PLEASANTVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Venango County, Pa--
BOND OFFERING. George K. Folwell, Secretary of the School Board, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (eastern standard time) on June 13
for the purchase of $87.0044 \%$ school bonds. Dated April 11932 . Deno
$\$ 500$ Due April $\$ 500$ Due April 11947 . Principal and interest (April and October) will be payabe at the orfice of the District Treasurer. A certified check for $2 \%$
of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the School District, must
accompany each proposal. POLK COUNTY ( $\mathbf{P}$. O. Crookston), Minn.-BOND SALE.-The
$\$ 30.600$ issue of $414 \%$ ditch refunding bonds that was authorized by the
 R. PORTAGE COUNTY (P. O. Ravenna), Ohio.-BOND ofFERINGG- Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids untili 12 m . (tastern standard time on June 13 for the purchase
of $\$ 18,840.57 .6 \%$ special assessment road improvement July 1 1932. One bond for $\$ 340.55$, others for $\$ 500$. Due as follows
 Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than $6 \%$ April and Oct. multiple of $1 /$ of $1 \%$, will also be considered. A certifiod check for $3 \%$ accompany each proposal. The proceeding of the Couding upty Treasurer, must the issue of the
aforesaid bends have been taken under the direction to Dempsey, Cleveland, whose approving opinion may be obtained by the Durchaser, at his owni expense. Only bids oo conditioned or or whed by the
conditioned will be considered, and the Board of County Commil
unconditioned will be considered, and the Board of County Commissioners
reserve the right to reject any and all bids.
PORT CHESTER, Westchester County, N. Y.-BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.- The $\$ 40,00053 \%$ coupon or registered War Memorial bonds 101 a basis of about $5.61 \%$-V. 134, p. 3861 -are being re-offered for general investment at prices to yield $5.20 \%$ Leral investment for sar gen-
banks and trust funds in New York State, according to the bankers.
PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore--BOND SALE.-An $\$ 88$. 995.27 issue of $6 \%$ semi-annual iounty, Ore.-BONent bonds was offered on May Mas.
and awarded to asmdicate composed of Geo. H. Burr. Conrad \& Broom,
Smith Camt Smice of Camp \& Riley and Atkinson, Jones \& Co, all of Portland, at a price of 101.27 a basis of about $5.53 \%$. Dated Ja.. 11032 . Due in 10
years, optional after 3 years. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the
PORTSMOUTH, Rockingham County, N. H.-TEMPORARY LOAN.
R. L. Day \& Co, of Boston, was awarded the $\$ 60.000$ temporary loan offered on May 0 ., of Boston, was awar, ${ }^{2}$ orfered on may 20 , at a discount basis of $3.9 \%$, pus a premium of $\$ 1$.
The loan matures on Dec. 71932 and was bid at $4.98 \%$ by the Merchants
National Bank of Boston, the only other bilder National Bank, of Boston, the only other bidder.
PORTSMOUTH, Scioto County, Ohio- PRICE PAID.-The city on May 17 to the First National Bank, or whose bid was the only one received at the sale. Dated May 1 1932. Due
$\$ 3,000$ on May and Nov, 1 from 1933 to 1941 incl.
POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY (P. O. Shawnee), Okla,-BOND DETAILS. - The $\$ 35,000$ issue of funding bonds that was reported to have
been sold at par- 134, . . 3861 -was purchased by the Taylor-White
Co. of Oklahoma City as 51 s.
PROVIDENCE, Providence County R R. I - $\$ 3,000,000$ BOND ISSUE
RECOMMENDED BY CITY TREASURER.-Walter F. Fitzpatrick, City Treasurer, has recommended to the Finance Committee that firther amount of $\$ 3.000,000$ bondsed be issued in order tommittee that a further
arese by that sum the
present floating indebtedness of the city which is about present floating indebtedness of the city which is about $\$ 7,000,000$. Sale of the bonds, according to the plans of the Treasurer, would be made to the
Sinking Fund Commissioners and to the Emplopees Retirement Fund,
the commissions controlling the two The last previous bond sale held by the city was on April 5 , when an award of $83,000,00041 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ was made to a syndicate headed by Lehman
Bros of of New York, at a price of 99.829 , a basis of about $4.52 \%$. V . 134 .
p. 2771 .) p. 277 in.)

PROVO, Utah County, Utah.-NOTE SALE.-A $\$ 27,000$ issue of $6 \%$
tax notes has recently been purchased at par by the Eirst Securities Co. of Salt Lake City, according to Fred Evans, City Recorder. (This corrects
the rectiter the report given in V. 134, p. 3674.)
QUINCY, Norfolk County, Mass--BONDS NOT SOLD.-Harold P, Nevel, ity Treasurer, reports that no bids were received at the offering on May 24 of $\$ 75,000$ not to exceed $41 \%$ coupon bonds. V. 134, , 3861.
The offring comprised $\$ 60,000$ sewer bonds, due $\$ 10.000$ on June 1 from
1933 to 1938 incl., and $\$ 15,000$ water mains bonds, due $\$ 5.000$ on June 1933 to 1938 incl. and and $\$ 115,000$ wewer bonds, due $\$ 1,000$ on June 1 from
from 1933 to 1935 inclusive.
RACINE, Racine County, Wis.--NOTE SALE.-A $\$ 400,000$ issue of
$6 \%$ corporate purpose notes was jointly purchased recently at private sale $6 \%$ corporate purpose notes was jointly purchased recently at private sale
hy Phelps. Fenn \& Co. of New York, and the Milwaukee Co. of Milwaukee Denoms. $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 5,000$ Dated May 181932 Due on March 15 1933. Prin. and int. payable at maturity without option of prior payment
at the office of the City Treasurer. Legality to be approved by Chapman \& Cutter of Chicago.
Bankers Re-ffer No
for public subscription. - The above notes were offered by the purchasers for public subscription at prices to yield $4.00 \%$. They are stated to be
direct city obligatons, legal for savings banks in New York, Massachusetts
and Conneticut and Connecticut.
RACINE, Racine County, Wis.- BONDS AUTHORIZED.-At a meeting held on May 17 the Board of Aldermen passed a resolution pro-
viding for the issuance of $\$ 57,000$ in refunding bonds. Dated July 11932 . Due on July 1945 .
RICHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Mansfield), Ohio.-BOND OFFERreceive sealed bids until io a m. . (Eastern standard time) on June 3 for the $\$ 25,592.70$ road improvement bonds. One bond for $\$ 1,34$
$\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 1,250$. Dus as follows for $\$ 1,3442.72 .70$ others for
$\$ 4,250$ Oct. 11933 , and $\$ 4,250$ on April and 12.70 April 1 and 1935. Oct. $15,500.00$ poor relief bonds. Two bonds for $\$ 1,750$ each, others for $\$ 1,500$. Each issue will be dated June 3 1932. Interest will be payable semiannually in April and october. A certified check for $3 \%$ or the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Auditor, must (The above bonds are being offered for award on June 3 . in addition to $t$
$\$ 45,346.806 \%$ road impt. issue mentioned in-V. $134, \mathrm{p} .3861$. RIVERBEND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gaines.
ville), Hall County, Ga.-BOND SALE.-The $\$ 10,000$ issue of school

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bonds that was voted on Dec. 29 -V. 134, p. 542 -has since been sold to ROCK ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41, Rock Island County, I11.-BOND SALE.-Lee L. Bradley, Manager Investment Department organization was the successful bidder at an offering on May 20 of $\$ 76,000$
Tenders were asked for bonds to mature in $21 / 2$ years, at not to exceed $5 \%$ interest, and to mature in five years, with the rate
af interest limited to $43 / 4 \%$. Mr. Bradley states that the Board of Educamature in five years. A summary of the other offers received at the sale, in addition to that of the successful bidder, is as follows:
The second best bid was submitted by the First National Bank of Chicago, Chicago, III., being par and accrued interest plus a premium of
Sind
 of was submitted by the Northern Trust Co. Chicago, being par and
bid waed interest plus a premium of $\$ 325$ for $5 \%$-year bonds, figuring
accrue accrued interest plus a premium of $\$ 325$ for $5 \%$.year bonds, figuring
about a $4.90 \%$ basis. White-Phillips Co. Davenport, also submitted a
bid of a discount of $\$ 250$ for $21 / 2$-year $5 \%$ bonds.
ROME, Oneida County, N. Y.-BOND oFFERING.-Lynn C. Butts time) on June 3 for the purchase of $\$ 74,000$ not to exceed $6 \%$ interest coupon or registered assessment bonds. Dated April 11932 . Denoms
$\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 500$. Due $\$ 18,500$ on April 1 from 1933 to 1936 , incl. Rate of interest to oe expressed in a multiple of $1 / 4$ or $1-10$ th of $1 \%$ and must be the
same for all of the bonds. Principal and annual interest (April 1) wil be payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. A certified check for
$\$ 1,500$, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal
The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon \& Vandewater, of New York, wil The approving opinion of Clay,

## The assessed valuation of the real estate of the City of Rome, subject assessment for State or county taxes prior to the date of this certificate,

 Real estate_-Special franchises
${ }_{\substack{888,776,366 \\ 1,50,000}}$
The total existing indebtedness of said City including the proposed
 School bonds
Water bonds
Assessment bonds.

## Total bonded indebtedness

May 11932. 3356.38

Temporary current loansemporary assessment loans
$\qquad$Temporary home relief loans
$\qquad$
Total indebtedness.s.-. -

Sàtutury Dét Limiil.
Ten per centum of valuatio

Total indebtedness

## $1,923,325.90$ $188,000.00$

Net debt-
ROODHOUSE, Greene County, Ill-BOND OFFERING.-F. L.

ROSEVILLE, Muskingum County, Ohio.-BOND SALE.-The issue of $\$ 40,0005 \%$ water works constructise 16 . 134, p. 3861 - Was purchased on the following day at a price
May $16-$ Dated April 11932 .
of par by the First Trust \& Savings Bank of Roseville. Dated of par by the First Trust \& Savings Bank of R
Due on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1957 inclusive.

ROUTT COUNTY (P. O. Steamboat Springs), Colo.-WARRANTS CALLED.-It is reported that the County Treasurer is caling for payment certain warrant
June 101932 .
ROYAL OAK, Oakland County, Mich--CITY SERVES NOTICE OF NTENTION TO PURCHASE BONDS IN DEFAULT AND OF ABILITY
TO MAKE PAST-DUETNTEREST PAYMENTS, Notices appearing in
PA Detroit "Free Press" of May 26 state that the city will pay par and ccrued interest for certain special assessment bonds in default, also that it has sufficient funds on hand to pay May 11931 interest on
issues. The text of the notices, dated May 24, is as follows:
The city will receive tenders of the following past-due special assessment $41 / 2 \%$ bonds dated May 11928 ,
par and interest to May 11932 :
Bond Nos.
9, 10, 11, 12 Weject.
Webster Road Outlet Combina
tion No. Bonds in Destr. $\$ 4,000.00$ May 11931 4 and $5 \quad$ Oakwood Blvd Sewer Outlet , May 1031
 , 10, 11, 12 Combined Sewer No. 2............ $\quad 1,000.00$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { May } & 1 & 1931 \\ \text { May } & 1 & 1931\end{array}$ Tender of said bonds may be made at the office of the City Treasure paying agent, on and after date of this notice. The city expressly reserve The city has sufficient funds on hand to pay the interest due May 11931
 Coupons dated May 11931 may be presented for payment at the office
of the City Treasurer on and after date of this notice until June 151932 . The city reserves the right to use any balance remaining after June 151932
on account of unpresented May 1 I931 coupons for payment of coupons bearing later date.
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. Centreville), Mich.-BOND OFFER-ING.-Clifford H. Harman, Clerk of the Board of County Supervisors, for the purchase of $\$ 36,5005 \%$ refunding bonds. Dated July 11932 . Due on July 1 as follows: $\$ 3,000$ from 1935 to 1946 incl. and $\$ 3,500$ in 1947 . A certified check for $2 \%$ of the bid must accompany each proposal.
SALEM, Essex County, Mass.-BIDS FOR BONDS REJECTED BEG. F. Coker, City Treasurer, reports that bids submitted at the offering on May 19 of $\$ 100,000$ not to exceed $41 / 2 \%$ interest coupon street paving bonds passed as an emergency measure and the purpose for which the bonds are intended was not construed by the legal attorneys, Storey, Thorndike, Palmer \& Dodge of Boston, as constituting an emergency. The measure has again been consis anticipated.
SALINA, Saline County, Kan.-BOND OFFERING.-Sealed bids the purchase of a $\$ 99.598 .60$ issue of $41 / \%$ public impt, bonds. Denom. $\$ 1,000$, one for $\$ 598.60$. Dated March 11932 . Due in from 1 to 10 years. Bonds are offered subject to the refusal of the state schoo
sion. A certified check for $2 \%$ must accompany the bid.
SAN BUENAVENTURA (P, O. Ventura), Ventura County, Calif. BONDS NOT Sonds offered on May $16-\mathrm{V}$. 134 , p. 3675 -was not sold, improvement the only bid received, an offer of 100.60 for 6 s , was rejected.

BONDS RE-OFFERED.-Sealed bids were again received fot the above Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Dated May 11932 . Due $\$ 5,000$ from May 11933 to 1952 incl. Prin. First Detroit - The above bonds were purchased on May 23 by the First Detroit Co. and the Wm. R. Staats Co., both of San Francisco,
jointly, as $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, paying a premium of $\$ 523$, equal to 100.52 , a basis of SAULTE STE. MARIE, Chippewa County, Mich.-BOND SALE.V. 134, p. 3322-were awarded as 6 s to H. V. Sattley \& Co.. of Detroit, at par plus a premium of $\$ 530$, equal to a price of 100.55, a basis of about $5.84 \%$.
Dated July 19322.
and $\$ 10,000$ from 1937 to 1942 as follows: $\$ 9,000$ from 1933 to 1936 incl. and $\$ 10,000$ from 1937 to 1942 , incl. An official list of the bids received,
all of which were on the basis of the bidder furnishing blank bonds and paying the cost of the legal Inc.. $\$ 530$ premium for $6 \%$ bonds.
H. V. Sattley \&o., In
Stranahan, Harris and Co., $\$ 520$ premium for $6 \%$ bonds.

John Nuveen \& Co.. $\$ 490$, premium for $6 \%$ bonds.
C. W. McNear \& Co., $\$ 297.60$ premium for $6 \%$ bonds.

First Detroit Co., $\$ 57$, premium on $6 \%$ bonds.
First Detroit Company, a discount of $\$ 2,234$ for $51 / 2 \%$ bonds
First Detroit Company, a discount of $\$ 3,339$ for $51 / 2 \%$ bonds Note: It was decided by the City Commission, that only bids of par SEATTLE, King County, Wash.-BOND AND WARRANT CALL,--
it is reported that H. L. Collier, City Treasurer, has called for payment It is reported that $H$, L. Collier, City Treasurer, has called for payment
SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Scottsburg), Ind.-BOND OFFERING.on June 4 for the purchase of $\$ 9,60041 / 2 \%$ Lexington Township road improvement six months from July 151933 to Jan. 151943 . SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Sellersburg), Clark County, nd.- BOND Trust Co., of Indianapolis, at par plus a premium of $\$ 17$, equal to a price
of 100.04 a basis of about $4.99 \%$ Dated May 11932 . Due $\$ 2,100$ July 1 SOUTHAMPTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O Fordham, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. on June Fordham, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until $3: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$, on June
for the purchase of $\$ 110,0005 \%$ coupon or registered school bonds. Dated
Iune 15 . 1932 . Denom, $\$ 1.000$. Due June 15 as follows: $\$ 5$. 090 in 1937 June 15 1932: Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due June 15 as follows: $\$ 5,000$ in 1937 $\$ 1,000,1943 ; \$ 18,000$. Bids will also be considered for the issue to bear
from 1951 to 1957 incl.
interest at a rate up to $6 \%$. Principal and interest (June and Dec. 15) will be payable at a New York City bank satisfactory to the successful bid-
der. A certified check for $2 \%$ of the amount of the bonds, payable to the der. A certified check of the district, must accompany each proposal. The approving opin-
order
ion of Reed, Hoyt \& Washburn of New York will be furnished the successful bidder. Following the opening of sealed tenders, the district will conduct sale of the issue at public auction. (This issue was previously offered on
Feb. 29, at which time all bids submitted were rejected-V. 134, p. 1813.)

SOUTH CAROLINA, State of (P. O. Columbia). - NOTE ISSU-ANCE.-A total of $\$ 3,394,000$ teachers salary notes is being issued by the announced by Malcolm J. Miller, Secretary of the State Sinking Fund Commission, that school notes will be accepted at par from county authoriin pay to teachers equivalent to the amount of the notes. In this manner in pay to teachers equivalent the Commission and the cash would be left
the be taken by the counties for the teachers.

SOUTH HADLEY, Hampshire County, Mass.-BOND SALE.-The
119,000 coupon bonds unsuccessfully offered on Oct. $241931-\mathrm{V} .133$, $\$ 119,000$ coupon bonds sold as $41 / 2$ s to F . S. Moseley \& Co Mo , of Boston, at a
$2962-$ have since been s. price of 101 , a basis of about $4.33 \%$. The sale comprised:
$\$ 80,000$ school bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: $\$ 6.000$ from 1932 to 1936 39,000 incl., and $\$ 5,000$ from 1937 to 1946 inclusive. bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: $\$ 3,000$ from 1932 to 1940 incl., and $\$ 2,000$ from 1941 to 1946 inclusive.
Each issue is dated Nov. 1931 .
STARK COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Ohio.-BONDS AUTHORIZED.
The State Relief Commission on May 19 approved of the county's request for authority to issue $\$ 334,977$ poor relief bonds, under the provisions of the Espy-Roberts act pass
State Legislature.-V. 134, p. 3502 .
STRUTHERS, Mahoning County, Ohio.-BONDS AUTHORIZED.The city council recently passed an ordinance providing for the issuance of 1932. One bond for $\$ 727.85$, others for $\$ 727.83$. Due Oct. 1 as followss:
$\$ 727.83$ in 1933 and $1934 ; \$ 727.85$ in 1935, and $\$ 727.83$ in 1936 and 1937. $\$ 727.83$ in 1933 and $1934 ; \$ 727.85$ in 1935 , and $\$ 727.83$ in 1936 and 1937. Sinking Fund Trustees
STUART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stuart) ${ }^{\text {(P }}$ Guthrie County, Iowa.-BONDS VOTED.-At the election held on May $16-\mathrm{V}$. $134, \mathrm{p} .3323$-the voters are rep
issuance of $\$ 10,000$ in school building bonds.

TAUNTON, Bristol County, Mass.-BONDS NOT SOLD.-The issue of $\$ 30,000$ coupon or registered sewer bonds offered on May $24-\mathrm{V}$. 134 , the rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of $1 / 1 /$ of $1 \%$. Bonds are dated TAYLOR COUNTY (P. O. Medford), Wis.-BOND DETAILS.-The $\$ 40,000$ issue of highway paving bonds that was recently authorized- V. The D. 3675 -bears interest at $5 \%$, payable semi-annualy. 1 . 1932 . Due in 1934 . Prin. and int. payable at the office of he County Treasurer. Legality to be approved by the Attorney-General. It is stated that no date of sale has as yet been fixed for the bonds.
TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).-BOND PAYMENTS.-It was
nnounced on May 26 that the Manufacturers Trust Co. of New York City as been appointed coupon paying agent for the following Texas bond $\$ 30.000$ Liberty County court house equipment funding bonds. $\$ 20.000$ The above named company has also been appointed agent for $\$ 20,000$ refunding bonds of Nueces County Navigation District No. 1, series A of TITUSVILLE, Crawford County, Pa.-BOND OFFERING.-Joseph W. Gray, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. (Eastern standard time) on June 6 for the purchase of $\$ 19.00041 / 4 \%$ street improveDue $\$ 9.500$ on July 1 in 1937 and 1942 . Principal and interest (Jan, and July) will be payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check or $2 \%$ of the a
TREMPEALEAU SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Trempealeau), Was. money for the project is to be secured from the State Trust Funds and not TONAW ANDA
TONAWANDA (CITY OF), Erie County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING.
Christian W. Schulmeister, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on June 6 for the purchase or $\$ 18000$ not to exceed $6 \%$ int. bridge $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on June 6 for the purchase or $\$ 18,000$ Duly. 1932 Denom. $\$ 1,000$. Due $\$ 1,000$ on July 1
bonds.
irom 1938 to 1955 incl. Rate of int. to be expressed in a multiple of 1 . from 1938 to 1955 incl . Rate of int, to be expressed in a multiple of $1 / 4$ of
$1 \%$ Prin, and semi-ann. int. will be payable at the Chase National Bank of New York. A certified check for $\$ 1,000$, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The opinion of Thomson, urnished the successful bidder.
TONAWANDA, Erie County, N. Y.-BOND OFFERING.-Roy R.
Brockett, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight
saving time) on June 6 for the purchase of $\$ 214,000$ not to exceed $6 \%$ interest
coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows
 rollows: $\$ 2,500$ from 1933 to 1937 incl., and $\$ 2,000$ from 1938
to 1957 incl 32,500 follows: $\$ 500$ in 1933 , bands. Dated Jan. $\$ 2,000$ from 1934 to 1932 . Due Jan. 1 as 32,500 highway impt. bonds. Dated May 1932 . Due May 1 as fol-
lows: $\$ 5.000$ from 1933 to 1937 incl.. $\$ 1,000$ from 1938 to 1940 10,000 Lateral Sewer District No. 3 bonds. Dated May 1 1932. Due 9,000 Water District No. 1 from bonds. 1933 to 1942 incl... 1 19ted Jan. 1 . Due $\$ 1,000$ on 8,500 Water District No. 7 Ronds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due Jan. 1 as
follows: $\$ 500$ in 1933, and $\$ 1,000$ from 1934 to 1941 incl. Jin.
 5,800 May 1 as follows: $\$ 800$ in 1933 , and $\$ 1,000$ from 1934 to 1932 . Due Rate samereresto of expressed in a multiple of 14 or $1-10$ of $1 \%$ and must be payable at the First National Bank, Kenmore, or at the Chase National Bank, of New York. A certified check for $\$ 5,000$, payable to the order of
the above-mentioned Supervisor must accome approving opinion of Cupervisor, must accompany each proposal. The Tillon \& Vandewater, of New York, will be
TULSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. Tulsa, R. 9 , $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on May 27 by J. H. Yearout, District Clerk, for the purchase of
$\$ 16,700$ school bonds. Interest rate to be named by bidder. Due $\$ 1,000$ from 1936 to 1951 and $\$ 700$ in 1952 . (These are the bonds that were un-

TURTLE LAKE, McLean County, N. Dak.-BONDS OFFERED.County Auditor, until 10 a. m. on May 25, for the purchase of a $\$ 7.000$ 1948 incl.
TYLER, Smith County, Tex.-BONDS VOTED.-At the election held on May $16-\mathrm{V}$. 134, p. 3140- the voters approved the Aissuance of $\$ 100,000$
in $6 \%$ sewage disposal plant bonds by a count reported to have been 234 in $6 \%$ sewage disposal. plant bonds by a count reported to have been 234
"for" to 197 against." Due in from 1 to 15 years. It is stated that these soon be offered for sale.
MOND OFFERING.-It is stated that sealed bids will be received until issue of $\$ 100,0006 \%$ semi-ann. sewage disposal plant bonds.
UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.-BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.-

 Yor the maturities from 193 to 1952 incl. Bonds are legal investment for
savings banks and trust funds in the states of New York and Massachusetts.

VICKSBURG, Warren County, Mise-BONDS AUTHORI arecent meeting the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen adopted an ordinance WARWICK, Kent
WARWICK, Kent County, R. I.-BOND SALE.-A syndicate com-
posed of Estabrook \& Co.. Lehman Bros. and Hannahs, Ballin \& Lee,
all of New York, and Bodeli \& Co. of Providence has
 treasury for improvements effected and $\$ 200,000$ to finance the construc tion of a new school building. Bonds will mature April 1 as follows:
$\$ 20.000$ from 1933 to 1952 , incl., and $\$ 5,000$ from 1953 to 1972 , incl. Prin and int. (April and Oct.), will be payable at the Union Trust Co., Provi dence, or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York.
by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer \& Dodge of Boston.
BONDS PUBLICLY RE-OFFERED.-The bonds are being re-advertised $5.50 \%$. According to the bankers, of par and accrued interest, to yield banks in the States of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hamp shire, vermont and New York. The bonds, it is said, are direct obligations
of the city, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes on all the taxable property therein.

Financial Statement May 11932 (As Officially Reported)
valuation, May 1932 Assessed valuation, May including this issue-
Total bonded dethe
Less: Water debt and sinking fund.-...

Population, 1930 United States Census, 23,196
WASHINGTON, Daviess County, Ind- BOND SALE. The S650.-
$0006 \%$ bonds authorized at an election on Sept. 81931 for the purpose of acquiring the erivately-owned resident water works plant V . 133 , pur. 7977 of have been purchased at a price of par by O. W. McNear \& Co. of Ohicago,
according to Warren Van Trees. City Clerk. Due serially in from one to 32 years. At the time the issue was voted it was reported that the investof the same would be made entirely from revenues derived from the operation of the plant.
WASHINGTON, Fayette County, Ohio- - BONDS AUTHORIZED.$\$ 24,9596 \%$ refunding bonde to be dated council provides for an issue of Iows: $\$ 1,259$ May 1 and $\$ 1,200$ Nov. 1 1933, $\$ 1.200$ on May 1 and $\$ 1,300$
Nov. 1 from 1934 to 1942 incl. Principal and interest (May and Nov.) payable at the Washington Savings Bank, Washington.
WATERBURY, New Haven County, Conn.-BOND SALE.-The
$\$ 1.000 .0005 \%$ coupon or registered funding bonds offered on May 25 York, 134, p. 3676 were awarded at a price of par to Darby \&o Co. of New
from the only bidders. Dated May 1934 to 1932. Due $\$ 100,000$ on May 15 York, the only bidders.
from 1934 to 1943 incl.

OFFERED.-The bankers are making public
 savings banks bonds due from 1941 to 1943, incl. Legal investment for it is said in andition to being direct ard general obligations of the city,
payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied on all of the taxable property therein.
WAUSHARA COUNTY (P. O. Wautoma), Wis.-BOND OFFERING. on May 28 for the purchase of a a $\$ 48,000$ issue of $41 / 2 \%$ semi-ann. highway
onds. Due on March 1 1941 . WAVELAND, Hancock County, Miss.-BONDS NOT SOLD. -The
$\$ 25,000$ issue of $6 \%$ semi-ann. street impt. bonds offered on May $20-\mathrm{V}$. 134, p. 3676 - was not sold, as the only bid roceived, an offer of par by
the Merrill Engineering Co. of Jackson, was rejected. WESTCHESTER COUNTY WESTCHESTER COUNTY (P. O. White Plains), N. Y.-CERTIFI-
CATESS OF INDEBTEDNESSS SOLD.-R. W. Pressprich \& Co., of New CATES OF INDEBTEDNEES An issue of $\$ 2.543,950$ certificates of indebted-
 Milew. York. Public re-offering of the certificates was made at a p price to
Yield $2.50 \%$. Legal investment for savins banks and trust funds in New
York State according to the bankers. The coun dy tenders for the issue:
 First National Bank of New York, Salomon Bros. \&
Hutzler, and the First National Bank of Mount
Vernon, jointly

W. EST JEFFERSON, Madison County, Ohio--BOND SALEE-of Columbus has purehased at a price of par an issue of $\$ 66.500$ special
assessment improvement bonds.
WEST MIDDLESEX, Mercer County, Pa.- BOND SALE,-Ralph J.
Fair, Borough Secretary, reports that the State Teachers' Retirement Fund
has purchased an issue Fair, Borough secretary, revorts that the State
has purchased an issue of $\$ 9.0005 \%$ funding bonds at a pricice of par . Due
on Feb 1 as follows: $\$ 2.000$ in 1087 , $\$ 3000$ in 1442 and $\$ 4,000$ in WEST PACIFIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Waterloo), Douglas County, Neb.-BONDS VOTED.-It is reported that at a a recent election
the voters approved the issuance of $\$ 25,000$ in school building and site
purchase bonds.
Wssue of $\$ 1,250,000$ coupon or of (P. O. Charleston).-BOND SALE --An issue or si,
and awarded to the Bankers Trust Co. and the Guaranty Co. of New York,
joint

 BANKERS RE-OFFER BONDS. - The successful bidders reoffered the according to maturity, on the 41/2\% bonds, and the $41 / \%$ bonds are priced fuly registered bonds of $\$ 1,000$ and $\$ 5,000$ denom. Dated Aprill into Prin. and int. payabe in gold at the orfice of the State Treasurer or or at the
option of the holder in N. Y. City. Legality to be approved by Caldwell
\& Raymond of New York.
follows other bids for the bonds were reported in newspaper dispatches as Co., and Phelps. Femn \& Con New York, together with Halsey, Stuart \& Co., and Phelps, Fenn \& Co., submitted the second highest tender. Thart $\& x$
group offered 100.004 for $\$ 1,140,00041 / \mathrm{s}$ and $\$ 10,00041 / \mathrm{s}$, or a net $\$ 26$ This bid was sullowed by a figure of 100.008 for $\$ 1,224.00041 / \mathrm{s}$ and
 Interest cost on this tender is $4.49 \%$. and the Charleston National Bank. State of $4.496 \%$. The First Detroit Co., Inc., submitted thist cost to the ciation with the First National Old Coiony Corp the the N. W. Harris Co-
Inc., Hamnahs, Ballin \& Lee. and the First Securities Corp. of Minnesota.
 State road bonds, including this offer-.......................----- $\quad 81,385,000$
Total bonded indebtedness, including this offer--
$\$ 675,000$ required to be retired annually, beginning in
$\$ 86.975000$ pursuant to the good roads amendments to the Constitution and payable The Constitution of West Virginia provides that the aggregate amount of bond outstanding for roads shall at no time exceed $885,000,000$. The
Constitution of West Virginia does not authorize the issuing of general
oblitation Population: 1920 Census, $1,163,701 ; 1930$ Census, $1,728,510$.
WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.-LIST OF BIDS.-The loan awarded on May 20 to the Merchants National Bank, of Boston $1.87 \%$ discount basis.-V. 134, p. 3862 .
Merchants National Bank, of Boston (Purchaser) Discount Basis. Raxter \& Co
Faxon, Gade \& Co -
Shawmut Corp. (PIus $\overline{5} .33$ premium)
Worcester County National Bank

First National Old Colony Corp-_-....... premium
F. S. Mon Bros. \& Hutzler.
S. Moseley \& Co

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.-LEGAL OPINION. The legality of the $\$ 525,0006 \%$ onds awarded at a price of par on May. 14
by the Provident \$avings Bank \& \$rust Co. of Cinccinnati-V. 134, p.
$3862-$ will be approved by Squire, Sanders \& Dempsey of Cleveland

## CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities

 BRITISH COLUMBIA (Province of).-STOCK ISSUE PLACED ONARKET INLONDON.-A syndicate composed of the Dominion Securities Corp.J. \& A. Scrimgeour and the Canadian Bank of Commerce offered for $5 \% 35$-year provincial stock. Reports from London indicated that the
CHATHAM, Ont.-BOND SALE.-Local investors have purchased an
issue of $\$ 25,984$ improvement bonds at a price of par. Due in from one KINGSTON, Ont.-BOND SALE--A. E. Ames \& Co.. of Toronto have purcrased an issue of $\$ 150,0006 \%$ bonds at a price of 98.93 , a basis

of about $6.10 \%$. The issue matures on July 21951 . form, with interest payments in Mann 19 . Bonds will be issued in coupon sale is as follows: | bidding 98.88 fore received by the city with Dominion Securities Corp. |
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| 99.07 the |
| 050 | 99.07 for $\$ 500000$ with a 10 -day option on the bater the

Griffis, Fairclough \& Nolance. Norsworthy bid 98.57 .

Wood, Gundy \& Co. bid 98.38 or 98.88 for $\$ 50,000$ with a 30 -day option
on balance. MeLeod, Young, Weir \& Co. bid 98.31 or 98.79 for $\$ 50,000$ with 10-day
option on balance. Johnston \& Ward, and W. O. Pitifield \& Co. bid 98.17 .
O. H. Burgess, and Gairdner \& Co, bid 98 or 98.87 .
for $\$ 50,000$ with R. A. Daly \& Co. bid 98.02 for $\$ 50,000$ with 10 -day option on balance.
Harris, Mackeen \& Co. bid 99.26 for $\$ 50,000$ with 10 -day option on balance. Graham \& Co. bid 97.075 for $\$ 50,000$ with 10-day option on balance. MONTREAL METROPOLITAN COMMISSION, Que.-BONDS issue of $\$ 1,800,000$ bonds, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed $6 \%$ Proceeds will be used to meet capital expenditures made on behalf of the
unemployed.
 92.05 focenthe file year maturities, 78.589 for the bonds due in 20 y years, and
76.80 for the 30 year bonds. SHERBROOKE bonds.
Savard, Ltd., both of Montreal, jointly have purchased an \& Co. and Ernest
 during the period from 1932 to 1936 incl. While the remaining $\$ 185.000$ Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Bank of Montreal, at Montreal, Quebec, Toronto or sherbrooke. The bankers are reorfering
the bonds
for the issue weneral winvestment at par and accrued interest. Bids received

 Bank of Montreal, Royal Bank of Canada, Dominion Securities Corp.,
Wood, Gundy \& Co., Hannaford, Birks \& Co. and A.E. Ames \& CO.,
 $\%$ unemployment relief work bonds sold rece The issue of $\$ 30,884.45$



[^0]:    $z$ Reported by the National Machine Tool Builders' Assoclation.

[^1]:    Total.-
    it Immediately, and that the corporation use the remaining $\$ 1,500,000$

[^2]:    Total_
    $\$ 1,266,343,566 \$ 1,300,267,222$
    

[^3]:    Ford Motor Co. of France.-Earnings.-
    Net profit of the company for year ended Dec. 3 I 1931, was approximately $15,516,000$ francs, after expenses
    francs in $1930 .-V .134$, p. 2917 .

[^4]:    * Excluding stockholders of affiliated companies.

