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The Financial Situation

THE passing by the United States Senate late in the night of Tuesday, May 31, of the new tax and revenue bill, intended to balance the Federal budget for the fiscal year ending June 30 1933 has been the overshadowing event of the week—and a highly favorable one. This was followed by the sending of the bill, which differed in some particulars from the bill which came to the Senate from the House of Representatives, to conference committees of the two houses, where the differences were quickly adjusted, and yesterday the Conference Committees made their report to the two houses. The House is to act on the report to-day and the Senate on Monday, and thus tax and revenue legislation will have been completed, thereby marking the greatest achievement of the Congressional session, or at least the achievement most urgently needed and for which the whole country for the last six months has been anxiously waiting.

It is no exaggeration to say, therefore, that business interests will now be able to breathe freer, since one chief obstacle to the revival of industrial activity, now at a very low ebb, will have been removed. A great cloud of a very threatening character kept hanging over the country so long as heavy budget deficits kept steadily accumulating month after month. A Government, no more than an individual, can long continue to carry on while ordinary outgoes heavily exceed the ordinary ingoes, and the correction of this unfortunate state of things was an absolute prerequisite to the establishment of normal conditions in the industrial, financial and commercial world.

As to the tax bill itself no one can contemplate with satisfaction the levying of additional tax burdens, especially in a period of great trade prostration, when even light tax burdens are not easily borne. But no other solution of the problem was possible, and under the circumstances the best thing has no doubt been done that it was humanly possible to do. Higher taxes were inevitable, owing to the magnitude of the deficit, and no alternative existed.

The income tax rates are inordinately high, and the excise and special taxes, such as the increase in the postage rate on letters from 2c. to 3c., the higher rates on second class mail matter, and a 2c. stamp on bank checks, besides other taxes, are a regrettable feature, but there was no escape from them or from other like taxes if the needed revenue was to be raised so as to make revenues and expenditures balance. The personal income tax runs upward on a graded scale. The tariff duties on oil, coal, lumber and copper are a monstrosity because they have no place

in a revenue-producing measure. The income taxes on individuals will be 4% on the first \$4,000 of income and 8% on the remainder. These are the normal taxes. The surtax rates run to a maximum of 55%, this last being applicable on incomes in excess of \$1,000,000. Add to this the normal tax of 8%, the maximum personal tax will be 63%. If the income is derived directly from corporations, the 55% tax becomes 68¾%, since the corporation tax is to be raised to 13¾%, and this 13¾% takes the place of the 8% normal tax on individuals.

But in addition there will be the State income taxes to pay, a circumstance usually ignored, and in New York State the corporation income tax is 4½%, while the State personal income tax runs to a maximum of 6% on incomes in excess of \$50,000 per annum. These two State income taxes run concurrently and the 10½% for the two combined must hence be added to the 68¾% of the Federal taxes, making a grand total of 79¼%. This is certainly "going it some." Very few persons in this glorious country will have to pay this extreme maximum, and we feel sure that the revenue from the income tax yield will prove a sad disappointment, since the great majority of persons and of corporations will have no income on which to levy an income tax of any kind, as the monthly and quarterly returns of corporate incomes abundantly prove.

ANOTHER highly constructive event came to notice last night when Thomas W. Lamont gave out a statement on behalf of J. P. Morgan & Co. announcing that a corporation is in process of organization for the purpose of acquiring sound investments in the security markets. Funds for investment will be made available to the Corporation through the sale of its debenture bonds. For such bonds initial subscriptions have already been received in the amount of \$100,000,000 from the following New York banking institutions: The Chase National Bank of the City of New York; the National City Bank of New York; First National Bank of the City of New York; Guaranty Trust Co. of New York; Bankers' Trust Co.; Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.; Irving Trust Co.; Manufacturers' Trust Co.; Bank of Manhattan Trust Co.; Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co.; the New York Trust Co.; Chemical Bank & Trust Co.; Bank of New York & Trust Co.; United States Trust Co. of New York; Brooklyn Trust Co.; Public National Bank & Trust Co.; Commercial National Bank & Trust Co.; Marine Midland Trust Co. of New York; also from Messrs. J. P. Mor-

gan & Co., and Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Messrs. Morgan will, in accordance with the request of the subscribing institutions and under the general direction of the Corporation's Board, act in the acquisition and handling of its investments.

Various banking institutions in leading centers outside New York City, it is stated, have already signified their intention of joining the group which is undertaking to subscribe for the debentures of the Corporation. The directors, as initially constituted, are as follows: Mortimer N. Buckner, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the New York Trust Co.; George W. Davison, President Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.; Walter E. Frew, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co.; Harvey D. Gibson, President Manufacturers' Trust Co.; F. Abbot Goodhue, President Bank of Manhattan Trust Co.; H. P. Howell, President Commercial National Bank & Trust Co.; Percy H. Johnston, President Chemical Bank & Trust Co.; Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Charles E. Mitchell, Chairman the National City Bank of New York; Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Irving Trust Co.; William C. Potter, President Guaranty Trust Co. of New York; Jackson E. Reynolds, President First National Bank of the City of New York; Albert A. Tilney, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Bankers' Trust Co.; John C. Trap-hagen, President Bank of New York & Trust Co.; Felix M. Warburg of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; George Whitney of J. P. Morgan & Co.; Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Governing Board, the Chase National Bank of the City of New York. Announcement as to the official staff of the Corporation is to be made later.

The Corporation proposes to make its initial purchases in the bond market. Its policy in acquiring investments, it is pointed out, must manifestly be based in large measure upon its confidence in final action by Congress in effectively balancing the budget, and thus manifesting its determination to maintain intact the Government's credit.

ANOTHER event of the week, but of a different character, has been the action of the Senate Finance Committee in substituting Senator Glass's bill to make United States Government bonds available for temporary currency inflation as a substitute for the Goldsborough Bill already passed by the House of Representatives, and which seeks to stabilize the American dollar on the basis of the level of commodity prices prevailing during the years 1921 to 1929. Washington advices on Wednesday, June 1, stated that the Glass Bill had on that day been reported to the United States Senate "by an unrecorded but overwhelming vote." We referred to this proposition a week ago, when it was put forth by Mr. Glass as a tentative suggestion, and indicated that it was disheartening to have a man like Senator Glass, who has always been such a staunch advocate of a sound currency, sponsor anything of the kind. It is simply a return to a bond secured National bank circulation such as prevailed prior to the establishment of the Federal Reserve System, and which it was supposed that System had forever supplanted.

Nothing too strong in condemnation of the proposal can be said, and we will go a step further and assert that as a legislative proposition it is infinitely worse than the Goldsborough Bill. The latter is simply a *direction* to the Federal Reserve authori-

ties to pursue a certain policy and a certain line of action, something which is really impossible of accomplishment unless the country passes off the gold standard and gold advances to a premium, in which event prices might rule higher, but only in a depreciated dollar of reduced purchasing power, so that nothing would be gained in having a higher level of values. The Carter Glass proposition would result in the immediate flooding of the country with a huge mass of National bank notes.

Mr. Glass speaks in a very qualified way of his proposal, and gives it really only half-hearted support. He makes it plain that he has very little faith in it, and advocates it merely as a temporary expedient, because he thinks it would be less harmful than the Goldsborough Bill, in which view we cannot agree with him, as we have already indicated. What Mr. Glass says, in our estimation, shows that he should have washed his hands completely of anything of the kind, and it is a matter for deep regret that he did not see fit to do this instead of merely throwing cold water on the proposition and indicating that it was not to his liking, although he, nevertheless, was impelled to put it forth.

Advocating the proposition because it would result in temporary inflation, he declares he would much rather allow the heads of the 7,600 National banks to seek new currency issues when they thought the credit of their communities demanded it than to permit a comparatively small board of men in the East to try to cure the situation by bond purchases, as the Federal Reserve authorities have been doing and continue to do. The Glass Bill would extend the circulation privilege for a period of five years to all outstanding bonds of the United States, and upon deposit with the Treasurer of the United States by a National Banking Association of any such bonds such bank would be entitled to receive circulating notes in the same manner and to the same extent and subject to the same conditions and limitations now provided by law in the case of 2% gold bonds of the United States bearing the circulation privilege.

Mr. Glass is quoted as saying: "I dissent from the view that there is any need of artificial inflation of the credits or currency of the country, but nevertheless if there is to be any more inflation it should be brought about by a simple method which everybody may understand, and not by the round-about process which is being vainly tried by the Federal Reserve authorities. In short, I think there should be 'diffusive' inflation rather than so-called 'controlled' inflation by the central authorities who imagine that this expansion, beginning in the big money centers, will trickle down to the smaller communities throughout the country."

We think that the Federal Reserve authorities are ill advised in their policy of large-scale purchases of Government securities, but most assuredly Senator Glass is deceived when he says he does not believe resort to the measure now proposed would be likely, especially since the National banks had not availed themselves of anything like all of their circulation privileges they could obtain under existing law. Mr. Glass argues in the following strain:

"In existing circumstances, only the 2% bonds, aggregating some \$740,000,000, enjoy the circulation privilege, whereas in the total capitalization of the National banks of the country there is \$1,600,000,000 in round numbers, which latter sum indicates the

amount of circulation that National banks might issue if they had a bond basis for this purpose. This basis the bill reported would give.

"The outstanding circulation of National banks is now only \$624,000,000, or about \$114,000,000 short of the permissible amount. Should the bill reported become law, the 7,600 National banks making use of the United States bonds in their respective portfolios could expand their circulation to the extent of \$1,108,000,000.

"Of course, none of this National bank currency would be issued unless there should be a demand for it in the respective communities, and the expectation would be that currency thus issued would be retired as the demand for credits should be abated or cease."

Mr. Glass is certainly mistaken in thinking that "none of this National bank currency would be issued unless there should be a demand for it in the respective communities, and the expectation would be that currency thus issued would be retired as the demand for credits should be abated or cease." Senator Walcott, another member of the Senate Finance Committee, is in like manner mistaken in thinking that there would be no inflation unless it was actually needed. On that point Senator Walcott, impressed with the same idea, is quoted to the following effect:

"The National banks now have authority to issue \$114,000,000 in currency, and the fact that this has not been issued is evidence that it is not needed," Senator Walcott said.

"The Glass Bill, allowing National banks, as at present, to issue up to 100% of their capital, would give authority to them to issue \$994,000,000 in addition to the \$624,000,000 now outstanding.

"It should be emphasized that this would not take place unless it was needed. I do not believe there is a demand at the present time for this additional expansion."

The fact that the National banks have not fully availed of the circulation privilege under existing law, as here urged, is hardly to the point. There is no profit in taking out circulation under present circumstances, with only 2% consols available. But the situation would be entirely different when authority was extended to buy issues bearing 3½% to 4% interest, selling in the neighborhood of par, making the operation profitable. We may suppose that the National banks all over the country would immediately begin the putting out of circulation, and it would be put out, not because there was need of it, but because there was a profit in the operation. Credit demands and currency demands would play no part in the operation. At least that was the experience with National bank notes before the enactment of the Federal Reserve Law. The strongest argument against National bank notes, and which really caused the adoption of a different system by means of the Federal Reserve banks, was that National bank circulation was entirely lacking in elasticity, that its volume was not controlled by credit or currency demands, but that the controlling consideration was whether a profit could be obtained from the same.

And National bank notes once put out were certain to stay out. We may be sure that would be the result in the present case, and that the notes would simply be paid out into circulation and stay out, possibly expelling more gold. And what may we suppose would be the result if instead of having

only \$624,000,000 of National bank notes outstanding, there should be under the new privileges another billion dollars in addition? With no gold reserves for this large mass of circulating notes, what would be the effect upon the country's ability to maintain the gold standard? The circulation privilege is to continue for a period of only five years, but imagine the hue and cry that would be raised at the end of the five-year period if a considerable further volume of bank notes were outstanding and it was then necessary to retire them. Would not the whole scheme then fall to the ground? Senator Glass took a conspicuous part in the establishment of the Federal Reserve System and has always been one of its staunchest supporters. With \$1,000,000,000 of bank notes outstanding beyond the present amount, whether permanently or temporary, would he not be laying the basis for the complete undoing of the Reserve System in the establishment of which he played such a conspicuous part?

LEGISLATION of questionable merit seems to be the order of the day, and in the circumstances it is perhaps not surprising that what is known as the Steagall Bill for the guarantee of bank deposits should have passed the House of Representatives at Washington without even a record vote. This happened on May 27. Louis T. McFadden, of Pennsylvania, ranking Republican on the Banking Committee, characterized the measure properly when he said: "It is striking the worst blow ever administered the Federal Reserve System," and he also insisted that "not a single member of the Administration approves it," which may well be believed. Henry B. Steagall, however, of Alabama, Chairman of the Committee on Banking, contends that some measure assuring depositors that they will get their money back even though the banks have failed or fail, "is essential and indispensable toward restoration of confidence and a revival of business in the United States." In this Mr. Steagall entertains a weird illusion, for if this guarantee scheme ever found its way to the statute book, loss of confidence would be absolutely complete.

The method for raising and maintaining the guarantee fund is as objectionable as the idea itself. The bill proposes the establishment of a \$1,000,000,000 fund to guarantee deposits and to be obtained as follows: \$150,000,000 from the United States Treasury, representing, we are told, the amount the Treasury has received in franchise taxes; thus the first step would be to bleed the Treasury; another \$150,000,000 is to be a contribution from the \$300,000,000 surplus of the Reserve banks, thereby bleeding the latter institutions; another \$100,000,000 is to be provided by bleeding the Reserve member banks, that is, by an assessment on these banks; an additional assessment of \$100,000,000 is also to be levied "if necessary," thereby carrying the bleeding process a step further. In addition, loans are to be obtained from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to a total of \$500,000,000, "if that much is needed." The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is to be authorized to issue such securities as may be necessary to provide all or part of the \$500,000,000, and no security is to be required. There are other provisions, such as requiring Federal Reserve banks to pay one-half of their net earnings to member banks and the other half to the fund for the guarantee of deposits.

This is one of those fantastic schemes, absolutely devoid of merit, but which invariably crop out in periods of stress and trial when everybody is anxious to be helpful, and with that idea in mind all sorts of nostrums and panaceas find wide acceptance and are put forward as sure cures. We discussed the Steagall Bill for the guarantee of bank deposits at the time when it was first brought forward, and made it plain that all schemes for the guarantee of bank deposits are chimerical. In this country they have been tried at different times in different States, and have invariably proved a failure. They put a premium upon bad management and unsound banking and penalize the conservatively managed institution for the faults and mistakes of the recklessly managed institutions.

EVERY honest minded person must rejoice at the acquittal last Saturday morning of Joseph A. Broderick, State Superintendent of Banks, on the charge of neglect of duty in delaying the closing of the Bank of United States. The failure of this bank was certainly a bad mess, but all the testimony in the case showed that Mr. Broderick acted with the single purpose of endeavoring to save the institution at a most critical time in the banking world and when it was the plain duty of those high in authority to make the attempt at rescue. Mr. Broderick labored unceasingly to that end, and that he was not successful was certainly no fault of his. Many eminent men in the banking and financial world labored with Mr. Broderick in his herculean task at rescue, and all testified in his behalf, making it plain beyond peradventure that here was a banking official who had proceeded throughout from a high sense of duty. That a public official thus distinguished should be put to the humiliation of a long and harrassing trial in order to establish his innocence of the charge of neglect is one of those unfortunate incidents that often attend the conduct of public office. Mr. Broderick now, at least, will have the consciousness that the baselessness of the charge against him has been established beyond the shadow of doubt. He is entitled to the congratulation of the entire banking world.

THE condition statements of the Federal Reserve banks show a heavy reduction in the gold holdings of the institutions as a result of the continued outflow of the metal and also further large purchases of United States Government securities. For the week ending Wednesday, June 1, the gold exports reached \$63,739,000, \$28,582,000 going to France, \$13,740,000 to Holland, \$13,000,000 to Switzerland, \$6,926,000 to Belgium, \$1,454,000 to England, and \$37,000 to Peru, besides which there was an increase in the gold earmarked for foreign account in amount of \$41,085,000, making the total loss for the week \$104,824,000, which last corresponds pretty closely with the reduction in the gold holdings of the 12 Reserve institutions, the total of which declined during the week from \$2,857,081,000 to \$2,751,067,000. There were further gold withdrawals on Thursday for export of \$8,400,700 (\$7,250,700 going to France, \$1,100,000 to Holland, and \$50,000 to Austria); \$12,122,900 more gold was earmarked for foreign account, making the loss for that day over \$20,000,000; yesterday (Friday) there were further large gold engagements, the withdrawals for export aggregating \$24,758,300 (\$10,745,400 being for Hol-

land, \$7,993,000 for Switzerland, \$4,090,200 for Belgium, and \$1,929,700 for France), besides which \$6,800,400 more was added to the earmarked stock, making the total loss for that day \$31,558,300. The gold movements for these two days, however, will not count until the appearance of next week's condition statement of the 12 Reserve institutions.

The further acquisitions of United States Government securities during the week have been substantial, running somewhat in excess of \$50,000,000 (\$50,004,000), and the total of the holdings now stands at \$1,575,200,000, which compares with only \$598,348,000 12 months ago, on June 3 1931. Holdings of acceptances further declined during the week from \$38,373,000 to \$35,479,000, but discounts increased during the week from \$471,267,000 to \$494,601,000. The result altogether is that the total holdings of bills and securities, and which constitute a measure of the volume of Reserve credit outstanding, show an increase for the week of \$70,368,000, raising the total of such holdings to \$2,110,424,000, at which figure comparison is with only \$907,016,000 on June 3 of last year. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation also increased during the week, rising from \$2,532,714,000 May 25 to \$2,564,399,000 June 1, at which figure comparison is with only \$1,583,574,000 12 months ago.

The loss of gold, combined with the further purchases of Government securities, obliged the Reserve banks to have further recourse to the authority granted under the Glass-Steagall Act permitting the use of United States securities as part collateral for Federal Reserve notes. The further amount so used during the week was \$66,900,000, and \$263,300,000 is the total of United States securities now used as collateral for Federal Reserve notes outstanding. Owing to the huge loss of gold, the ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined has further fallen during the week from 63.1% to 61.4%. However, this is far in excess of legal requirements, inasmuch as the required reserve against Federal Reserve notes is only 40% and the requirements against the deposit liabilities no more than 35%.

We have referred above to the further reduction in the holdings of acceptances by the 12 Reserve banks from \$38,373,000 to \$35,479,000. These are the holdings of the Reserve banks for their own account. The acceptance holdings for account of foreign correspondents have further declined even more heavily, the amount having dropped during the week from \$216,402,000 to \$179,564,000. This shows that these foreign banks are diminishing their investments in bills here; on the other hand, the foreign bank deposits with the Reserve institutions have increased during the week from \$40,706,000 to \$74,035,000.

THE stock market continued under severe pressure until Thursday, when it reversed its course and moved sharply upward, and the recovery extended still further on Friday. The change followed directly as the result of the progress made in Congress in expediting the passage of the tax bill for balancing the budget. At the half-day session on Saturday last the course of prices was adversely influenced by the news in the morning papers that the Cities Service Co., along with all its subsidiary concerns, had decided to suspend dividend payments. The securities of these companies are not traded in

on the New York Stock Exchange, being listed on the New York Curb Exchange. The New York Stock Exchange felt the bad effects nevertheless, the more so as Cities Service Co. is a very prominent public utility. After an early break, however, on Saturday last, the market developed a rallying tendency and recovered some of the early losses, leaving the net changes for the day small, as a rule, though generally towards lower levels. Monday was Memorial Day and a holiday. On Tuesday, after the two-day holiday, the market displayed weakness all around, and scored heavy losses, as a rule.

On Wednesday there came the news that the United States Senate late the night before had speeded the revenue bill to passage after President Hoover had made a personal appearance in the Senate Chamber and made a plea for speedy action. This would naturally be expected to lead to an upward spurt in the market, since speedy passage of the tax bill was what the whole fraternity had been long praying for. The first and immediate influence did have the effect expected, and prices of the active speculative issues opened at several points advance as compared with the closing figures the previous day. The opening quotations Wednesday showed net gains of several points, thus Allied Chemical opened $3\frac{1}{2}$ points higher; American Can $5\frac{3}{8}$; American Tel. & Tel. $2\frac{7}{8}$; American Tobacco B $3\frac{3}{8}$; Auburn Auto $4\frac{3}{4}$; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe $4\frac{7}{8}$; Consolidated Gas $2\frac{3}{4}$; du Pont $1\frac{5}{8}$; General Foods $3\frac{1}{2}$; Liggett & Myers B $3\frac{7}{8}$; Union Pacific 4; U. S. Steel $2\frac{1}{4}$, and Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. $2\frac{3}{4}$, but weakness developed soon after, and at the noon hour the market became quite unsettled on the heavy liquidation, with American Tel. & Tel. leading in the downward movement, that stock falling from its opening price of 91 to a new low of 85. U. S. Steel touched a new low of $25\frac{1}{4}$ after opening at 28. Only a feeble rally occurred just before the closing hour. The bond market, however, showed a well-sustained advance all through the day.

On Thursday the importance of the progress made with the tax bill began to dawn strongly upon the Stock Exchange fraternity, and the tendency of prices both in stocks and bonds was strongly towards higher levels, and the upward trend was fully maintained on Friday on the additional bit of favorable news that the conference committees had made rapid progress in adjusting the differences between the two houses, so much so that the bill was likely to come along by the end of the week. No less than 571 stocks recorded new low levels for the year during the week. Call loans on the Stock Exchange again ruled unchanged at $2\frac{1}{2}\%$, but apparently some of the borrowing on Stock Exchange account was done at the lower rates prevailing in the outside markets.

There were no special developments of consequence other than those mentioned, but further dividend reductions and omissions served as a depressing influence the same as in all other recent periods. The suspension of dividends by the Cities Service Co. has already been referred to. This included the monthly dividends on all classes of stock of the Cities Service Co., and likewise the dividends on Cities Service Power & Light Co., the Empire Gas & Fuel Co., the Arkansas Natural Gas Corp., and Louisiana Oil Refining Corp. The Borg-Warner Corp. also omitted the quarterly dividend on its common stock, and Montgomery Ward & Co. suspended the quarterly dividend on the \$7 cumul. pref. stock. The

American Public Service Co. omitted the quarterly dividend on the 7% cumul. pref. stock, Schulte Retail Stores Corp. deferred the quarterly dividend of \$2 a share on its 8% cumul. pref. stock, the Niles-Bement-Pond Co. omitted the quarterly dividend of 15c. a share on its no-par common stock, and the Colorado & Southern Railway passed the semi-annual dividend on the 1st pref. stock, while the Boston & Maine RR. passed on the 7% cumul. prior preference stock.

The Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. reduced its semi-annual dividend from 5% to 3%, or from a basis of 10% per annum to 6%; Cudahy Packing Co. reduced the quarterly dividend on the common stock from \$1 a share to 50c. a share; General American Tank Car Corp. declared a semi-annual dividend of 50c. a share on the common stock, payable July 1. This compares with a quarterly dividend of \$1 a share paid on Jan. 1 1932. Industrial Rayon Corp. reduced the quarterly dividend on common from \$1 a share to 50c. a share; Abraham & Straus, Inc., reduced the quarterly dividend on common from $37\frac{1}{2}$ c. a share to 30c. a share; Beatrice Creamery Co. reduced the quarterly dividend on common from \$1 a share to 50c. a share; the American Water Works & Elec. Co., Inc., reduced its quarterly dividend on common from 75c. a share to 50c. a share; Swift & Co., Chicago, reduced the dividend on the common from 50c. a share quarterly to 25c. a share, and (S. S.) Kresge Co. cut the quarterly dividend on common from 40c. a share to 25c. a share.

The volume of trading has been fairly large. At the half-day session on Saturday last the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 675,473 shares; Monday (being Memorial Day and a holiday) the Exchange was closed; on Tuesday the sales reached 1,475,520 shares; on Wednesday, 1,841,508 shares; on Thursday, 1,866,981 shares, and on Friday, 1,886,573 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 165,375 shares; on Tuesday, 205,935 shares; on Wednesday, 248,864 shares; on Thursday, 241,594 shares, and on Friday, 191,385 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week irregular net changes are shown, the sharp recovery on Thursday and Friday having served to cancel many of the early losses. General Electric closed yesterday at $10\frac{1}{4}$ against 10 on Friday of last week; North American at $18\frac{5}{8}$ against $15\frac{3}{8}$; Standard Gas & Elec. at $9\frac{3}{4}$ against $9\frac{1}{4}$; Pacific Gas & Elec. at $20\frac{1}{4}$ against 20; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 37 against 40; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 7 against 6; Brooklyn Union Gas at $54\frac{5}{8}$ against 62; Electric Power & Light at 4 against $3\frac{1}{2}$; Public Service of N. J. at 35 against $36\frac{1}{4}$; International Harvester at $16\frac{1}{4}$ against 16; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 20 against 19; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at $15\frac{1}{4}$ against 15; Montgomery Ward & Co. at $4\frac{7}{8}$ against $4\frac{1}{4}$; Woolworth at $26\frac{1}{4}$ against $26\frac{1}{2}$; Safeway Stores at $40\frac{5}{8}$ against 38; Western Union Telegraph at $18\frac{1}{4}$ against $18\frac{1}{4}$; American Tel. & Tel. at $86\frac{1}{2}$ against 92; International Tel. & Tel. at $3\frac{3}{8}$ against $2\frac{7}{8}$; American Can at 39 against $35\frac{1}{2}$; United States Industrial Alcohol at $15\frac{1}{4}$ against $13\frac{7}{8}$; Commercial Solvents at $4\frac{3}{4}$ ex-div. against 2; Shattuck & Co. at 6 against $5\frac{1}{4}$, and Corn Products at 31 against $29\frac{1}{4}$.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at $50\frac{3}{4}$ against $50\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at $27\frac{1}{4}$ against $26\frac{7}{8}$; National Cash Register A at $7\frac{3}{4}$ against $7\frac{1}{2}$; International Nickel

at $4\frac{1}{2}$ against $3\frac{7}{8}$; Timken Roller Bearing at $11\frac{1}{4}$ against $12\frac{1}{8}$; Mack Trucks at 13 against $12\frac{1}{4}$; Yellow Truck & Coach at $1\frac{5}{8}$ against $1\frac{7}{8}$; Johns-Manville at $11\frac{5}{8}$ against $10\frac{1}{2}$; Gillette Safety Razor at $13\frac{3}{8}$ against $13\frac{1}{2}$; National Dairy Products at $17\frac{5}{8}$ ex-div. against $15\frac{3}{8}$; Associated Dry Goods at 3 against $3\frac{1}{2}$; Texas Gulf Sulphur at $14\frac{1}{2}$ against $13\frac{7}{8}$; Freeport Texas at 11 against $11\frac{1}{8}$; American & Foreign Power at $2\frac{1}{4}$ against $2\frac{3}{8}$; United Gas Improvement at $12\frac{5}{8}$ against $13\frac{1}{2}$; National Biscuit at $31\frac{1}{4}$ against 29; Coca-Cola at 90 against $90\frac{3}{4}$; Continental Can at $21\frac{1}{2}$ against $20\frac{3}{8}$; Eastman Kodak at $41\frac{3}{8}$ ex-div. against $40\frac{1}{4}$; Gold Dust Corp. at 10 against $9\frac{7}{8}$; Standard Brands at 10 against $9\frac{3}{4}$; Paramount Public Corp. at $1\frac{7}{8}$ against $1\frac{3}{4}$; Kreuger & Toll at $1/16$ against $1/16$; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at $21\frac{1}{4}$ against $19\frac{1}{8}$; Drug, Inc., at 28 against $28\frac{3}{8}$; Columbian Carbon at 17 against $15\frac{7}{8}$; Reynolds Tobacco B at $29\frac{7}{8}$ against $27\frac{1}{2}$; Liggett & Myers class B at $41\frac{7}{8}$ against $36\frac{1}{2}$; Lorillard at 11 against $9\frac{5}{8}$, and American Tobacco at $46\frac{1}{2}$ against $47\frac{3}{4}$.

The steel shares were weak early, but shared in the later recovery. United States Steel closed yesterday at $28\frac{1}{2}$ against $26\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at $8\frac{3}{4}$ against $10\frac{3}{4}$; Vanadium at $6\frac{3}{8}$ against 6, and Republic Iron & Steel at $2\frac{1}{8}$ against 2. In the auto group Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 36 against $31\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; General Motors at 9 against $9\frac{5}{8}$; Chrysler at $6\frac{1}{8}$ against $5\frac{3}{8}$; Nash Motors at $9\frac{1}{4}$ against 9; Packard Motors at $1\frac{7}{8}$ against 2; Hudson Motor Car at $3\frac{5}{8}$ against $3\frac{1}{8}$, and Hupp Motors at $1\frac{1}{2}$ against $1\frac{1}{2}$. In the rubber group Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at $7\frac{1}{2}$ against $5\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at $2\frac{1}{2}$ against $2\frac{1}{2}$; United States Rubber at 2 against $2\frac{1}{4}$, and the preferred at 4 against 4.

The railroad shares have also participated in the recovery. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at $7\frac{5}{8}$ against $7\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at $27\frac{7}{8}$ against $25\frac{1}{4}$; Atlantic Coast Line at $12\frac{1}{4}$ against 10; Chicago Rock Island & Pacific at $3\frac{1}{4}$ against $2\frac{1}{4}$; New York Central at $10\frac{5}{8}$ against $9\frac{1}{2}$; Baltimore & Ohio at $4\frac{1}{2}$ against $4\frac{3}{4}$; New Haven at $7\frac{1}{8}$ against $6\frac{5}{8}$; Union Pacific at $36\frac{5}{8}$ against $37\frac{1}{4}$; Southern Pacific at $8\frac{5}{8}$ against $7\frac{3}{8}$; Missouri Pacific at 2 against $1\frac{5}{8}$; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at $2\frac{1}{8}$ against $1\frac{1}{2}$; Southern Railway at $3\frac{7}{8}$ against 3 bid; Chesapeake & Ohio at $12\frac{5}{8}$ against $12\frac{1}{4}$; Northern Pacific at $8\frac{1}{4}$ against $5\frac{7}{8}$, and Great Northern at $7\frac{7}{8}$ against $5\frac{5}{8}$.

The oil shares have moved up and down with the general market. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at $24\frac{1}{8}$ against $23\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at $17\frac{3}{4}$ against 18; Atlantic Refining at $10\frac{1}{2}$ against $10\frac{1}{4}$; Texas Corp. at 10 ex-div. against $10\frac{1}{4}$; Phillips Petroleum at $3\frac{1}{2}$ against 4, and Pure Oil at $3\frac{1}{8}$ against $3\frac{1}{2}$.

The copper shares have continued depressed. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 4 against 4 on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 6 against $5\frac{5}{8}$; Calumet & Hecla at $1\frac{1}{2}$ against $1\frac{1}{2}$; American Smelting & Refining at 7 against $6\frac{1}{8}$; Phelps Dodge at 5 against $4\frac{1}{2}$, and Cerro de Pasco Copper at $4\frac{7}{8}$ against $4\frac{3}{8}$.

PPRICE movements of securities on stock exchanges in the leading European financial centers were dominated this week almost entirely by

the numerous political developments of world-wide significance. After a quiet and uncertain start, stocks at London, Paris and Berlin moved forward readily on the reports of the United States Senate's passage of the revenue bill, and the decision of the State Department at Washington to participate in an economic conference of world Powers at London. The upward trend was not maintained, however, chiefly because of disappointing reports of the trend of prices at New York. Satisfaction regarding the American developments was tempered, moreover, by uncertainty concerning the German Cabinet overturn and the prospective new Cabinet in France. There was likewise continued anxiety regarding the lack of any definite signs of improvement in trade and industry in Europe. Official reports of the British retail trade show that the decline is still continuing, at least in money value. German unemployment statistics show that 5,675,000 were out of work in that country May 15. The decline from the high point of last winter is 454,000, but in the same period a year ago the decrease was 780,000.

Business on the London Stock Exchange was on a small scale in the initial session of the week, with the tone irregular. British funds were quiet and net changes were small. Home rail stocks advanced on the week-end disclosures that the two largest systems in Britain, the London, Midland and Scottish, and the London and Northeastern, had agreed to pool receipts "wherever there is competition or contact between them." This move to economize and eliminate waste attracted modest buying of the related issues. Industrial stocks were weak, both the British and international lists moving off. Tuesday's dealings were again quiet, with an advance noted in German bonds owing to the belief that the resignation of the Bruening Cabinet is a favorable factor so far as these issues are concerned. British funds were firm, but with these exceptions the market proved dull and prices dropped. A cheerful tone developed, Wednesday, on the favorable reports from the United States. International stocks soared, and British industrial issues also advanced. Reinvestment demand for gilt-edged issues occasioned gains in this section as well. With overnight reports from New York telling of an uncertain trend, some irregularity also developed in London, Thursday. British funds remained firm, but losses were registered in industrial issues and the international group. The market was cheerful yesterday, and prices advanced in all departments.

The Paris Bourse was dull at the opening, Monday, and stocks fluctuated alternately upward and downward. Announcement of the Bruening Government's resignation was made before the close, but this did not affect the market. Most important issues registered small gains for the day, with some losses also in evidence. Moderate gains again predominated Tuesday, owing chiefly to hasty covering of short sellers in advance of the month-end settlement. Money for the carry-over was quoted at $1/16$ th of 1%. Foreign issues and French electrical stocks furnished the only exceptions to the improved tone. A sharp advance followed, Wednesday, owing to the satisfactory developments in the United States, and a decision by Premier-designate Herriot not to combine with the Socialists in forming a new French Government. With the situation on both sides of the Atlantic appearing brighter, buyers appeared in substantial numbers and stocks advanced

readily. After an uncertain start, Thursday, prices turned downward on the Bourse in reaction from the headlong advance of the preceding session. The earlier gains were merely diminished, however, and not wiped out. Buying was resumed yesterday, and substantial gains were registered.

The Berlin Boerse was quiet but firm Monday, notwithstanding the fall of the Bruening Cabinet. There was little public interest in stocks, but professional circles displayed a desire to exchange marks for stocks, owing to fears of inflation in connection with the Cabinet change. Prices varied but little. Fears of inflationary expedients by the new Government of Chancellor von Papen were general Tuesday, and prices advanced sharply on the Boerse. Stocks were in steady demand and prices advanced of as much as 10 points followed, but fixed income securities were freely offered and declining quotations were reported in this section. The Berlin market was again dominated by these factors, Wednesday, and prices of stocks continued to mount. The movement led to an authorized statement that the Boerse Board and the new Government are opposed to inflationary measures, but this announcement was made only at the close, and the session ended with quotations almost at their highest levels. A decided reaction followed, Thursday, and it was realized that apprehensions regarding inflation are unjustified. In most cases stocks lost all their gains of the preceding session. Bonds moved upward, however, as funds were again invested in senior securities. The Boerse was quiet, with prices slightly higher yesterday.

TENTATIVE announcements in Washington and London, early this week, indicate that an international conference on world economic conditions will soon be held in the British capital. Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson made known, Tuesday, that such a conference was in prospect after he had been informed of newspaper reports from London regarding conversations between the two Governments to this end. Foreign Secretary Sir John Simon informed the House of Commons in London, on the following day, that such conversations were being held and that all countries invited to the Lausanne conference on German reparations were also being sounded out regarding participation in the economic parley. His statement was viewed as a virtual invitation to the United States Government to join the second half of the Lausanne meeting, which is to consider not reparations, but "other economic and financial difficulties which are responsible for and may prolong the world crisis." In obvious response to this suggestion the State Department at Washington is understood to have made clear, Thursday, its willingness to join the discussion on general economic matters provided it is held at London after decisions on reparations have been reached at Lausanne. This procedure, it is believed, would plainly dissociate the London gathering from that on reparations, and thus permit the United States Government to maintain its attitude of complete unconcern with reparations.

Disclosure of these plans was apparently made somewhat prematurely, as a result of steadily mounting conjecture regarding the subject of a transatlantic telephone conversation held May 25 between Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and Secretary Stimson. In his first formal pronouncement on the

subject, Mr. Stimson revealed that the suggestion for an international conference to consider "methods to stabilize world commodity prices" arose from an inquiry by the British Ambassador in Washington as to whether the United States would participate. After due consideration, the Secretary stated, a reply was made through Ambassador Mellon to the effect that this Government believes early convocation of the conference might be of real value in the present depression. "The proposed conference would have nothing to do with war debts, reparations, disarmament, or any other than purely economic subjects," Mr. Stimson announced. In reports from Washington it was remarked that officials expect the conference to take a wide range, covering questions relating to currency, foreign exchange, the gold standard, silver and other matters. In reference to commodity prices, a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" said, it is expected the conference will consider the general application of more liberal credit policies, in the belief that this will stop the shrinkage in values.

Sir John Simon was questioned in the House of Commons, Wednesday, regarding the proposed conference, and he indicated in an explanatory statement that the matter was indeed under discussion, but had not progressed beyond an informal and preliminary stage. This statement was apparently made with an eye to other governments concerned, for Sir John Simon added that no opportunity to consult them had yet arisen. "It has to be remembered," he said, "that the terms of reference for the conference at Lausanne include, among other objects to be sought, not only a settlement of reparations, but an agreement on the measures necessary to salve other economic and financial difficulties which are responsible for and may prolong the present world crisis. Unless, therefore, the United States sends representatives to the second part of the Lausanne conference, there is a danger of overlapping, and the questions of time and place would remain to be considered, even if yet a further conference were decided upon. At the same time the importance of the United States co-operation in such a discussion is so great that his Majesty's Government is losing no time in consulting the other governments who will be assembled at Lausanne as to the suggestion which has been made."

In further reference to this proposal, the State Department at Washington disclosed, Thursday, that if the Lausanne conference of June 16 holds an adjourned meeting at London for the purpose of discussing plans for the betterment of world economic conditions, the United States is quite willing to attend. It was remarked in an Associated Press report that "the United States and Great Britain are in complete agreement about the holding of a world economic conference in London, and this Government will attend at any time such a conference can be arranged." It is held unlikely in Washington that the conference could be held before August, and London also believes that a considerable time must elapse before arrangements can be perfected. Sir John Simon and Mr. Stimson both began conversations with the French, German and Italian Ambassadors in the respective capitals, Wednesday, in order to develop a potential program for the meeting. In London it was revealed the same day, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, that the real genesis of the matter was in private conversa-

tions of Sir John Simon, Prime Minister MacDonald and Mr. Stimson, held in Geneva. Among the economic subjects then discussed were said to be questions relating to the falling level of world commodity prices and the "absolute necessity of counteracting such a decline as an indispensable move to end the depression." The conversations were continued in subsequent telephone exchanges across the Atlantic.

A KEEN and general concern regarding the Lausanne conference on German reparations was reflected in a series of pronouncements by European leaders during the past week. There is little doubt that the conference will begin on June 16, as scheduled, despite the current changes in the German and French Cabinets, and the difficulties the new regimes will have in formulating definitive policies. It remains the belief of informed observers, however, that the gathering will be able to accomplish little in regard to reparations other than a formal extension until late this year of the moratorium now in effect and due to expire June 30. That the prospects of the meeting are anything but brilliant was again indicated in a London dispatch of Tuesday to the New York "Times." "There is probably no Government in Europe," it was remarked, "that would not, if it were possible, postpone this crucial meeting, of which so much has been expected and from which so little that is practical in the way of outcome is now really hoped. Unfortunately, practical considerations utterly bar further delay."

Prime Minister MacDonald, of Britain, announced last Monday his firm determination to attend the meeting at Lausanne. In a statement appearing in the London "Daily Mail," he expressed the belief that "the business to be transacted there will be essential to our economic future." The problem to be faced is not merely the recovery of one nation, but the restarting of world commerce, he added. "I should like to see the Lausanne conference boldly tackle this much bigger problem in all its important aspects, as well as dealing with debts and reparations," Mr. MacDonald continued. "It is an international problem and no nation can settle it for itself. Representatives of the British Government will strive with might and main to get the conference to face this large issue, and the experience of all countries during the last six or seven months should incline every nation to take broader views than some of them have done up to now."

Edouard Herriot, Premier-designate of France, indicated in an interview on Wednesday that French representatives will be ready to go to Lausanne June 16, if German representatives are there. In a report of the conversation cabled to the New York "Times," M. Herriot was quoted as saying France will be ready to go to this new reparations conference with the intention and hope of obtaining such a settlement as will permit the world to make a new start on the basis of practical financial settlements, honest intentions and respect for signed obligations. "That does not mean that the letter of past engagements will be insisted upon," the report states. "M. Herriot knows that values have changed even since the Young Plan was signed, and that what was possible yesterday is not possible to-day. But while the economic conditions of the world may change, its established moral code, he insists, must be supported in business between countries as well as between

individuals, if the capitalistic structure and democratic government are to be maintained."

Equally indicative of the French attitude on this problem was a statement made at Rouen, last Sunday, by Paul Painleve, former French Premier, who is expected to hold an important post in the Herriot Ministry. The best solution for the whole debts and reparations problem would be to wipe the slate clean, M. Painleve declared. He maintained, however, that in order to prevent Germany from obtaining too great an advantage over her commercial rivals a compensation fund should be set up, which would operate automatically and tend to establish economic fair play. These views were personal, he said, and they might be difficult to realize unless the first difficulty of the isolation of the United States from the Lausanne parley were overcome. France would insist on recognition of her rights, M. Painleve declared, but to their application would bring the largest possible spirit of concession. He said no one in France doubted that Germany was incapable of making further payments, and that all were fully aware that these heavy payments between governments were at the bottom of the present crisis, because they interfered with the natural play of economic forces. "France must therefore give up, for a long time at least, any hope of receiving payment of that unconditional annuity established by The Hague agreements," M. Painleve warned. A further expression of informed French opinion was made last Saturday by Senator Henry Berenger, President of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, who proposed that the Young Plan annuities be reduced one-third to conform with the present depressed business conditions.

A DISCONCERTING change in the German Government was occasioned early this week by growing divergence in the views of President Paul von Hindenburg and Dr. Heinrich Bruening, Chancellor of the coalition Cabinet of Center and Right groups which has guided the destinies of the Reich with care and skill for more than two years. Chancellor Bruening and his entire Cabinet were forced to resign, Monday, when, at a private conference between the two leaders, President von Hindenburg expressed opposition to important proposals of the Chancellor relating both to internal and to foreign affairs. The decision of the venerable German President to withdraw the support which Chancellor Bruening found indispensable in his trying two years in office was doubtless dictated largely by the important gains of the National-Socialist party of Adolph Hitler in the recent Presidential and State elections. From an international viewpoint, however, the enforced resignation of Dr. Bruening can only be considered deplorable, as he had gained a superb and world-wide reputation for force, ability and trustworthiness in the conduct of German affairs. The Cabinet crisis occurred, moreover, only a few weeks after the Reichstag supported the Bruening regime by a comfortable margin in a confidence test.

Announcement of the resignation was followed by the usual consultations between the President and the leaders of all important Reichstag parties and groups. These were concluded late Tuesday, when President von Hindenburg commissioned Colonel Franz von Papen to form a "national concentration" Cabinet. The choice was viewed with little

enthusiasm in Germany and with marked coolness in all other countries. Colonel von Papen was not a national figure in the Reich, where he is known chiefly as the owner of the newspaper "Germania" and as a member of the extreme Right wing of the Catholic Center party, to which Dr. Bruening also belongs. The party manifested its instant disapproval of the choice by announcing that it will have nothing to do with the von Papen Cabinet. It appears, however, that the important National-Socialist party will view the new regime tolerantly, in the expectation that Parliamentary elections will be held in the autumn and the von Papen Cabinet thus prove a transition regime. The new Government was promptly dubbed in Germany a Feudal Cabinet, as the choice of Ministers by Chancellor von Papen reflects the domination of the old German nobility, the Junkers and the military caste.

In London, Paris, Washington and other capitals the choice of Colonel von Papen for the German Chancellorship was viewed with surprise and concern. It was immediately recalled that Colonel von Papen, together with Captain Boy-Ed, naval attache of the German Embassy in Washington, was recalled to Germany late in 1915 at the request of the United States Government. An announcement on Dec. 3 1915 by Robert Lansing, then Secretary of State, indicated that the recall was requested "on account of what this Government considers improper activities in military and naval matters." In an indictment by a Federal Grand Jury, early in 1916, Colonel von Papen was charged with "setting on foot a military expedition against a friendly power." Because of the questionable auspices under which Colonel von Papen left the United States, the choice of President von Hindenburg was considered most surprising. This feeling was tempered, however, by the realization that the Cabinet will probably prove a temporary one.

With important international conferences in progress and others about to begin, this change in the German Government is considered most untimely. It was quickly pointed out in the leading capitals that the General Disarmament Conference at Geneva, already at a virtual standstill, will find its progress further impeded by international distrust over the formation of a Cabinet of militarists in Germany. The Lausanne conference on German reparations, scheduled to begin June 16, is considered less likely than ever to reach satisfactory decisions. London officials and the British press were frankly pessimistic regarding the change. The consensus was that it will certainly add to the current political uncertainties and increase European troubles. It was feared especially, a London dispatch to the New York "Times" states, that the occurrence will prove irritating to the French and prevent any accord between France and Germany. In Paris the reaction was one of mistrust and alarm. It was remarked in a Paris report to the New York "Times" that "Edouard Herriot, Radical-Socialist leader, who will this week become Premier in place of Andre Tardieu, will find himself compelled almost to outdo M. Tardieu in protestations of mistrust of Germany." In Washington fears were expressed that the German Cabinet change may complicate the efforts for the political and economic reconstruction of Europe, toward which it had been felt Great Britain, France and the other Powers were working.

The rift in the views of President von Hindenburg

and Dr. Bruening was reflected with more or less definiteness during recent weeks by the abortive attempts of the Chancellor to reconstruct his Cabinet. General Wilhelm Groener was forced out of the Defense Ministry several weeks ago after he issued an order for the suppression of the Fascist storm battalions built up by Adolph Hitler. The choice of a successor proved difficult and the post remained vacant. President von Hindenburg repaired to his estate at Neudeck in East Prussia for a short holiday, and returned to Berlin last Sunday. Immediately after his return he conferred for somewhat less than an hour with Dr. Bruening. A brief communication was issued stating that the "entire political situation" had been discussed at the meeting, but otherwise complete silence was preserved by the two participants.

Fall of the Bruening Government followed, Monday, and it was immediately made apparent that the occurrence was due to the direct personal action of the President. The German Parliament was not in session at the time. It was reported in a Berlin dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" that the resignation was regarded in German political circles as heralding not a mere change of Ministry, but the beginning of an entirely new governmental regime in the Reich. Dr. Bruening handed the collective resignations of the Cabinet to the President after holding a Cabinet meeting at which the President's conditions for maintaining the Bruening Cabinet in power were found unacceptable. "The fall was due," the "Herald Tribune" report said, "to a clash of views between the Chancellor and the President, whose intimate and cordial co-operation for two years had tided the Reich over the stress of the world's greatest economic crisis. The two men parted company when President von Hindenburg refused to give Bruening the blank check which the Chancellor demanded for the conduct of Reich affairs during and after the Lausanne conference, and rejected the Cabinet's plan for expropriating a part of the huge estates of the Junkers (landed gentry) in East Prussia for the unemployed, a scheme which smacked too much of Bolshevism for the President's taste. Furthermore, the President considered that Dr. Bruening should reconstruct his Cabinet more to the Right, dropping the more Liberal members from his official family. The Cabinet, at its meeting, decided to stand or fall together, and consequently the Chancellor's resignation was inevitable."

Three men in particular were said to have been instrumental in bringing about the overthrow of the Bruening Cabinet: Otto Meissner, chief political adviser to President von Hindenburg; General Kurt von Schleicher, head of the German military clique, and Elard von Oldenburg-Januschau, East Prussian land owner and old friend of the President. The militarists objected strenuously to the suppression of the Hitler storm detachments, and their protests forced the resignation of General Groener. "The powerful agrarian interests beyond the Elbe, who have easy access to President von Hindenburg, added their influence to that of the general's to bring about the Chancellor's downfall," the Berlin correspondent of the "Herald Tribune" states. "Their pet grievance was the Government's scheme for giving unemployed city dwellers opportunity to eke out their existence on the land by allotting them strips parceled from the uneconomic estates of East Prussian

landowners. The Junkers raised a storm of protest against this project, which involved nearly 300,000 hectares (740,000 acres), and directed their attacks especially against Adam Stegerwald, Minister of Labor and colleague of Dr. Bruening in the Catholic Centrist party, who was the author of the measure."

Chancellor von Papen was confirmed in his new post, Wednesday, when he presented a tentative list of Ministers to President von Hindenburg for approval. The selections increased the uneasiness occasioned in Germany by the circumstances surrounding the fall of the Bruening regime. All the powerful Liberal and Left groups in the Reich displayed resentment and indicated that they would not support the von Papen Government. The Centrists issued a manifesto attacking "dangerous political experiments" at this time, while the Socialists and the Bavarian People's Party likewise announced their opposition. On this basis the von Papen Government will be opposed by at least 325 of the 577 members of the Reichstag. It is believed, consequently, that the new Cabinet will never face the Reichstag and will merely function as a stop-gap until new elections are held. The Government, meanwhile, will have to act not only in the important international negotiations, but also on several exceedingly difficult internal problems. Foremost among these are the necessary balancing of the budget, and aid to the 6,000,000 German unemployed. Deficits of the National, State and local governments are steadily increasing, and Dr. Bruening had intended to meet the difficulties through a lottery loan, new taxes and a reduction of relief appropriations. The new von Papen Government, on the other hand, intimated Wednesday that it will rule on the principle of "no more taxes and no more decrees," and there is consequently much speculation in Berlin regarding possible means for meeting the situation.

The new Government was completed Thursday, with the exception of one or two minor portfolios, and President von Hindenburg promptly administered the oaths of office. As the Foreign Minister in the regime, Chancellor von Papen chose Baron Konstantin von Neurath, German Ambassador to London, who is regarded with animosity by German republicans. The leading figure in the Cabinet is generally believed in Germany to be not the Chancellor, but General Kurt von Schleicher, Reichswehr (Defense) Minister. Baron von Gayl, Minister of the Interior, is also considered a strong personality in the regime. It was confidently predicted in Berlin that President von Hindenburg will issue a decree dissolving the Reichstag almost immediately, and calling for general elections. This expectation was realized late yesterday when a Presidential decree was announced, making new Parliamentary elections necessary within 60 days. Criticism of the regime increased steadily in the German press, owing to the fact that the Cabinet is a "personally chosen group," not in any sense representative of the German people by any direct mandate from them. It was admitted readily, however, that the Cabinet is as able as any assembled in Germany since the World War. As one of his first official actions, the new Chancellor received Dr. Hans Luther, President of the Reichsbank, Thursday. After a long interview a statement was issued saying that "complete agreement was reached that no kind of currency experiments would

be considered, nor any monetary or credit measures that might endanger the stability of the mark." The composition of the new Cabinet follows:

Chancellor—Colonel Franz von Papen.
 Interior—Baron Wilhelm von Gayl.
 Foreign Affairs—Baron Konstantin von Neurath.
 Finance—Count Lutz Schwerin von Krosigk.
 Reichswehr—General Kurt von Schleicher.
 Agriculture—Baron Magnus von Braun.
 Justice—Franz Guertner.
 Commerce—Dr. Hermann Warmbold.
 Posts and Communications—Baron Paul Eltz von Ruebenach.

EDOUARD HERRIOT, leader of the Radical-Socialist party in France, was summoned yesterday by President Albert Lebrun to form a new Cabinet, to succeed that of Andre Tardieu, which resigned soon after the parliamentary elections. As the Radical-Socialists are now the most powerful single political group in the Chamber of Deputies, this action is merely in line with traditional procedure. There is every likelihood that M. Herriot will form a coalition regime of mildly liberal parties and of Center groups in the Chamber. The Socialists, who also have a numerous representation, set forth their conditions for participation in the Herriot Ministry early this week, but the terms were found unacceptable. It is understood, however, that they will support the Cabinet for the time being, and an ample vote of confidence is thus expected when the Ministerial declaration is read early next week. The new Chamber met for the first time Wednesday, and promptly set about the task of organization. The Senate assembled Thursday, and began to consider a successor to M. Lebrun, who was elevated from the Presidency of the Senate to that of the Republic after the assassination of M. Doumer. In his public statements of the past two weeks, M. Herriot has given little indication of his policy. It is generally thought, however, that his conduct of French foreign affairs will differ but little from that of his predecessor. In French internal problems it is likely that the Left groups will exercise a greater influence than formerly.

DISCRIMINATION against American goods under the quota system governing imports into France has been definitely set aside by an agreement placing such quotas on a most-favored-nation basis. Settlement of this vexing Franco-American problem was announced in Paris, Wednesday, by Premier Andre Tardieu and United States Ambassador Walter E. Edge. Signature of the accord was one of the last official acts of the retiring Premier. It is understood that Edouard Herriot, who succeeds M. Tardieu, was consulted and approved the agreement. Under the most-favored-nation accord on quotas, which will be published in full next week, American exporters are assured of substantial increases in permitted importations into France of such products as radio sets and tubes, tools, leather products, electrical machinery, paper and lumber. The agreement is to remain in force pending negotiations for a more complete treaty on general commercial lines. Signature of this accord follows by only a month the conclusion of an agreement whereunder the French Government discontinued its double taxation of American firms doing business in France. Settlement of these problems is viewed with great satisfaction in Washington, as well as in all American business circles.

FINANCIAL difficulties of the Rumanian Government occasioned the resignation, Tuesday, of the Cabinet headed by Dr. Nicholas Jorga. The Cabinet crisis was precipitated after a series of conferences between Dr. Jorga and King Carol, in which proposals for meeting the difficulties were reviewed. The Government resigned, Dr. Jorga stated, "because we were unable to find funds to pay public officials' salaries and unable to conclude a loan, and yet are willing to cut Government salaries 50%." Nicholas Titulescu, Rumanian Ambassador to London, was quickly summoned by King Carol to return to Bucharest and form a coalition regime. Any concentration Cabinet, it is suggested in a dispatch to the New York "Times," would probably be based on the National Peasant and Liberal parties, which are the strongest Parliamentary groups. The Rumanian financial troubles have been serious for many months, and an acute stage reached lately owing to the extensive aid to farmers. Payments due to civil servants and soldiers are badly in arrears, and growing protests have been occasioned by these circumstances.

International attention was drawn to the situation when the Government proposed, recently, to convert the agrarian debt by means of a \$150,000,000 State bond issue. The French Minister to Rumania protested against this plan last week on the ground that it would endanger the stability of the leu, and similar protests were made last Saturday by the British, Dutch and Swiss Ministers. These four countries contributed financially to the stabilization of Rumanian currency. Also indicative of the financial position of the country is a report by Charles Rist, French economist, published at Bucharest, Wednesday. This report disclosed, an Associated Press dispatch said, that the Government has not enough money to pay even half its civil service salaries. A drastic reorganization of State finances was recommended, together with a sweeping reduction of Government employees and a salary cut of perhaps as much as 50%.

THE National Bank of Denmark reduced its discount rate on May 28 from 5 to 4%, the reduction becoming effective on May 31. On June 3 the National Bank of Sweden reduced its discount rate from 4½ to 4%. Rates are 11% in Greece; 8½% in Bulgaria; 7% in Austria, Roumania, Portugal and Lithuania; 6½% in Spain and in Finland; 6% in Hungary, Danzig, and in Colombia; 5.84% in Japan; 5½% in Estonia and in Chile; 5% in Germany, Italy and Czechoslovakia; 4½% in Norway; 4% in Sweden and Denmark; 3½% in Belgium and in Ireland; 2½% in England, France and in Holland, and 2% in Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills on Friday were 1 1-16@1½% as against 1 1-16@1¼% on Friday of last week, and 1 1-16@1½% for three months' bills as against 11-16% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London on Friday was ½%. At Paris the open market rate continues at 1⅞%, and in Switzerland at 1½%.

THE Bank of England statement for the week ended June 1 shows a gain of £3,580,620 in gold holdings, which brings the total up to £129,341,726, as compared with £152,934,078 a year ago. However, as circulation expanded £1,193,000, reserves increased £2,388,000. Public deposits fell

off £5,054,000, while other deposits rose £13,613,956. Of the latter amount, £12,412,445 was to bankers' accounts and £1,201,511 to other accounts. The proportion of reserve to liability is at 34.29%, in comparison with 34.70 a week ago and 50.19% last year. Loans on Government securities increased £4,540,000 and those on other securities £1,641,749. The latter consists of discounts and advances and securities, which rose £310,323 and £1,331,426 respectively. The discount rate is still 2½%. Below we show a comparison of the different items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1932. June 1 £	1931. June 3. £	1930. June 4. £	1929. June 5. £	1928. June 6. £
Circulation.....	355,413,000	356,370,794	359,798,602	361,576,772	135,661,835
Public deposits.....	18,551,000	6,545,145	8,877,942	8,511,444	8,852,628
Other deposits.....	124,106,439	106,129,666	107,990,702	106,292,485	110,272,764
Bankers' accounts.....	89,956,577	72,209,262	71,081,853	70,346,971	-----
Other accounts.....	34,149,862	33,920,404	36,908,849	35,945,514	-----
Government secur.....	73,914,656	38,495,906	58,380,547	43,106,855	36,187,006
Other securities.....	37,601,752	35,416,843	19,192,897	27,215,003	52,578,969
Disct. & advances.....	12,481,965	7,106,070	6,476,057	6,215,102	-----
Securities.....	25,119,787	28,310,773	12,716,840	20,999,901	-----
Reserve notes & coin.....	48,928,000	56,563,284	57,080,483	62,274,358	48,168,130
Coin and bullion.....	129,341,726	152,934,078	156,879,085	163,851,130	164,079,965
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	34.29%	50.19%	48.84%	54.25%	40¼%
Bank rate.....	2¼%	2¼%	3%	5¼%	4¼%

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

THE Bank of France statement for the week ended May 27 records an increase in gold holdings of 563,268,563 francs. The total of the item is now 79,470,235,749 francs, which compares with 55,634,060,503 francs the same period a year ago and 43,808,866,426 francs two years ago. French commercial bills discounted and creditor current accounts rose 709,000,000 francs and 207,000,000 francs, while advances against securities declined 19,000,000 francs. Notes in circulation show a gain of 171,000,000 francs, the total of which is now 81,418,819,735 francs. The total of circulation a year ago was 78,185,340,315 francs and the year previous 73,078,813,845 francs. The items of credit balances abroad and bills bought abroad decreased 111,000,000 francs and 907,000,000 francs respectively. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities stands this week at 72.92%, in comparison with 55.20% last year and 49.50% the year before. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Francs.	Status as of		
		May 27 1932. Francs.	May 29 1931. Francs.	May 30 1930. Francs.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	563,268,563	79,470,235,749	55,634,060,503	43,808,866,426
Credit bals. abr'd. Dec.	111,000,000	4,474,225,930	5,430,227,861	6,872,939,901
French commercial bills discounted a Inc.	709,000,000	4,159,465,276	6,189,596,300	7,653,520,548
Bills bought abr'd b Dec.	907,000,000	4,526,571,845	20,729,695,413	18,689,503,362
Adv. agst. secur. Dec.	19,000,000	2,701,225,746	2,806,102,825	2,540,750,876
Note circulation...Inc.	171,000,000	81,418,819,735	78,185,340,315	73,078,813,845
Cred. curr. acct. Inc.	207,000,000	27,560,646,670	22,609,034,316	15,425,372,652
Proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities.....Inc.	0.26%	72.92%	55.20%	49.50%

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

THE Bank of Germany statement for the last quarter of May reveals an increase in gold and bullion of 6,437,000 marks. The total of bullion now stands at 862,721,000 marks, in comparison with 2,390,327,000 marks a year ago and 2,591,135,000 marks two years ago. Increases are recorded in bills of exchange and checks of 209,583,000 marks, in advances of 162,103,000 marks, in investments of 1,911,000 marks, in other assets of 21,405,000 marks and in other daily maturing obligations of 65,993,000 marks. Notes in circulation rose 221,288,000 marks

raising the total of the item to 3,960,563,000 marks. Circulation a year ago was 4,299,122,000 marks and two years ago 4,812,469,000 marks. A decrease is shown in reserve in foreign currency of 6,078,000 marks, in silver and other coin of 108,595,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 8,343,000 marks and in other liabilities of 8,859,000 marks. The item of deposits abroad remains unchanged. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation is now 25%, as compared with 59.9% last year and 61.1% the previous year. A comparison of the various items for three years is furnished below:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Assets—	Changes for Week.			
	Retchsmarks.	Retchsmarks.	Retchsmarks.	Retchsmarks.
Gold and bullion.....Inc.	6,437,000	862,721,000	2,390,327,000	2,591,135,000
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged.	98,795,000	207,638,000	149,788,000
Res'v in for'n curr.....Dec.	6,078,000	128,552,000	186,181,000	350,844,000
Bills of exch. & checks.Inc.	209,583,000	3,008,474,000	1,816,432,000	1,958,223,000
Silver and other coin.....Dec.	108,595,000	224,848,000	174,315,000	128,610,000
Notes on oth.Ger.bks.Dec.	8,343,000	2,693,000	5,120,000	4,132,000
Advances.....Inc.	162,103,000	257,253,000	167,182,000	187,748,000
Investments.....Inc.	1,911,000	363,472,000	102,697,000	101,067,000
Other assets.....Inc.	21,405,000	804,796,000	541,489,000	596,393,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....Inc.	221,288,000	3,960,563,000	4,299,122,000	4,812,469,000
Oth.daily matur.oblig.Inc.	65,993,000	430,559,000	353,272,000	401,086,000
Other liabilities.....Dec.	8,859,000	694,260,000	244,018,000	210,670,000
Proport. of gold & for'n curr.to note circ'n.....Dec.	1.5%	25.0%	59.9%	61.1%

THERE have been no changes of any consequence in the New York money market this week, as the continued purchases of United States Government securities by the Federal Reserve banks exerted sufficient pressure to keep rates at their phenomenally low levels. Although the supply of credit was more than ample, demand for accommodation showed no perceptible increase. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange were 2½% for all transactions, while in the unofficial outside market transactions were reported every day at 1½%, or a concession of a full 1%. Time money was also unchanged and equally easy. Both the usual compilations of brokers' loans were made available this week. The comprehensive Stock Exchange tabulation for the entire month of May reflected a decline in the outstanding loans of \$78,619,440. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York total showed an increase of \$16,000,000 for the week to Wednesday night. Gold movements for the week, including Wednesday, consisted of exports of \$63,739,000, imports of \$2,119,000, and an increase in the earmarked stocks of \$41,085,000.

DEALING in detail with call loan rates of the Stock Exchange from day to day, 2½% 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 practically no business. Rates are quoted nominally at 1½% for all dates. Prime commercial paper has been fairly active this week, though there is still an acute shortage of paper. Quotations for choice names of four to six months' maturity are 2¾@3%. Names less well known are 3½%. On some very high-class 90-day paper occasional transactions at 2½% were noted.

PRIME bankers' acceptances have been in excellent demand this week, though the offerings have been in small supply and quickly disposed of. 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, 1½% bid and 1% asked; for five and six

months, 1¾% bid and 1¼% asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank is 2½% for all maturities. The Federal Reserve banks show further decrease in their holdings of acceptances, the total having fallen from \$38,373,000 to \$35,479,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents also further decreased, falling from \$216,402,000 to \$179,564,000. Open market rates for acceptances are as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.					
—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
Btd.	Asked.	Btd.	Asked.	Btd.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	1¾	1¼	1¾	1¼	1¾
—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
Btd.	Asked.	Btd.	Asked.	Btd.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	1	¾	1	¾	1

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	1¾% bid
Eligible non-member banks.....	1¾% bid

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on June 3.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	3½	Oct. 17 1931	2½
New York.....	3	Feb. 26 1932	3½
Philadelphia.....	3½	Oct. 22 1931	3
Cleveland.....	3½	Oct. 24 1931	3
Richmond.....	3½	Jan. 25 1932	4
Atlanta.....	3½	Nov. 14 1931	3
Chicago.....	3½	Oct. 17 1931	2½
St. Louis.....	3½	Oct. 22 1931	2½
Minneapolis.....	3½	Sept. 12 1930	4
Kansas City.....	3½	Oct. 23 1931	3
Dallas.....	3½	Jan. 28 1932	4
San Francisco.....	3½	Oct. 21 1931	2½

STERLING exchange is firm and in active demand in many markets. Nothing except the intervention of the London banking authorities in the market prevents sterling from rising sharply. The range this week has been between 3.68 and 3.72¾ for bankers' sight bills, compared with 3.67¼ to 3.69½ last week. The range for cable transfers has ranged between 3.68½ and 3.73, compared with 3.67¾ to 3.69¾ a week ago. On Monday, Memorial Day, there was no market in New York. The Bank of England's rate of discount continues at 2½%, although for the past few weeks bankers expected to see the rate reduced to 2% and still look for such a reduction. On Saturday last sterling was exceptionally strong, when cable transfers were run up to 3.71¾. Exceptional strength was also displayed on Wednesday and Thursday. According to well informed authorities the market on these days was dominated by Japanese selling of dollars and buying of sterling. The transfer of these Japanese balances from dollars to sterling is believed to have been effected for the purpose of accumulating funds in London to meet two bond maturities of the South Manchurian Railway. Undoubtedly seasonal factors are favoring sterling and will continue to do so until toward the end of September. Nevertheless, much of the firmness in sterling and in the leading Continental exchanges reflects to a greater or less extent weakness in the dollar. All European markets seem somewhat disturbed about the dollar and despite the heavy transfers of gold from this side to many European countries, dollar exchange is slow to regain its position with respect to foreign currencies, as much nervousness exists among private individuals and bankers on the other side caused by loose talk in Congress respecting financial measures.

Sterling futures are steadily quoted at a premium over spot, 30-day sterling being $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ points higher and 3-months' sterling 4 to 5 points higher. On numerous occasions this week and for many weeks past the dollar would have displayed greater weakness on foreign markets but for purchases by the Bank of England and the British Treasury. These purchases, of course, support the dollar but are not believed to be made for that purpose. The London authorities have frequently sold sterling and their purchases of dollars are part of a program to accumulate funds on this side with a view to strengthening the position of the Bank of England against the autumn drain on London. From day to day it becomes more evident that confidence in the London money market is entirely restored. The Bank of England continues to purchase gold in the open market and these purchases are cloaked in mystery so far as bankers and foreign exchange traders are concerned. The operations of the British sterling stabilization account are conducted with the greatest secrecy. As no official information is given out there is no way of explaining how the Bank of England comes to buy gold in the open market at around 112 to 113 shillings an ounce when by law its authorized purchase price for gold is 84s. 10d. Money continues abundant and extremely easy in London at rates which clearly indicate that the market has a right to expect a reduction in the bank rate. On Thursday call money against bills was in supply at $\frac{3}{4}\%$ and bill rates were decidedly easier, with 2-months' maturities dropping to 13-16% from 1%, 3-months' bills at 1%, 4-months' bills at 1 1-16%, and 6-months' bills at $1\frac{1}{4}\%$. Gold seems to have sold in London this week at from 112s. 5d. to 112s. 9d. per ounce. On Monday the Bank of England bought £806,637 in gold bars and on Wednesday the Bank bought £1,542,483 in gold bars, presumably market gold. The Bank of England statement for the week ended June 1, shows an increase in gold holdings of £3,580,620. Since the publication of the statement the Bank has added approximately £3,000,000 more to its gold stock. The total gold holdings on June 1 stood at £129,341,726, which compares with £152,934,078 on June 3 1931.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended June 1 as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$2,119,000, of which \$1,495,000 came from Canada, \$354,000 from Mexico, \$200,000 from England, and \$70,000 chiefly from Latin American countries. Gold exports totaled \$63,739,000, of which \$28,582,000 was shipped to France, \$13,740,000 to Holland, \$13,000,000 to Switzerland, \$6,926,000 to Belgium, \$1,454,000 to England, and \$37,000 to Peru. The Reserve Bank reported an increase of \$41,085,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended June 1, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, MAY 26-JUNE 1, INCL.	
<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$1,495,000 from Canada	\$28,582,000 to France
354,000 from Mexico	13,740,000 to Holland
200,000 from England	13,000,000 to Switzerland
70,000 chiefly from Latin American countries	6,926,000 to Belgium
	1,454,000 to England
	37,000 to Peru
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\$2,119,000 total	\$63,739,000 total
<i>Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.</i>	
Increase: \$41,085,000.	

The above figures are for the week ended Wednesday evening. On Thursday there were no imports

of gold. Exports amounted to \$8,400,700 of which \$7,250,700 was shipped to France, \$1,100,000 to Holland and \$50,000 to Austria. Gold earmarked for foreign account increased \$12,122,900. Yesterday gold imports totaled \$1,021,900, of which \$1,000,000 came from Uruguay and \$21,900 from Mexico. Exports amounted to \$24,758,300, of which \$10,745,400 went to Holland, \$7,993,000 to Switzerland, \$4,090,200 to Belgium and \$1,929,700 to France. During the week approximately \$1,085,000 of gold was received at San Francisco from China.

Canadian exchange continues at a severe discount, though somewhat less unfavorable to Montreal than in several weeks. On Saturday last Montreal funds were at a discount of $11\frac{3}{4}\%$. On Monday, Memorial Day, there was no market. On Tuesday Canadian exchange was at $11\frac{1}{8}\%$ discount, on Wednesday and Thursday at $12\frac{1}{4}\%$ and on Friday at 12 5-16%.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was exceptionally firm. Bankers' sight was $3.69\frac{1}{2}@3.72\frac{7}{8}$, cable transfers $3.69\frac{3}{4}@3.73$. On Monday, Memorial Day, there was no market in New York. On Tuesday sterling receded from the highs of Saturday, but was still firm. The range was $3.68\frac{5}{8}@3.70$ for bankers' sight and $3.68\frac{3}{4}@3.70\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Wednesday sterling was steady, though slightly easier. Bankers' sight was $3.68@3.68\frac{3}{4}$; cable transfers, $3.68\frac{1}{8}@3.69$. On Thursday exchange was steady. The range was $3.68\frac{1}{2}@3.69\frac{1}{8}$ for bankers' sight and $3.68\frac{5}{8}@3.69\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers. On Friday sterling continued steady, the range was $3.69@3.69\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight and $3.69\frac{1}{4}@3.69\frac{5}{8}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were $3.69\frac{1}{2}$ for demand and $3.69\frac{5}{8}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3.69; 60-day bills at $3.68\frac{5}{8}$; 90-day bills at $3.68\frac{3}{8}$; documents for payment (60 days) at $3.67\frac{3}{4}$, and seven-day grain bills at $3.68\frac{3}{4}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3.69.

EXCHANGE on the Continental countries continues firm. The firmness and demand for exchange on the leading European centers is largely a seasonal matter, but the firmness with respect to the dollar at this time also results from nervous selling of dollars on the other side. Following the announcement of Chancellor Bruening's resignation and before the appointment of the new von Papen cabinet, marks were quoted as low as 23.64 in Tuesday's market. Par of the mark is 23.82. However, mark quotations are largely nominal as the German "free" exchange market is extremely limited, due to the strict exchange control exercised by the Reichsbank and the Government. For this reason, the lower mark quotations reflect political uncertainty rather than heavy offerings of marks. Almost as soon as Premier Franz von Papen was sworn in, he announced that his Government would act to preserve Germany's currency. He received Dr. Hans Luther, President of the Reichsbank, and a communique was issued to the effect that both were in complete agreement on the necessity to avoid currency experiments and to "refrain from measures in the fields of currency and credit which harbor dangers to the currency." The Reichsbank statement for the week ended May 31 showed an increase in gold holdings of rm. 6,437,000, the total standing at rm. 862,721,000. This compares with rm. 2,390,327,000 a year ago. It is believed that this increase in gold came

entirely from Russia. It will be recalled that on several occasions in recent weeks gold exports were reported from New York to Germany, but it would seem that such United States exports of gold were intended for trans-shipment to other European countries, chiefly Holland and Switzerland.

French francs are steady, ruling on average around the quotations of a week ago, although several times during the week the franc went as high as 3.95 $\frac{1}{8}$. There is nothing essentially new in the French exchange situation. As noted above, France continues to draw down its dollar balances from New York in the form of gold, in addition to which many of the French private banks are taking gold from this side. The transfer of foreign balances into gold by the Bank of France is a part of a fixed policy, frequently declared for the past year or more, which France pursues in the belief that when international conditions become more stabilized, great quantities of funds now domiciled in Paris will be withdrawn from France in the form of gold by their foreign owners. Aside from these central bank withdrawals, Paris explains the private bank withdrawals from the United States as due entirely to the unfavorable impression created in Europe by New York advices which seem to show that Congress is obstinately hostile to the Administration's plans for budget equilibrium while constantly discussing inflation expedients. Money continues extremely abundant in the Paris market, where loans have been made at $\frac{3}{4}$ %. In the face of the market situation the Caisse d'Amortissement has lowered the rate on issues of 2-year defense bonds from 3% to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ %. The Bank of France statement for the week ended May 27 shows an increase in gold holdings of fr. 563,268,563. The Bank's gold holdings are at record high level of fr. 79,470,235,749, which compares with fr. 55,634,060,503 a year ago and with fr. 28,935,000,000 in June 1928, following the stabilization of the unit. The Bank's ratio is also at a new record high of 72.92%, which compares with 72.66% on May 20, with 55.20% a year ago, and with legal requirement of 35%.

Italian exchange is steady, as it has been throughout almost the entire period since the London crisis of last September. The statement of Italian foreign trade shows a steady decrease in the surplus of imports over exports. For the first four months of this year the surplus of imports was 760,000,000 lire, which compares with 993,000,000 lire during the same period last year, and with 1,940,000,000 lire in 1930. The Italian National Bank is showing a constant increase in its gold holdings and in its reserve ratio, which now stands at 40.57%, without counting what is regarded as "equivalent reserves," such as Treasury bonds, credit certificates, foreign credits, and notes of foreign banks. These items amount to approximately 1,483,000,000 lire, and there are also 1,772,000,000 lire in gold deposited in England during the war which belong to the Italian Treasury. The inclusion of these items would raise the reserve ratio to about 67%. The ratio is steadily improved by the constant reduction in outstanding note circulation. Money rates in the Italian markets are comfortable and steadier than in most other centers.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 93.55 on Friday of this week, against 93.28 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished on Friday at 3.94 15-16 against 3.94 $\frac{3}{4}$ on

Friday of last week; cable transfers at 3.95, against 3.94 $\frac{7}{8}$, and commercial sight bills at 3.94 $\frac{7}{8}$, against 3.94 $\frac{7}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.99 for bankers' sight bills and at 13.99 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 14.01 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 14.02. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.71 for bankers' sight bills and 23.72 for cable transfers, against 23.67 and 23.68. Italian lire closed at 5.14 for bankers' sight bills and at 5.14 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 5.13 $\frac{3}{4}$ and 5.14. Austrian schillings closed at 14.12, against 14.12; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 2.97 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 2.97 $\frac{1}{4}$; on Bucharest at 0.60 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 0.60 $\frac{1}{4}$; on Poland at 11.22 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 11.22 $\frac{1}{2}$, and on Finland at 1.72 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 1.72 $\frac{3}{4}$. Greek exchange closed at 0.64 for bankers' sight bills and at 0.64 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 0.65 $\frac{3}{4}$ and 0.66.

EXCHANGE on the countries neutral during the war presents no new aspects. On Saturday last the Bank of Denmark announced the reduction of its rediscount rate to 4% from 5%, effective May 31. This followed a recent reduction by the central banks of Sweden and Norway and is a further indication of the downward movement of money rates throughout the greater part of the world. The Scandinavian currencies are relatively firm, fluctuating within narrow limits and following closely the trend of sterling exchange with which they are allied. Swiss francs and Holland guilders continue firm at levels which make it profitable to withdraw gold from this side. It will be seen in the review of sterling exchange that both these countries withdrew large quantities of gold from New York this week, as they have been doing for months past. So far as the central banks of both countries are concerned, their withdrawals of earmarked gold from New York are part of a fixed policy adopted after sterling went off the gold standard in September. In addition to withdrawing gold from New York, both Dutch and Swiss private bankers seem to be selling large volumes of dollar securities and transferring the proceeds to sterling. Were it not for this process of transferring funds to London, it is thought that the withdrawals of gold from New York would be even greater than they are. Both Holland and Switzerland have excessively large quantities of foreign funds on deposit for safety rather than for interest return. One reason that both countries continue to take gold, although funds are super-abundant in their own banks, is found in the expectation that these foreign funds may be withdrawn at any time. Hence the desire for absolute liquidity.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.58 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.54 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.59, against 40.55, and commercial sight bills at 40.55, against 40.50. Swiss francs closed at 19.59 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and at 19.60 for cable transfers, against 19.58 $\frac{3}{4}$ and 19.59. Copenhagen checks finished at 20.19 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 20.20, against 20.14 and 20.15. Checks on Sweden closed at 18.96 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 18.97, against 18.89 and 18.90; while checks on Norway finished at 18.44 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 18.45, against 18.39 and 18.40. Spanish pesetas closed at 8.26 for bankers' sight bills and at 8.26 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 8.23 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 8.24.

EXCHANGE on the South American countries in all important respects continues to display the same trends as in recent weeks. The "free" exchange market in all the South American countries is de-

cedly limited owing to government exchange control boards, and in the case of Argentina and Rio de Janeiro, although quotations are largely nominal, a firmer trend has been in evidence for the past several weeks. Recent Associated Press dispatches from Lima, Peru, state that a bill to lower the gold backing of the sol, to establish a national budget commission, and reduce the central reserve bank capital has been introduced into Congress by Finance Minister Ignacio Brandariz, in order to ease the financial situation. It would seem that the bill plans to reduce the gold cover of the sol from about 98% to 50%, with a corresponding increase in silver and marketable paper backing. This will permit the central bank to increase the national currency from 38,000,000 soles to 76,000,000 soles. The par value of the sol is 28 cents and the current quotation on foreign exchanges is 22.00. There is practically no market in soles.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 25¼ for bankers' sight bills, against 25¼ 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 7.20 and 7.25. Chilean exchange is nominally quoted 6½, against 6½. Peru is nominally quoted at 22.00, against 23.00.

EXCHANGE on the Far Eastern countries shows no new features of importance. Japanese yen have been steadier and frequently firmer with respect to the dollar. This was due largely to the fact that, as noted above, in the review of sterling exchange, there was heavy selling of dollars by Japanese interests and transfer of the proceeds into sterling exchange, an operation made necessary, the market believes, in order to meet the requirements of two bond maturities of the South Manchurian R.R. Silver was officially quoted in New York during the week at from 27¾ to 28⅞ cents per ounce. The average price appears to have been something better

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, MAY 28 1932 TO JUNE 3 1932, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.					
	May 28.	May 30.	May 31.	June 1.	June 2.	June 3.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling.....	\$ 139690		\$ 139437	\$ 139650	\$ 139590	\$ 139650
Belgium, belga.....	140220		139938	139934	139917	139926
Bulgaria, lev.....	007200		007200	007200	007200	007200
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	029670		029666	029673	029673	029677
Denmark, krone.....	201715		201476	200984	201100	201330
England, pound sterling.....	3.712166		3.693166	3.682583	3.687250	3.690750
Finland, markka.....	017133		017166	017166	017250	017166
France, franc.....	039498		039487	039481	039485	039487
Germany, reichsmark.....	237089		236221	235957	236292	236492
Greece, drachma.....	006325		006262	006241	006292	006251
Holland, guilder.....	405696		405600	405450	405403	405528
Hungary, pengo.....	174700		174250	174750	174750	174950
Italy, lira.....	051384		051347	051350	051385	051390
Norway, krone.....	184061		184769	183583	183769	183938
Poland, zloty.....	111750		111750	111750	111750	111875
Portugal, escudo.....	033450		033425	033375	033375	033375
Rumania, leu.....	005970		005970	005970	005966	005972
Spain, peseta.....	082585		082453	082428	082589	082517
Sweden, krona.....	189015		189892	189284	189076	189169
Switzerland, franc.....	195010		193867	195823	195853	195903
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	017756		017756	017750	017756	017756
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael.....	316458		318958	318750	316875	317500
Hankow tael.....	314375		316458	316666	314791	315416
Shanghai tael.....	305156		306718	307812	305468	305937
Tientsin tael.....	319791		321041	322500	320208	320833
Hong Kong dollar.....	235000		235625	235625	235625	235625
Mexican dollar.....	216562		216562	217187	216562	215937
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	221666		217500	222083	221250	221250
Yuan dollar.....	217916		214583	218333	217500	217500
India, rupee.....	275000		275500	274500	273900	274250
Japan, yen.....	318000		321000	321500	326250	323875
Singapore (S.S.) dollar.....	425000		427500	422500	422500	423750
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar.....	881562		881647	877760	877604	876562
Cuba, peso.....	999268		999268	999268	999268	999268
Mexico, peso (silver).....	292600		284800	286966	286966	284033
Newfoundland, dollar.....	879000		879125	875125	875000	874375
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	584211		584187	584187	584187	584187
Brazil, milreis.....	073833		073937	073750	073812	073758
Chile, peso.....	060000		060000	060000	060000	060000
Uruguay, peso.....	474166		474166	474166	474166	465833
Colombia, peso.....	952400		952400	952400	952400	952400

than 27⅞ cents. On account of the steadier prices of silver the Chinese units have fluctuated within narrow limits.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 32.40, against 31⅞ on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 23⅞@23 15-16, against 23⅝@23 15-16; Shanghai at 31.00, against 30 13-16@30⅞; Manila at 49⅝, against 49⅝; Singapore at 42⅞, against 42⅞; Bombay at 27.70, against 27.70, and Calcutta at 27.70, against 27.70.

THE following table indicates the amount of gold bullion in the principal European banks as of June 2 1932, together with comparisons as of the corresponding dates in the four previous years:

Banks of—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
England.....	£ 129,341,726	£ 152,934,078	£ 156,879,085	£ 163,851,130	£ 164,079,965
France.....	635,761,886	445,072,484	350,470,939	292,771,460	147,137,677
Germany b.....	38,196,300	109,134,450	122,067,350	85,263,600	97,757,150
Spain.....	90,108,000	96,945,000	98,815,000	102,416,000	104,315,000
Italy.....	60,895,000	57,460,000	56,279,000	55,434,000	48,276,000
Netherlands.....	78,121,000	37,495,000	35,993,000	36,419,000	36,262,000
Nat.-Belg'm.....	72,341,000	41,334,000	34,194,000	27,523,000	22,053,000
Switzerland.....	76,777,000	25,713,000	23,153,000	19,845,000	17,598,000
Sweden.....	11,443,000	13,303,000	13,511,000	13,012,000	12,862,000
Denmark.....	8,032,000	9,552,000	9,567,000	9,595,000	10,105,000
Norway.....	6,561,000	8,133,000	8,144,000	8,156,000	8,171,000
Total week.....	1,207,577,912	997,076,012	909,073,374	814,286,190	668,616,792
Prev. week.....	1,195,857,243	993,107,621	909,972,558	808,449,152	670,380,225

a These are the gold holdings of the Bank of France as reported in the new form of statement. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is £4,939,750.

Germany Swings to the Right—The Fall of the Bruening Government.

The resignation of the Bruening Cabinet on Monday, while not entirely unexpected, came as a surprise to Germany and other countries more because of the way in which it was brought about than because of the resignation itself. It was known that an interview between the Chancellor and President von Hindenburg on Sunday had not resulted in an accord, and the lack of agreement was taken as foreshadowing some reconstitution of the Ministry. Precisely what passed between the President and the Chancellor has not been divulged, but it is understood that President von Hindenburg dissented from Chancellor Bruening's plan of expropriating the estates of certain great landowners in East Prussia for the benefit of the unemployed, and was unwilling to accede to the Chancellor's demand for a free hand in the negotiations at the Lausanne Conference. The withdrawal of the President's support obviously made the Chancellor's position untenable, since it was upon that support, more than upon the support of the Reichstag, that he has long relied. It was to his credit that he refused to sacrifice any of his colleagues in order to retain office, and to the credit of the Cabinet that its members unanimously supported him in resigning in the face of Executive pressure.

The Bruening Government had a long and notable career. When Dr. Bruening took office in April 1930, he let it be known that he expected to rely upon the President rather than the Reichstag for support, thereby virtually setting party government aside for the time being and substituting for it something akin to a dictatorship. The reason for his policy, as even his political enemies admitted, was not personal ambition, but the serious situation of the country—a situation which, he was convinced, could not be dealt with adequately by the usual parliamentary methods so long as the party make-up of the Reichstag did not assure the Government a safe majority. In July 1930, when his budgetary program with its severe increases of taxation failed of majority support, he induced President von Hindenburg to dissolve the

Reichstag and promulgate the new taxes by decree. Subsequent decrees enabled him to continue his program of balancing the budget, but they also carried the Government far in the direction of a complete domination of industry by the State. The other outstanding events of his administration were the final freeing of the Rhineland from foreign control, the unsuccessful attempt to inaugurate a customs union with Austria, a financial crisis which brought the Hoover moratorium, and the declaration that Germany would no longer undertake to pay reparations. The support of President von Hindenburg was apparently unaffected by the extraordinary gains of the National Socialists or Hitlerites in the recent Reichstag election, and the dictatorial policy did not prevent President von Hindenburg himself from being triumphantly re-elected. As far as foreign opinion went, the Bruening Government stood high, and even its repudiation of reparations did not materially shake confidence in its ability to withstand the violent opposition of the Hitlerites and save Germany from control by extreme radicals.

The reasons for President von Hindenburg's unprecedented action in forcing the Bruening Government out of office are not yet clear. It is understandable that, as himself a Junker, he should have sympathized with the protests of the East Prussian landowners against the expropriation of their lands. The policy of governing by decrees, on the other hand, which Bruening adopted had his cordial support, and there has been no evidence that the financial or economic measures which Bruening inaugurated lacked Executive approbation. It would certainly be strange if, having allowed the former Chancellor to announce a cessation of reparations, he should now have changed his mind and favored a compromise. If the prestige of Germany at Lausanne had become a matter of concern, it is difficult to see how prestige would be heightened by an abrupt change of Government only a little more than two weeks before the Lausanne Conference is scheduled to meet.

The uncertainty is increased by President von Hindenburg's choice of a Chancellor to succeed Dr. Bruening, and by the party situation which the choice has created. Colonel Franz von Papen, who was chosen on Tuesday to form a new Ministry, was a member of the extreme Right wing of the Catholic Center party, the party to which Dr. Bruening belongs. He is remembered in this country as a German military attache who was recalled in 1915 at the request of President Wilson for what were described as "improper activities," and was later indicted for an alleged participation in a plot to blow up the Welland Canal. The indictment, it appears, was dismissed only as recently as March 8 of the present year. Although Colonel von Papen has been for a number of years a member of the Prussian Diet, he has not been prominent politically. His Cabinet, which was announced on Thursday, is not only conservative but reactionary, no attempt having been made, apparently, to reconcile party differences in the Reichstag and labor interests receiving no representation whatever.

Party reaction has added to the confusion. The Catholic Center, standing loyally by the former Chancellor, has not only repudiated the new Cabinet, but has also expelled von Papen from the party. The Socialists have challenged the extra-parliamentary action of President von Hindenburg as a menace to German interests at home and abroad, and an-

nounced their intention to oppose the new Government by all the means at their command. The Bavarian People's party, an influential group, has also repudiated the new regime. Neither the Nationalists nor the National Socialists, followers respectively of Hugenberg and Hitler, are represented in the new Ministry, and neither can have any sympathy with its reactionary implications. A Government which President von Hindenburg is reported to regard as one of "national concentration" has no substantial backing in the Reichstag, and would be overthrown at once if it presented itself in that body under any ordinary circumstances.

Apparently the President and his new Chancellor intend to meet this peculiar situation by regarding the new Government as a stop-gap. A decree was issued on Friday dissolving the Reichstag, and under the Constitution an election must be held within 60 days. The von Papen Cabinet is thus left to function in the interval without a Parliamentary mandate. We have here, perhaps, a clue to what was in President von Hindenburg's mind when he interfered in the parliamentary system. If he was convinced, as a result of the recent elections for the Reichstag, that public opinion no longer supported the Bruening policies, and if, in addition, as has been suggested, he doubted whether the army could be counted upon much longer to support the Bruening Government, he may have concluded that the only safe course was to dismiss the Bruening Cabinet, set up another temporarily, and hold another election as a test of public opinion. The choice of an ad interim Ministry of pronouncedly conservative character would be a natural decision under such circumstances, and the attitude of the army, in view of the strenuous political agitation with which Germany has been torn and the multiplication of disorders with a strong political cast, is obviously a factor not to be disregarded.

Whatever the explanation, Germany seems nearer a military dictatorship at the moment than it has been since the Weimar Constitution was adopted. It is openly alleged that the real power in the new Government rests not with Chancellor von Papen, but with General Kurt von Schleicher, Minister of Defense, a powerful politician who is thought to have engineered the overthrow of Chancellor Bruening and is believed to control the army. President von Hindenburg, in the crises which he has hitherto had to meet, has chosen a middle course, but his influence has now been thrown definitely to the extreme Right and in favor of a Government popularly described as made up of "militarists and aristocrats." The French press, always quickly responsive to political winds from across the Rhine, appears to regard the change and the outlook as merely bringing into the open an actual situation which has been more or less concealed. In the French view, the Bruening Government, while keeping the personality of President von Hindenburg to the fore, had in fact represented the increasingly conservative tendencies in German politics and relied upon the army for support in a last resort, and a change of Chancellors merely means either that the camouflage is no longer felt to be needed or that popular outbreaks are regarded as more imminent. Naturally, it seems to France that further discussion of disarmament would now be useless.

The effect of the change upon the prospects for the Lausanne Conference cannot be long in showing it-

self. The von Papen Government can hardly do otherwise than adhere to the Bruening declaration about reparations, but it will have behind it no mandate from the Reichstag and the reactionary attitude which Baron von Neurath, the new Foreign Minister, who has been Ambassador at London, has shown in the past is so extreme as to make Bruening look like a radical. With a general election pending in Germany, it will be easy for the Conference to take the position that it cannot be sure with whom or what it is dealing, and by adjourning the session leave the questions it was called to consider still unanswered. On the other hand, the announcement that the United States is prepared to take part in a world economic conference from which reparations, war debts and political issues are excluded may, by circumscribing the field of the Lausanne Conference, serve to facilitate its work. Once again the peace and prosperity of Europe hang upon the courses taken by Germany and France. If the von Papen Government pursues an essentially colorless course and adheres to Colonel von Papen's announced purpose of continuing the foreign policies of the Bruening Government and abstaining from anything that would upset exchange, confidence in the stability of Germany will be strengthened and some adjustment of the reparations matter may be possible. If, however, public opinion in France is led to conclude that Germany has gone over frankly to militarism and Fascism, the Herriot Government may well find itself debarred from following the conciliatory course which M. Herriot has recently expressed his intention to take. The formal declaration of the von Papen Government, if one is made, as well as any indication of its attitude toward the Hitler demands, will accordingly be awaited with keen interest in Paris as well as in Berlin.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Playing No Favorites.

Reports recently circulated indicating that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which is designed along lines similar to the War Finance Corporation, and financed primarily by the Government, supplemented by the issue of its own debentures, is showing preference to the applications filed by the railways that are in need of immediate relief with regard to their bond maturities are most assuredly without foundation.

During the early part of February the Corporation issued a circular to the prospective borrowers in the transportation field, setting out the necessary procedure for making applications for loans. It indicated that before any carrier was eligible for relief that the board must be of the opinion that it is unable to obtain funds upon reasonable terms through banking channels or from the general public, and that the Corporation will be adequately secured. Loans must be approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. Maturity of the loans must not exceed three years, and they must not be made for the purpose of initiating, setting on foot or financing any enterprise not initiated, set on foot or undertaken prior to Jan. 22 1932. Loans to any one carrier, subsidiary or affiliate organization may not exceed \$100,000,000 at one time.

The truth of the matter is that the railway loans thus far approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Board of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, for the most part, have been relatively

small, and the delay in announcing decisions in many large pending applications has in fact created some uneasiness in investment circles.

At the White House conference, on March 19, with railroad executives and Government departments concerned with railroad financing, it was estimated that the financial necessities of the important railroads of the country which are likely to require aid in meeting interest and renewal of their maturing securities, and in meeting other obligations during 1932, would be between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000. Of this amount the Railroad Credit Corporation is expected to provide a minimum of \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000. Therefore, recourse to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation by the railroads will be considerably less than was originally estimated.

The following tabulation shows the list of loan applications already approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the amounts so far advanced by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation:

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

Road—	Total Amount of Loan Applied For.	Amount Approved by Inter-State Commerce Commission.	Amount Advanced by Reconstruction Finance Corporation.
Baltimore & Ohio	\$55,000,000	\$32,500,000	c
New York Chicago & St. Louis	33,000,000	9,300,000	\$9,300,000
		{ 1,500,000	{ 1,500,000
		{ 2,800,000	{ 2,800,000
Missouri Pacific	23,250,000	{ 12,800,000	{ 12,800,000
St. Louis Southwestern	31,727,750	18,000,000	c
Pennsylvania	27,500,000	27,500,000	c
Chicago & North Western	26,000,000	7,600,000	1,910,500
Wabash	18,500,000	{ 7,173,800	{ 7,173,800
		{ 1,576,200	{ c
St. Louis-San Francisco	{ 17,998,542	{ 2,805,175	{ 2,805,175
	{ 12,717,814	{ 1,800,000	{ c
Minn. St. Paul & Sault Ste Marie	15,329,609	2,300,000	1,318,082
Erie	10,350,000	{ 4,458,000	{ 4,458,000
		{ 2,775,000	{ c
Southern	10,000,000	7,500,000	7,500,000
Chicago & Eastern Illinois	7,196,436	{ 3,629,500	{ 3,629,500
		{ 82,080	{ 82,080
		{ 595,500	{ 595,500
Denver & Rio Grande Western	4,000,000	2,500,000	c
Central of Georgia	3,899,727	{ 1,418,700	{ 1,418,700
		{ 711,750	{ c
New York Central	4,399,000	4,399,000	4,399,000
Minneapolis & St. Louis	3,898,630	3,898,630	c
Western Pacific	2,102,000	2,102,000	2,102,000
Maine Central	2,400,000	1,650,000	c
Alton	2,500,000	2,500,000	c
Lehigh Valley	1,500,000	1,500,000	c
Meridian & Bigbee River	1,250,000	600,000	c
Georgia & Florida	1,000,000	271,222	c
Florida East Coast	918,375	918,375	c
Kentucky & Indiana Terminal	800,000	800,000	c
Mobile & Ohio	785,000	785,000	785,000
Alabama Tennessee & Northern	275,000	275,000	275,000
Gulf Mobile & Northern	770,000	260,000	c
Fort Smith & Western	250,000	250,000	162,000
Mississippi Export	100,000	100,000	100,000
Aberdeen & Rockfish	127,000	127,000	c
Salt Lake & Utah	500,000	200,000	c
Wisconsin & Michigan	175,530	98,530	c
Birmingham & Southeastern	50,000	41,800	c
Fredericksburg & Northern	15,000	15,000	c
Maryland & Pennsylvania	150,000	100,000	c
Texas & Southeastern	30,000	30,000	c
White River R.R., Inc.	25,000	16,000	c
Wrightsville & Tennesse	39,530	22,525	c
Calro Truman & Northern	a75,000	b	-----
Appalachicola Northern	200,000	b	-----
Jefferson & Northwestern	40,000	b	-----
Uvalde & Northern	300,000	b	-----
Wichita Falls & Southern	800,000	b	-----
Total	\$321,944,943	\$172,285,287	\$64,518,357

a This road filed second application for \$75,000 after original loan was denied. b Issued decision denying loan. c Indicates no action taken.

Announcements so far made by the Inter-State Commerce Commission reveal that 78 railways have asked for advances aggregating \$381,912,502. Of these the Commission has acted upon 43 applications involving \$321,944,943, and approved advances of \$172,285,287. The latter amount includes the approval of three loans each to the Chicago & Eastern Illinois and the Missouri Pacific, and two loans each to the Erie, the St. Louis-San Francisco, the Wabash and the Central of Georgia. It disapproved loans to five railroads aggregating \$1,415,000.

The announcements so far indicate that the Commission is only disposed to approve loans to be made by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to meet the most pressing needs of the carriers, and in each instance substantial collateral is required of each road.

Wherever loans were disapproved the Commission concluded (substantially) in its decisions as follows:

"We conclude that the prospective earning power of the applicant and the security offered as pledge for the proposed loan are not such as to afford reasonable assurance of its ability to repay the loan within the time specified."

It will be noted that the Commission has approved 53% of the total amount requested by these 43 roads, and only in 15 instances did it approve the full amount asked for.

Three of the Van Sweringen controlled roads, the Erie, the Missouri Pacific, the New York Chicago & St. Louis, and the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, which is controlled by the Chesapeake & Ohio, requested aggregate loans of \$73,796,436, and were authorized to receive \$37,940,080.

Of the loans totaling \$167,860,287 approved to the 43 carriers by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has already extended advances in the amounts indicated in the statement above. The Corporation recently discontinued the policy of announcing loans to individual railroads, because heretofore, after the Inter-State Commerce Commission announced the approval of a loan and the Corporation then granted its extension, the public apparently was misled in the belief that the railroads had been granted two identical loans.

The loans extended by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in each instance bear an interest rate of 6%. They were granted without prejudice to the consideration of additional loans already applied for or which might be subsequently requested.

The remaining applications for the railroads which are still under consideration by the Inter-State Commerce Commission involve requests for \$59,967,559. These applications are as follows:

Road—	Total Amount of Loans Applied For.
Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific.....	\$10,996,331
Boston & Maine.....	10,000,000
Pittsburgh & West Virginia.....	7,608,532
Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville.....	2,500,000
Waco, Beaumont, Trinity & Sabine.....	8,983,285
Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee.....	2,300,000
Missouri & North Arkansas.....	1,250,000
Ann Arbor.....	764,657
Gulf & Ship Island.....	694,350
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.....	10,000,000
Sands Spring Ry.....	289,498
Nelsonville & Athens Electric Ry.....	115,000
Georgia, Southwestern & Gulf.....	60,000
Williamsport & North Branch Ry.....	50,000
Norfolk Southern.....	325,000
Akron, Canton & Youngstown.....	606,800
Tennessee Central.....	300,000
Buffalo-Union-Carolina RR.....	100,000
Bamberger Electric R.....	100,000
Missouri Southern.....	125,000
Winona RR.....	700,000
Franklin & Cincinnati.....	50,000
Eureka Nevada.....	10,000
Stockton, Terminal & Eastern.....	65,000
Greene County RR. (of Georgia).....	40,000
Townsville RR.....	32,000
Bartlett & Western.....	25,000
Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville R.....	179,250
Kansas City, Kaw Valley & Western.....	135,832
Alabama Central.....	25,000
Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern.....	200,000
Tuckerton RR.....	50,000
Carlton & Coast RR.....	981,000
Texas, Oklahoma & Eastern.....	214,477
Oklahoma & Rich Mountain RR.....	33,297
Total.....	\$59,967,559

When considering the fact that up to and including April 19, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has extended loans to 1,750 institutions aggregating \$370,437,802, and of this sum the railroads have only received \$64,518,357, or approximately 20%, one can hardly be justified in accusing the Corporation of picking out favorites in the transportation field.

Loans to 1,520 banks aggregate \$243,248,769, of which amount \$10,047,157 has been repaid. Ninety-eight building and loan associations have also received advances totaling \$17,326,748; 28 insurance

companies have been extended \$11,952,000, and 24 joint stock land banks, livestock credit corporations, agricultural credit corporations, and mortgage loan companies have received sums totaling \$14,400,435.

Courage and Fortitude the Need of the Hour.

One of the most deplorable effects of the depression is the growing prevalence of suicides. Some men who have been largely responsible for building up industry, trade and commerce, which have helped to a remarkable extent to develop this country and its institutions, have been unable to stand the strain caused by misfortune in business and have preferred death to the ordeal of facing failure and a possible loss of friends and standing in their respective communities.

There is no doubt about the trials and tribulations of the past two and one-half years tending to create a period of great strain upon the health, nerves and mind of American business leaders. Many successful men have come up from the ranks and possibly they fear the loss of prestige gained by their own efforts more than some others, making them loath to return to a lower plane with new foundations on which to rebuild.

But self-made men are usually of a sterner type. The true soldier does his best to win, but if he meets defeat he does not suffer remorse because he is conscious that he has done his best. Moreover, he is honored by the victor for having made a noble fight. In civil life there are heroes as well as in war. One needs only to read the biographies of James J. Hill, Andrew Carnegie and many other famous men to gain inspiration and a determination to battle to the end.

When the tide turns in the right direction, as it surely will, there will be many hands outstretched to all upon whom will fall the task of rebuilding. The test of real friendship will produce many sincere friends. All who may be called upon, therefore, to assume the task of putting business back squarely upon its feet will find an army of willing helpers to cheer and aid the leaders.

The records of these leaders, "captains of industry" they used to be termed, are well known. The whole country needs the help of such men now more than it did at the height of prosperity. Leaders who are resolute and hopeful, energetic and courageous, will arise like a phoenix and blaze the way to a new period of good fortune. Friends of these builders may prove their worth and be of service to the whole population if they will do their bit to dispel gloom and aid in the formation of a sound groundwork on which to base a revival of industry.

Men whose knowledge has come through experience are worthy of the fullest support and encouragement in order that the evil which has been wrought may be overcome. It is a time to spread good cheer and hope, to arouse new ideals, to foster new and greater achievement based upon a sure foundation in the interest of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Always since 1776 there have been those who were able and willing to carry on. Their equally competent successors are among us to-day, but they will need counsel based upon the wisdom of their living predecessors. That recovery may be hastened, that it may be well sustained and prolonged, an earnest effort should be made to retain the sages from whose

work we have already profited that they may help to guide a newer generation of builders.

The present is no time to become faint-hearted; it is rather a time to put on a new coat of armor and sally forth for greater achievements. If one cannot do that, perhaps the best he can do is to refrain from harassing those who are doing their best to bring the country back to the normal.

A Billion Barrel Capacity.

When told that the average daily production of crude petroleum in the United States now approximates 2,251,900 barrels a day it is not so difficult to comprehend that the figures indicating the stupendous tankage capacity provided for storage at tank farms and refineries aggregates more than 1,000,000,000 barrels. The tankage available for the storage of crude petroleum amounts to 705,130,000 barrels, while that for refined products at refineries is 297,732,000 barrels. In the past five years the storage capacity for crude petroleum has increased 128,284,000 barrels, or 22%, while the tankage added for refined oils amounts to 58,467,000 barrels, or 24%.

Texas has far outstripped the other States in the storage capacity built between 1926 and 1931, and, in the latter year, ranked first in total tankage with a capacity of 272,652,000 barrels, and the first in crude oil tankage with 213,085,000 barrels.

California, which ranked first in total storage in 1926, was in second place in 1931. It continued to lead in storage for refined products, although a material portion of that tankage comprised bulk storage located elsewhere than at refineries in California and the other Pacific Coast States. Oklahoma was second to Texas in tank-farm storage, but in refined oil storage it ranked fourth.

Although there have been many flush fields brought in since 1926, only three, Seminole, West Texas, and East Texas, possessed all the important factors conducive to the construction of extensive storage facilities. These factors are substantial flush production, large areal extent, and sufficient distance from other fields to make it impracticable to use existing tankage. The development of flush production in the Seminole district in 1928 and 1929 led to the construction of a number of new tank farms in the nearby territory, although some companies preferred to pipe their oil to distant tank farm storage. Not all of the tanks erected in the Seminole district were of new material; in fact, the practice of moving tankage from one field to another on a large scale can be said to have begun at Seminole.

The West Texas field produced some oil as early as 1922, but its real development did not come until Seminole was on the decline, that is, in 1929 and 1930. Because of its inaccessible location, and the fact that the corrosive nature of the crude made it desirable to use tanks with wood roofs, most of the tankage erected at West Texas consisted of new material. The total tankage for crude petroleum in the West Texas district amounts to approximately 60,000,000 barrels. This total probably does not represent the highest total for that district as some storage was dismantled upon the completion of the trunk lines to the Gulf. Considerable tankage has been moved from West Texas to the East Texas field.

The East Texas field was discovered in the fall of 1930, but was not actively developed until 1931.

The majority of the first wells were drilled by small companies; in fact, several months elapsed before the larger companies regarded East Texas as an important field. Inasmuch as the smaller companies usually do not erect extensive tank-farms, it may be assumed that the total tankage in the East Texas area is comparatively small.

The following table presents a summary of the number and average size of the four major types of tanks at refineries and tank farms in the United States as of May 1 1931:

Type.	Number.	Total Capacity (bbls.)	Average Capacity (bbls.)
Steel.....	44,333	878,136,000	19,808
Wooden.....	538	313,000	585
Earthen.....	109	37,174,000	341,046
Concrete.....	297	86,921,000	292,663
Miscellaneous.....	20	201	10
Total.....	45,294	1,002,745,000	22,139

These data show that there were more than 45,000 tanks in service (exclusive of refined oil tanks located elsewhere than at refineries and tanks on producing properties). The tanks varied in size from wooden tanks of a few barrels' capacity to concrete tanks holding several million barrels. The average size of all the tanks was 22,139 barrels. Steel was by far the most common material used in tanks. The number of steel tanks was 44,333, or 98% of the total. Only 297 concrete tanks are shown, but they had an average size of nearly 300,000 barrels. Next to concrete tanks in average size were earthen tanks; there were only 109 of this type, but they had an average capacity of 341,046 barrels. About half of the concrete tanks and a large portion of the earthen tanks are located in California.

The capacity for storage for crude petroleum and for refined petroleum is shown in the following tables:

CAPACITY OF STORAGE FOR CRUDE PETROLEUM.
(Thousands of barrels of 42 United States Gallons)

States.	At Tank Farms.	In Pipe Lines.	At Refineries.	Grand Total.
Arkansas.....	14,924	338	736	15,998
California.....	87,322	1,413	61,639	150,374
Colorado and New Mexico.....	1,862	82	5	1,949
Illinois.....	13,743	1,572	2,555	17,870
Indiana.....	1,873	737	1,620	4,230
Iowa, Nebraska and Utah.....	1,061	301	459	1,821
Kansas.....	22,887	1,306	32,470	56,663
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	1,319	112	1,875	3,306
Louisiana.....	17,852	793	10,967	29,612
Maryland.....	4	4	1,896	1,904
Michigan.....	1,190	53	220	1,463
Missouri.....	2,880	1,887	a	a
Montana.....	2,120	30	577	2,727
New Jersey.....	732	44	10,566	11,342
New York.....	925	44	2,700	3,669
Ohio.....	13,651	929	1,250	15,830
Oklahoma.....	153,446	4,109	5,976	163,531
Pennsylvania.....	8,154	890	914	9,958
Texas.....	195,636	7,977	17,449	221,062
West Virginia.....	4,070	335	99	4,504
Wyoming.....	30,927	258	1,266	32,451
Other. b.....	-----	-----	2,700	2,700
Total.....	576,574	23,214	128,439	728,227

a Missouri included with Kansas. b Includes Georgia, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Virginia.

CAPACITY OF STORAGE FOR REFINED PRODUCTS.
(Thousands of Barrels of 42 United States Gallons)

States.	At Refineries.	Elsewhere Than at Refineries.	Grand Total.
Arkansas.....	2,018	295	2,313
California, Oregon and Washington.....	94,393	6,168	100,561
Colorado.....	662	-----	662
Illinois.....	17,296	-----	17,296
Indiana, Missouri and Iowa.....	10,809	41	10,850
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	8,737	-----	8,737
Louisiana.....	1,714	162	1,876
Maryland.....	17,858	1,271	19,129
Maryland.....	3,927	-----	3,927
Michigan.....	853	2,316	3,169
Montana.....	640	-----	640
New Jersey.....	22,065	160	22,225
New Mexico and Utah.....	888	-----	888
New York.....	2,750	266	3,016
Ohio.....	6,727	5	6,732
Oklahoma.....	21,549	-----	21,549
Pennsylvania.....	6,308	1,390	7,698
Texas.....	59,567	2,176	61,743
West Virginia.....	1,298	-----	1,298
Wisconsin.....	9,506	-----	9,506
Wyoming.....	-----	871	871
Other. a.....	4,157	731	4,888
Total.....	297,732	15,852	313,584

a Includes Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Virginia.

The Course of the Bond Market.

The general bond market receded to new low levels during the first part of the past week, only to rebound sharply on Thursday and Friday. The announcement on Tuesday of the resignation of Chancellor Bruening tended to make politics in Europe more cloudy, and this unfavorable political development accelerated the declining trend in the bond market. An offsetting factor was the passage of the tax bill by our Senate late Tuesday night, and this, combined with the announcement of a bond buying pool, served to bring about the rally on Thursday and Friday. Moody's price index for 120 domestic corporation bonds recovered to 60.97 on Friday, as compared with 59.80 one week before and 62.09 two weeks ago.

For several weeks now United States Government bonds have been very erratic. The first part of this last week they were weak because of the continued withdrawal of gold by foreign countries and the delay in balancing the budget. These issues recovered the latter part of the week in sympathy with the rise in other groups. The price average for eight long-term Treasury issues was 96.14 on Friday, as compared with 96.99 the preceding Friday and 95.72 two weeks ago.

Railroad liens continued to be extremely weak up to Wednesday's closing. Bonds of all grades participated in the downward swing. At times it seemed that there was no limit as to how far they could go down. Bids were few and this caused many issues to lose several points between sales. On Friday there was news that the Mobile & Ohio R.R. would go into receivership, but so far this has had no apparent effect on the price structure of railroad bonds in general. Thursday and Friday the railroad group snapped back spectacularly, and again set the pace for other groups. The price index for 40 railroad bonds had declined to a new low of 47.58 on Wednesday, only to climb to 52.47 by Friday, a recovery of 4.89 points in three days. On Friday a week ago the index stood at 50.21, as compared with 52.41 two weeks ago.

In the first part of the week public utility bonds as a class were very weak, with new lows being registered in many issues. Such liens as American Telephone & Telegraph 5s, New York Power & Light 4 1/2s and Virginia Electric & Power 5s, which ordinarily hold up well, were quite hard hit. Few issues escaped the downward movement and indications were that many bonds were being liquidated. However,

this group recovered somewhat toward the end of the week. Moody's price index for 40 public utility bonds receded to 65.71 on Tuesday, but by Friday it had recovered 2.87 points to 68.58. This compared with 67.60 one week before and 71.29 two weeks ago.

Industrial bonds followed a course similar to that of other groups. During the first part of last week all issues were soft, with low grade obligations conspicuous by the lack of bids in many cases. The trend of industrial bonds was reversed on Thursday, but they did not rebound nearly as much as the railroad issues. Steel bonds continued weak. Oil issues showed strength again this week. National Dairy Products 5 1/4s, 1948, recovered to 78 1/2 from its recent low of 72. The obligations of packing companies continued soft. Loew's, Inc., 6s, 1941, rebounded to 68 3/4 from the low of 64 on Tuesday. Moody's industrial price index recovered 1.81 points from Wednesday's low of 62.09 by reaching 63.90 on Friday. This compares with 64.15 one week ago and 65.21 two weeks ago.

Foreign bonds as a group were down for the week. United Kingdom 5 1/2s, 1937, declined somewhat from its recent high, this being due in part to the more favorable attitude of the American investor to United States Government issues. German bonds were depressed, but have recovered somewhat. Argentine issues continued to improve, while French obligations lost ground. Japanese, Swedish and Norwegian loans were slightly down. On Friday this group made some progress on the upside. The yield average for this group ended the week at 15.29%, as compared with 15.16% one week before and 14.70% two weeks ago.

Municipal bonds developed some weakness during the last week. Although the best grade issues remained fairly stable, the medium and low grades lost ground. The Cook County's default on its obligations had been expected, and for this reason the market was not affected by it. Philadelphia loans were soft, due probably to the doubts as to whether Philadelphia's budget will balance for the year. New offerings were few. The bonds of this group seem to be reflecting the poor outlook for tax collections in full for the year.

The following substitutions were made in the industrial list last week with the usual adjustments made:

Rating. Bonds Removed. Bonds Substituted.
A Bush Terminal Building 5s, 1960 Tobacco Products 6 3/4s, 2022
Baa Cudahy Packing 5 1/4s, 1937 Sinclair Oil 6 1/2s, 1938

Moody's computed bond prices and bond yield averages are shown in the tables below:

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

Table with columns for dates (June 3, May 31, etc.), All 120 Domestic, 120 Domestic by Ratings (Aaa, Aa, A, Baa), and 120 Domestic by Groups (RR, P.U., Indus).

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

Table with columns for dates (June 3, May 31, etc.), All 120 Domestic, 120 Domestic by Ratings (Aaa, Aa, A, Baa), 120 Domestic by Groups (RR, P.U., Indus), and 40 Foreign.

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

Reduction in Wages in Building Trades Necessary Before Any Appreciable Activity in Construction Occurs According to Real Estate Securities Committee of Investment Bankers' Association Real Estate Financing.

Before there can be any appreciable activity in new building construction wages of the building trades must be reduced in line with commodity prices. That is a conclusion of the Real Estate Securities Committee of the Investment Bankers Association of America, as contained in a brief report at the recent meeting of the Association's board of governors. The report, which was made public at the Association's office in Chicago on May 26, adds that excessive taxation and unemployment have forced into foreclosure many real estate bond issues that normally would have weathered the storm. The report reads in part:

"At present the members of the Investment Bankers Association are not interested in new real estate financing, but many are interested in the subject from the standpoint of liquidating the issues sold or participated in by them in prior years. There has been considerable uncalled for criticism of bondholders' committees. The Real Estate Securities Committee has investigated a number of these committees and generally finds them composed of honorable, well intentioned men who are doing their best to serve the bondholders. The work is thankless and difficult at best and offers very little remuneration for the members of such committees. There are well-set methods of procedure for reorganization or foreclosure which form the frame work on which bondholders' committees build their plans. We believe that each property presents its own problems which should be carefully analyzed by those engaged in the reconstruction work and that each property should be worked out separately. We do not as a general rule favor combining a number of bond issues and properties into a common pool. Each bondholder is entitled to his proportion of the security covered by his bond unshared with other bondholders, irrespective of whether the result be for the better or for the worse. The liquidation and distribution of properties put into a common pool will take expensive years of accomplishment. While we do not believe in pooling bond issues and properties, we are thoroughly in accord with the efforts of committees to build up management departments and through them systematize records and costs and cut down operating expenses by purchasing coal and supplies in wholesale lots.

"The outstanding defect in real estate bond financing of the past has been the inflexible nature of this form of security. If a break occurs in the program of payment the entire issue is thrown into default and requires reorganization or foreclosure. Reorganization calls for 100% deposit of all the bondholders. This is difficult to obtain. One of the principal causes of breakdowns in real estate bond issues is the serial maturities. If provisions had been made to retire bonds out of sinking funds created from net earnings, many issues now in difficulty would still be in good standing. The private investor will not be attracted to real estate bonds for some time to come and we believe that this system of financing must undergo very radical changes."

The report was presented by Charles B. Crouse of Detroit, in the absence of Louis K. Boysen of the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Chairman of the Real Estate Securities Committee.

D. L. Hoopingarner Warns of Menace to Realty Bonds—Survey Finds Taxes and Assessments Increase While Income of Properties Decrease.

Intelligent and sympathetic co-operation will at this particular time go farther towards safeguarding the equity of realty investment bondholders than jumpy impatience and ill-advised action, says Dwight L. Hoopingarner, Executive of American Construction Council, in his report on May 23 following a survey of the subject. While the mortgage bond field, in common with most investment security fields, is soggy in spots, he says the real asset value of real estate mortgage bonds is frequently far greater than comparative fields of many industrials, and these bonds are weathering the storm better than many more widely known securities. The greatest menace to realty bond values springs from an intemperance of thought and action at this time.

Mr. Hoopingarner's report follows:

"Holders of realty investment bonds should not jeopardize their equities by hasty or ill-advised action at this time, but under proper safeguards should permit a sound and constructive rehabilitation of their investment through normal channels where such is possible. Defaults on building properties, when they have occurred, have not always been necessarily of a serious nature, and in any event the co-operation of all parties concerned should be employed to work out the most constructive solution.

"During the slump, which has created unforeseen conditions common to all investment securities, the better securities of building properties have occupied a favorable position as compared with a majority of other securities, and the bonds of many building properties that are temporarily in default are basically just as good an investment as many more widely recognized securities. In many cases the real asset value of real estate mortgage bonds is far greater than the comparable values of many industrials, and as a matter of fact these bonds have weathered the storm of the depression just as well as many of the recognized industrials and sometimes better from an income-producing basis, for the reason that improved real estate usually shows some operating profit which can be applied to the mortgage obligations. An analysis of the figures of one large house of issue shows that up to the present time a large proportion of the defaults are of a relatively minor and presumably a temporary nature unless the depression continues to get worse, in which case, of course, practically all types of securities would continue to be affected adversely.

"The survey also shows that one of the biggest difficulties being experienced by building properties at the present time is the high cost of taxes and special assessments which in some instances have even increased with the decline of income of those properties because of present economic conditions which are worldwide. The readjustment of such levies in line with present

valuations, together with careful and experienced management, should enable many properties to work themselves out of the situation satisfactorily, providing reasonable leeway is granted those in charge to do so.

"Where, however, the fixed charges cannot be promptly met on such properties and the bondholders get panicky and endeavor to force receiverships without a full basis of fact and sober judgment, much harm can be done. Unfortunately, real estate mortgage bondholders are being made, in many instances, the victims of outside racketeering and undue solicitation or pressure by those who would profit by such outside interference.

"There are occasionally cases where the situation on particular building properties may justify action on the part of properly accredited agencies from the outside, but before precipitating any action looking toward such procedure, holders of realty mortgage bonds should exercise the greatest precaution to get the facts as to the present status and probable outcome of their holdings. Frequently, it may be found that the defaults need only be temporary or that nothing would be gained through the intervention of outside, and, especially, inexperienced parties. In fact, the excessive costs of such intervention sometimes defeat their alleged purpose. In any event, not only the complete status of any defaulting securities should be ascertained by the bondholder but also the standing and experience of any outside parties who may be brought into the picture, as well as the full cost of such contemplated action.

"The best people to work out the ultimate solution of such properties are usually the houses of issue who already are best acquainted with them and whose honest endeavor and co-operation on behalf of the interest of all concerned can find the most constructive solution along normal lines of procedure.

"A fact not generally appreciated is the necessarily complicated and tedious procedure involved, for practical as well as for legal reasons, when forced liquidation is resorted to; neither is it properly appreciated that patience and sympathetic co-operation among those possessing first-hand knowledge of conditions surrounding a given property can frequently bring the most beneficial results to all concerned.

"Perhaps the best formula for the individual bondholders to follow is, first, to see responsible officials of the house of issue and get the complete facts as well as the plans for handling the situation which they contemplate or have under way, and then check the situation with the family banker or financial adviser as to the exact procedure to pursue from that point. As in the case with any other type of security, no hard and fast rule can be drawn, but the above suggestion at least has the merit of getting the best information and advice possible and of avoiding hasty action which may defeat its own purpose. Above everything else beware of the "financial adviser" who has some other securities to sell. The new securities may be far worse than the old.

BOOK NOTICES.

"PROSPERITY" PROBLEMS, WHY, WHENCE, WHITHER? AND WITH WHAT PART IN WORLD WELFARE? By ARNOLD G. Dana. Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor. New Haven, Conn. Price \$3.00.

For 35 years, 1887-1922, the author of "Prosperity" Problems was a member of the Statistical-Editorial staff of the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle," having thus lived statistically, so to speak, through some of the major financial panics and industrial crises which this country has experienced. From his experience at current analysis of events and the vantage point of close proximity to the center of affairs, this author should be peculiarly fitted to interpret the march of events of these recent years.

As might be expected of one who has been so closely in touch with the realities of things, this author takes the hard and rigorous doctrine that there is no easy road to success, no rosy path of progress (at least not without its thorns). Such doctrine is likely to receive a hearing and a following in times like the present. The easy acceptance of startling new developments as if they were to be heralded as permanent and ever-accumulating evidence of continued progress in the same direction was characteristic of the 1928-1929 "boom" period. Everything in economic philosophy which tended to be at all pessimistic in its implications (such as the warnings of "old-fashioned" economists regarding technological unemployment and regarding the inherent inflationary tendencies in certain central bank policies) simply would not be listened to in 1928 and 1929—nobody believed there could be anything in such vagaries which seemed so contrary to the evidence. For, didn't the facts belie such "theories"? and if theory doesn't accord with the facts, it can't be true theory. Thus in 1929 did the old-fashioned economist with his troublesome abstractions and insistence upon fundamental principles give way to "new era" economists who preached the doctrines of happiness and progress unbounded.

As one of the most important immediate causes of the crash of 1929, this author cites the enormous decline in the export of American capital in 1928 and 1929 as compared to the great outflow of the years 1926-1928, maintaining that the curtailment of credits to foreign nations thus realized forced a tightening of the money markets in all the principal financial centers of the world and the reduction of foreign buying power for American products. The natural repercussion on the American market was reflected in reduced exports, the piling up of surpluses at existing prices, followed by curtailed production, unemployment, reduced purchasing power, and the collapse of the inflated condition which had developed.

While it is true that this wave of "prosperity" would never have been able to persist so long, or rise to such height, except for the power of the Federal Reserve System to create credit on credit so freely on its own initiative and in response to the demand for a popular furor; even so the results attained would not have been possible had not vast amounts of gold come from abroad because of our position in world affairs during the war and post-war days as chief purveyor of commodities and of credit and loans. Any creation of exceptional buying power for the products of industry, if added to a nation's normal business, whether the exceptional power to purchase comes from new discoveries of gold, from Government fiat money issues, from bank note issues, or from bank credits, or from swelling mercantile book credits and installment credits to customers, or the proceeds of bonds and stocks (or, for that matter, from any other sources inside or outside the country), will tend to bring about the delusion of "prosperity" and the inflationary results. In effect, this popular development stampedes and actually creates purchasing power of various kinds in varying proportions and the purchasing power reciprocates royally. What is generally not recognized is that the creating of an inflated purchasing power is not a monopoly enjoyed by governments.

In its various aspects such a sensational inflation as our American "Prosperity" turned out to be, it may be viewed as a team of horses (luxury-buying and speculating) escaping control and going faster and faster until they fall exhausted, or it is the fever rising higher and higher and higher and producing delirium which brings pleasant dreams and clouds the brain to actualities; or it is the cancerous growth of mounting indebtedness that, becoming increasingly virulent, continues to expand until the entire body is diseased.

This delusion even turns the heads of wise men, leading them to promulgate doctrines of waste, early obsolescence, and the like; made spendthrifts of men, women and children; made defaulters as never before in our history of those in position of trust and authority, and continues to send to self-destruction hundreds of men in the higher walks of life, beside themselves with financial losses and worry.

"Prosperity" was of popular making and not a business men's debauch. It was the people of the United States themselves who, individually and in their combined capacity as municipalities and States, have been assuming debts and commitments which to-day stand directly in the path of business recovery, reaching in the aggregate an incredibly large sum. It is largely this fact that accounts for the sudden falling off in popular buying, the moment the boom slackened and employment declined.

It was a highly desirable thing that total life insurance in force in the United States increased from about 20½ billion dollars Jan. 1 1919 to an amount in excess of 100 billion dollars; but, however worthy the increased burden of policy premiums here indicated, for a time at least it would seem some diminution in the amount thereof might be required as regards not a few of the policy holders, if the depression is not relieved considerably in the near future.

The expansion of home building during the 12 years 1919-1930, aggregating over 23 billions of dollars, in itself would not be a heavy burden for a rich nation like the United States were the weight evenly distributed among the people; and were it not for the fact that in many cases these homes were bought at prices considerably beyond the real means of the purchaser and on small down payments, and in many cases at high interest rates and heavy sinking fund charges to meet junior liens, and with taxes on the increase, the load is a serious one.

For possible advantage in recognizing in the future whether or not we are living in a fool's paradise, the author presents four tests of prosperity. In the process of so doing he points the very important fact that during the years 1925-1929 there was used a false measuring-stick of the heights of production. This was because the average of the years 1923-1925 was taken as the standard of "normal" and in index numbers called 100. These three years, says the author, were the very best three-year peace-time period in the history of the nation up to that time—its index of steel output averaging 136 as compared with 100 in 1913 and only six points less than was shown by the inflationary years of the Great War.

To give point to this argument the author presents a table showing how the index of steel output increased from 100 in 1913 to 180 in 1929, while automobile production rose

from an index of 100 in 1913 to 1,105 in 1929; and the Federal Reserve Board index of industrial production rose to a peak of only 125 in 1929 because largely of the "false base" or misleading yardstick inherent in taking the average of 1923-1925 as normal, or 100.

The author presents interesting compilations of statistical data reflecting the inflation in its various aspects, such as security issues, income statistics, wages and salaries, bank credit and turnover of deposits, capital gains, &c. This is followed by a summary of the procession of speculative waves and booms which swept the nation during the period 1919-1929 beginning with the speculation in commodities in 1919-1920, the speculation in land and oil in 1920, the general boom of 1922-1923, the speculation in foreign currencies, the Florida real estate boom, the California oil and building and real estate boom, grain and stock speculation, building boom of enormous proportions, 1922-1926, and public extravagance, speculation in seashore properties, as well as the orgy of speculation in stocks.

Regarding the part that loss of foreign trade has in the general collapse, the author says that we can hardly question that the new tariff made an extremely bad impression on foreign customers, confirming the belief that our legislators are ruthless and that, as a nation, we are, in spite of our great wealth, disposed to walk roughshod over our less fortunate neighbors. We may, but they never can, regard our attitude towards inter-allied debts as generous or just. The Tariff Act of 1929 was avowedly a shut-out measure for many articles. It caused much resentment, for it aggravated tariff restrictions already trying. Retaliation damaging to American trade is turning up on every side and in unexpected quarters. This factor of tariffs, however, is merely an aggravating one in a more general situation of international war debts and reparations which is at bottom the root of the evils affecting world trade. These two, tariffs and impossible reparations and war debt requirements, together with mercantilistic gold-grabbing by some countries, notably France and the United States, account in large part for the paralysis of world international trade, and constitute an obstacle to world recovery. What the best solution is to this problem is left by the author in some doubt, and probably it is better so.

The author distinguishes two kinds of inflation—"benign inflation" and "pernicious inflation." Benign inflation means any increase in the general level of business operation above the normal called for by increasing population or natural growth in foreign trade, but so moderate in amount or brief in duration that it can subside when the special reasons prompting it cease to exist, without causing acute economic disturbance, or widespread depression and financial difficulty. Such inflation may arise from a sound growth in enterprise due to a true enlargement of market due either to great economies in transportation or due to other reductions in the cost of production and distribution. These two factors as well as a great surge of foreign buying due to the export of American capital were present in America's recent "prosperity" boom. But in the natural course of events, benign inflation, if it be too long continued, sets in operation changes in price structure and wages, larger manufacturing facilities, increases in bank loans and capitalization and a condition of excessive hopefulness that readily cause it to deteriorate into the other variety, namely, pernicious inflation.

Pernicious inflation is a self-perpetuating business activity growing with excessive and increasing rapidity, accompanied by an abnormal expansion of credit and super-active purchasing power. This last embraces all forms of inflated income, and in the last boom, notably wages, profits, the proceeds of abnormal appeals to the market for loans and capital funds, and extraordinary profits from speculation and the sale at advancing prices of shares of capital stock, real estate and other investment holdings.

He criticizes the Federal Reserve Board definition of inflation to the effect that it is "the process of making additions to credits not based on a commensurate increase in the production of goods." This definition, says Mr. Dana, loses sight of the principle that the public, like an individual will, if sufficiently encouraged, go to the limit, both in borrowing and consuming, and that, therefore, the complete consumption of a nation's output, including enormous quantities of unessential products, is no clear evidence, so long as confidence remains undisturbed, that the borrowing by its people has not been excessive.

Furthermore, inflation even of the pernicious type need not be reflected necessarily in rising general prices, for if

the "inflation" in production occurs *pari passu* with the "inflation" in consumption, supply and demand will be at equilibrium at the stable price level. Then inflation will occur in profits and in the capitalization of those profits in all sorts of durable goods and organizations for the production of goods and services.

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THE BIRTH OF THE GERMAN REPUBLIC. By

Dr. Arthur Rosenberg. Translated by Ian F. D. Morrow. Oxford University Press. New York, 1931. \$4.75 net.

This is so timely and authoritative a book, and, limiting itself to the recent history of one nation, throws light upon conditions which exist everywhere and which to-day demand attention as perhaps never so universally before that it is well worth giving it a setting in current events. Startling as current events are, they are incidents in a long and closely interwoven series.

Two distinct principles of organized society have been existent since the beginning of history, namely, autocracy and democracy. Each has recognized the other and opposed it. The Great Mogul and the Afghan tribe, Pharaoh and Israel, Alexander and Caesar, the Kaiser and the Czar, all paid tribute to it. In various form but with enduring vitality the contest exists to-day everywhere among the nations. A new world is proclaimed. Change deep reaching and often destructive is universal. Confusion abounds. Whenever in any State a strong hand assumes control and re-establishes the accustomed intercourse, it is accepted. However marked may be its limitations, whether a Junta, a Supreme Council, a military chief, a dictator, it gives for the time security and the renewal of daily life. Its only warrant is its power to control events. In so doing it is in the line of human history. Might makes right, to the extent that it exalts the State and establishes its well-being, and, so far, its control without and within.

However complete their authority, such rulers have throughout history recognized that the State or race they governed consisted not of a mass of dumb unconscious people, but that on the contrary they were human beings more or less like themselves, capable of initial action, responsive to conditions about them, able to be aroused to accomplish desires and impulses of their own. In short, they have feelings more or less vague but common to them and their neighbors, which create desires and impulses that are universal, and may lead to sudden action. There is an urge within more or less dominant when circumstances challenge, always ready to break forth in mass movement that may be irresistible.

Recognition of this fact is to be seen in almost every one of the great rulers of the past. In the hours of their success, and indeed usually at the beginning of every new grasp at wider rule, they have taken some action in recognition of this urge at the heart of their own people. They wanted expression in some direction for themselves, more freedom, more comfort, more well-being, more knowledge, less burden of this sort or that, an urge inevitable and inherent, which might in possible disaster, or even in change of circumstances of their ruler, break out to his undoing. It is this urge of the people in one nation or another that has so often changed the face of history.

It is to-day upheaving Asia. It overthrew the Russian Czars and drove both Napoleon and the Bourbons from France.

It has won many victories in England. It created the America of to-day, when rather than resist England in 1776, between 80 and 100 thousand mainly of the better class left the country, so that General Washington, who never could muster more than 25,000 men at any time, and never more than 18,000 in one battle, was enabled to hold on with only 6,000 until victory was achieved in Yorktown. While John Adams, the well-to-do Bostonian, said that "less than a third of the people desired war with England," Samuel Adams, his fiery contemporary, lived among the people, recognized the Declaration of Independence "as though it were a decree promulgated from heaven," aided in the raiding of the tea ship in Boston harbor three years before, and was sure that he was waging the fight of the people of the entire territory when he stood for "No taxation without representation." It was to respond to this call that Lafayette came to take his place beside Washington, and France at last sent her fleet. Once more the urge of a people had changed the face of history.

As a leading element in the great problems created by the World War we ask what is the persistent urge of Germany? As expressed in the men who created the Empire in 1870 and their successors in 1914, it is to be sought in the character and acts of her military leaders. That has been accepted as expressing the ambition and desire of the whole nation. The final defeat therefore meant the humiliation and distress of all. What, then, can be looked for to-day? Did Bismarck, the Kaiser William II, Ludendorff, Tirpitz and their associates express the heart, the urge of the Germany of to-day?

With all the memories of those last years into which America was deeply drawn the question is not easy to answer; but in the endlessly confused world in which we are living it should be answered. The book before us, which well deserves to be read in full, serves our purpose. Its immediate object doubtless is to create a better understanding of his country's recent history, as the name indicates. He is a loyal German. The Germany of to-day bears testimony to the heart of the German people. Despite their different past, the Republic's birth must be sought in the closing years of the 19th century. They must be held in mind if you would understand the urge of the nation as it really is.

It was in fact the outcome of the winning over by Bismarck of the King of Prussia and the Prussian army to creating an indissoluble national unity. He united the military aristocracy of Prussia with the German middle class, and placed the Hohenzollerns at the head. The end came in 1918 when the military party collapsed and the middle class took over the Government.

The old order proved to be far stronger than at first appeared. Behind the middle class a new political class arose in the cities to secure the overthrow of the aristocratic Junkers. It introduced new ideals which were not of the Liberal middle class, but led to the explosive element later in the Labor movement. Bismarck strove with some success to unite the divided parties, but military successes and commercial prosperity only concealed diversities for a time, and with his fall the Empire he had created was doomed. The King of Prussia became the supreme authority. His army had won the battles that created the Empire. The Reichstag could work only in co-operation with the Imperial Chancellor. Union among the German States was not complete. Bismarck, with the aid of the Conservatives, opened the Reichstag to agrarian representatives and secured the aid of a new Liberal party with the support of the prosperous middle classes, to whom he gave the appearance of representative government, while it had control of both the Prussian Landtag and the German Reichstag.

This was the situation when William II came to the throne in 1888. The old Emperor had made no display of his new power. His grandson was of a different mold. Two years sufficed for his getting rid of Bismarck, and his personal control lasted from 1890 to 1916 when he fell into the hands of General Ludendorff until the final defeat. The summer of 1916 saw the beginning of the end. In England and France the common people had seen their representative men put in important position and felt the war was theirs. In Germany the opposite was true; everything was in the hands of the Kaiser and the army; and when disaster came the men of the upper class, who had sought increased land holdings in the East, or as manufacturers, raw material in Lorraine and the Ruhr, turned from the Kaiser to Hindenburg and Ludendorff. But the mass of the laboring classes and the poorer people wanted peace at any price. Food was scarce; their existence did not seem to be recognized by their rulers; and they were ready for a revolution if that was the only possible relief. In August 1916 the Emperor was forced to dismiss his Chancellor, and when soon after the Reichstag attempted to take control, Ludendorff actually held it. The Supreme Army Command was created; the Emperor's control was a mere formality; and when in October 1918, Field Marshal von Hindenburg announced the close of the war the Kaiser had fled and it was Ludendorff, the Quartermaster General who was serving under the new Republic, who was in command.

In the opening of 1918 Germany had won battles East and West and had gathered an army of three and a half million men ready for the offensive on the Western front. Revolution in Germany had become impossible; the war party was absolute. The masses felt that they must depend on themselves, and the great strikes of January 1918 occurred. They had been made in 1916 and 1917, and the

Reichstag passed peace resolutions in July 1917. The Bolsheviks had won peace in Russia, and in January 1918, following similar action in Vienna and other industrial centers, 400,000 workmen in Berlin and vicinity threw down their tools and demanded peace without annexations. The new leaders of the Reichstag endorsed it, and the strike spread to 1,000,000 men. The Government resisted and arrested thousands.

The people stood firm. A new day had come, and though the Government withdrew the whole army from victories

elsewhere for action in the West, the settled purpose of the German people had been disclosed. The urge was there. It had been true to itself against almost superhuman power of destruction for weary years, but had triumphed. With all its limitations, the Republic may be accepted as the expression of the people of Germany in their strenuous labors to establish her place in the new world of to-day. As such it is strong testimony to an impulse in the hearts of every people which may be obscured but is sure to declare itself demanding recognition.

The New Capital Flotations During the Month of May and for the Five Months Since the First of January

New financing during the month of May was on a very slender basis. In fact, as far as corporate flotations are concerned it was close to the vanishing point, and if it were not for the bonds placed by States and municipalities, the total would be meager indeed and even as to municipalities the awards were on a greatly diminished scale as compared with normal periods. The shrinking in the volume of new capital issues brought out is of course easily explained. It is due to the fact that general investment and market conditions have continued highly unfavorable, making it risky business to undertake the floating of new securities, even those of a very choice type. But in addition, as set out by us in reviewing the figures for the month of April, an entirely new factor has within recent periods entered the situation which cannot be left out of consideration in any study of new financing and the appeals made to the investment market. We mean that the Federal Government has become such a constant borrower and has been borrowing so repeatedly and on such a large scale that ordinary financing has really become subordinate to that of Government financing. In a measure, also, the Government has really been pre-empting the ground and certainly it has been occupying the investment field to the disadvantage of ordinary financing, a matter of no small consequence, especially in view of the fact that owing to the prevailing loss of confidence in security values generally the demand on the part of the investing public has been almost entirely for the highest and best type of security investment,—and obviously nothing could be higher or better than a U. S. obligation, though that does not mean that such an obligation may not suffer sharp depreciation on occasions, as the investor has learned from sad experience.

At all events during all recent months U. S. Government financing has been of far larger magnitude than the ordinary financing as represented by the borrowings of corporations, municipalities, farm loan emissions and the like. Therefore U. S. financing should receive primary attention and we now pursue the practice of dealing with it before dealing with our compilations relating to ordinary financing. During May the U. S. Treasury disposed of four blocks of 91-day Treasury bills on a discount basis. In any study of new financing the important point is to know how much of the new financing represents distinctly new capital, as distinguished from issues made to provide for the taking up and retiring of issues already outstanding, and which are to be replaced by the new issues. And this is particularly true with reference to the placing of U. S. Government securities. Treasury bills are all the time maturing, having a life usually for only 90 to 93 days, and have to be replaced with other issues, while Treasury certificates of indebtedness are another form of short term borrowing which has to be periodically renewed without swelling the outstanding aggregate of indebtedness. So long as the Government was showing huge budget surpluses and the Government indebtedness was as a result being steadily and largely reduced, the matter was of little consequence, but now that there is a budget deficit running in excess of \$2,000,000,000 a year, it is important to know the extent to which the Government itself is obliged to have recourse to the investment and

money markets. During May as it happens, all the Government issues were to retire existing issues.

New Treasury Offerings During the Month of May, 1932.

On May 4 1932, Secretary of the Treasury Mills offered \$75,000,000 "or thereabouts," of a new issue of 91-day Treasury Bills. The bills were dated May 11 1932 and will mature August 10 1932. The total amount applied for was \$351,661,000. The amount of bids accepted was \$76,744,000. The average price was 99.829, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.68%. The bills were issued to replace a maturing Treasury Bill issue of approximately the same amount.

Another offering of 91-day Treasury Bills for \$75,000,000 or thereabouts was announced by Mr. Mills on May 11 1932. The bills are dated May 18 1932, and mature on August 17 1932. The total amount applied for was \$395,069,000. The amount of bids accepted was \$75,000,000. The average price realized by the Treasury was 99.893, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.43%. The bills were issued to replace a maturing Treasury bill issue of approximately the same amount.

On May 18 1932, Secretary of the Treasury Mills offered \$60,000,000 or thereabouts of 91-day Treasury Bills. The bills were dated May 25 1932 and mature August 24 1932. The amount applied for was \$334,818,000. The total of bids accepted was \$60,050,000. The average price was 99.927, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.29%. The bills were issued to replace a maturing Treasury Bill issue of approximately the same amount. The average rate on this issue established a new low record price for this class of securities. This situation grew directly out of the large scale purchases of U. S. Securities by the Federal Reserve banks and to the lack of investments regarded as indubitably safe by banks and bankers.

Announcement of still another offering of 91-day Treasury Bills, this time for \$100,000,000 or thereabouts was made on May 24 1932 by Mr. Mills. These bills were dated June 1 1932 and mature August 31 1932. The amount applied for was \$296,503,000. The amount of the bids accepted was \$100,200,000. The average price realized by the Treasury was 99.919, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.32%. The bills were issued to replace a maturing Treasury bill issue of approximately the same amount.

In the following we show all the Treasury financing back to the first of the year:

UNITED STATES TREASURY FINANCING DURING FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1932.

Date Offered.	Dated.	Due.	Amount Applied For.	Amount Accepted.	Price.	Yield.
Jan. 7	Jan. 13	91 days	\$169,337,000	\$50,175,000	Average 99.272	*2.875%
17	25	93 days	191,581,000	50,937,000	Average 99.358	*2.40%
25	Feb. 1	6 months	395,938,500	227,631,000	100	3.125%
25	1	1 year	250,148,000	144,372,000	100	3.75%
31	8	93 days	196,873,000	76,399,000	Average 99.314	*2.65%
Feb. 7	15	93 days	211,872,000	75,689,000	Average 99.287	*2.76%
16	24	91 days	196,183,000	62,851,000	Average 99.315	*2.71%
24	March 2	91 days	292,984,000	101,412,000	Average 99.369	*2.50%
March 5	15	1 year	a28,000, 00	a28,000,000	100	2.00%
6	15	7 months	952,619,500	333,492,500	100	3.125%
6	15	1 year	2,450,606,000	660,653,500	100	3.75%
23	30	91 days	360,198,000	102,169,000	Average 99.474	*2.08%
April 7	April 13	91 days	399,374,000	76,200,000	Average 99.735	*1.05%
14	20	91 days	289,740,000	75,600,000	Average 99.843	*0.62%
21	27	91 days	241,451,000	51,550,000	Average 99.841	*0.63%
25	May 2	1 year	1,699,868,000	239,197,000	100	2.00%
25	2	2 years	2,496,428,700	244,234,600	100	3.00%
May 4	11	91 days	351,661,000	76,744,000	Average 99.829	*0.68%
11	18	91 days	395,069,000	75,000,000	Average 99.893	*0.43%
18	25	91 days	334,818,000	60,050,000	Average 99.927	*0.29%
24	June 1	91 days	296,503,000	100,200,000	Average 99.919	*0.32%

* Average rate on a bank discount basis. a Approximate.

USE OF FUNDS.

Date Offered.	Type of Security.	Total Amount Accepted.	Refunding.	New Indebtedness.
Jan. 7	Treasury bills	\$50,175,000	\$50,175,000	-----
17	Treasury bills	50,937,000	50,937,000	-----
25	3 3/4% Treasury cfts.	227,631,000	50,000,000	\$322,003,000
25	3 3/4% Treasury cfts.	144,372,000	-----	-----
31	Treasury bills	76,399,000	76,399,000	-----
Feb. 7	Treasury bills	75,689,000	75,689,000	-----
16	Treasury bills	62,851,000	62,851,000	-----
24	Treasury bills	101,412,000	101,412,000	-----
March 5	2% Treasury cfts.	*28,000,000	-----	*28,000,000
6	3 3/4% Treasury cfts.	333,492,500	624,000,000	370,146,000
6	3 3/4% Treasury cfts.	660,653,500	-----	-----
23	Treasury bills	102,169,000	102,169,000	-----
April 7	Treasury bills	76,200,000	50,175,000	25,025,000
14	Treasury bills	75,600,000	-----	75,600,000
21	Treasury bills	51,550,000	51,550,000	-----
25	2% Treasury cfts.	239,197,000	-----	239,197,000
25	3% Treasury cfts.	244,234,600	-----	244,234,600
May 4	Treasury bills	351,661,000	351,661,000	-----
11	Treasury bills	395,069,000	395,069,000	-----
18	Treasury bills	334,818,000	334,818,000	-----
24	Treasury bills	296,503,000	296,503,000	-----

* Approximate.

The point of importance with reference to these U. S. Treasury issues is, as already stated, the extent to which this new financing by the Federal Government represents new issues, that is, new appeals to the investment market, and from the foregoing analysis it appears that the \$322,003,000 of the U. S. Government issues brought out in January represented new indebtedness and \$398,146,000 more in March represented new indebtedness, besides \$584,056,600 more in April, altogether making a grand aggregate of \$1,304,205,600. Turning now to our own totals of new financing by corporations, municipalities &c., this is found to be far in excess of our own total for the calendar year to May 31. Our total of new capital issues for the five months of 1932 is no more than \$751,260,027. To the extent only that the U. S. Government issues represent actually new debt, rather than the taking up of outstanding issues about to mature, can such issues be considered additions to the Government debt. Yet, the amount is found to be \$1,304,205,600 as we see.

Our own compilations, as in other months, are very inclusive and embrace the stock, bond and note issues by corporations, by holding, investment and trading companies and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also farm loan emissions—in fact everything except the obligations of the U. S. Government. The grand total of the offerings of securities in this country under these various heads for the month of May aggregated no more than \$122,862,269, which compares with \$142,319,232 in April and with \$190,019,625 in March, but with only \$94,497,344 in February, though with \$193,938,800 in January. How small the new financing the present year is appears when we contrast the May total for 1932, at \$122,862,269, with earlier years and find that in May 1931 the new capital issues totaled \$427,832,521, in May 1930 \$1,181,454,314, in May 1929 \$1,513,250,087, and in May 1928 \$1,046,899,728.

Corporate financing during May comprised nothing more than the offering in the aggregate of \$11,930,800 long term bonds and notes, and \$10,300,000 of short term obligations, making \$22,230,800 altogether of corporate financing of every character and description, and this combined with a farm loan issue of \$15,000,000 and the placing of \$85,631,469 of State and municipal obligations, raising the amount to \$122,862,269, comprised the whole total of ordinary financing for the month. On the other hand, as appears from our analysis above, Government financing (made up entirely, to be sure, of 91-day Treasury bills sold on a discount basis and comprising simply bills issued to take up maturing issues and therefore involving no raising of new money) totals for the month \$311,994,000.

Proceeding further with our analysis of the limited volume of corporate offerings made during May, we observe that public utility issues, with \$22,030,800, accounted for substantially all of the corporate total, which as already stated was only \$22,230,800. The public utility total of \$22,030,800 for May compares with \$46,206,000 shown in April. Industrial and miscellaneous flotations were limited to but one offering, which amounted to \$200,000 during May as against \$1,987,500 during April. No railroad offerings of any kind were marketed during May.

Of the total corporate offerings of all kinds during May for amount of \$22,230,800, long-term bonds and notes comprised \$11,930,800, while short-term bonds and notes aggregated \$10,300,000. During May there were no stock offerings of any kind as already stated. The portion of the month's financing raised for refunding purposes was \$15,000,000, or 67% of the total. In April the refunding portion was \$33,124,000, or 68%; in March it was \$9,097,320, or 15%; in February it was \$5,688,000, or 12%, and in January only \$1,500,000, or slightly over 3%. In May 1931 the amount for refunding was \$81,230,000, or about 32% of the month's total. The \$15,000,000 raised for refunding in May (1932) comprised \$7,000,000 new long-term to refund existing long-term; \$5,000,000 new short-term to refunding existing long-term and \$3,000,000 new short-term to refund existing short-term.

No foreign securities of any description were offered in this country during May. It was announced during the month, however, that the Chase National Bank of New York had extended for 60 days the \$20,000,000 loan to the Cuban Government.

Corporate financing during May was confined to a few small issues the largest of which were: \$7,000,000 Associated Gas & Electric Co. guaranteed 8s 1940, offered at par, and \$5,100,000 Hackensack Water Co. one-year 6% notes, due May 31 1933, placed privately.

Only one issue marketed during May containing a privileged feature, namely:

BONDS WITH CONVERTIBLE FEATURE.

\$7,000,000 Associated Gas and Electric Co. Guaranteed 8s, 1940. (Each \$1,000 of bonds carries a warrant to purchase company's common stock at \$5 per share, at rate of 1 share for each \$100 of bonds after March 15 1933 and up to March 15 1948.)

No new fixed investment trust offerings occurred during the month of May.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing, corporate, State and city, foreign Government, as well as farm loans issued for the month of May and the five months ending with May:

	1932.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
MONTH OF MAY—				
Corporate:				
Domestic—				
Long term bonds and notes.....	4,930,800	7,000,000	11,930,800	
Short term.....	2,300,000	8,000,000	10,300,000	
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Canadian—				
Long term bonds and notes.....	-----	-----	-----	
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----	
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Other foreign—				
Long term bonds and notes.....	-----	-----	-----	
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----	
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Total corporate.....	7,230,800	15,000,000	22,230,800	
Canadian Government.....	-----	-----	-----	
Other foreign Government.....	-----	-----	-----	
Farm loan issues.....	-----	15,000,000	15,000,000	
Municipal, States, cities, &c.....	84,010,665	1,620,804	85,631,469	
United States Possessions.....	-----	-----	-----	
Grand total.....	91,241,465	31,620,804	122,862,269	
FIVE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31—				
Corporate:				
Domestic—				
Long term bonds and notes.....	130,452,800	18,587,000	149,039,800	
Short term.....	16,549,000	43,925,000	60,474,000	
Preferred stocks.....	6,775,275	-----	6,775,275	
Common stocks.....	2,296,900	1,897,320	4,194,220	
Canadian—				
Long term bonds and notes.....	-----	-----	-----	
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----	
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Other foreign—				
Long term bonds and notes.....	-----	-----	-----	
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----	
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Total corporate.....	156,073,975	64,409,320	220,483,295	
Canadian Government.....	-----	-----	-----	
Other foreign Government.....	-----	-----	-----	
Farm loan issues.....	30,000,000	62,500,000	92,500,000	
Municipal, States, cities, &c.....	396,008,306	41,576,426	437,584,732	
United States Possessions.....	692,000	-----	692,000	
Grand total.....	582,774,281	168,485,746	751,260,027	

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

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

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

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 7,000,000	Public Utilities— Refunding	100	8.00	Associated Gas & Electric Co. Guaranteed 8s, 1940 (with stock purchase warrants, detachable after March 15 1933, entitling holder to purchase at any time within 15-year period after March 15 1933 and up to March 15 1948, at price of \$5 per share, common stock of Associated Gas & Electric Co. at rate of 1 share for each \$100 principal amount of bonds). Offered to holders of company's securities, including various subsidiaries.
350,000	Additions, extensions	76	6.90	Huntington Water Corp. 1st M. 5s, C, 1961. Offered by W. C. Langley & Co.
900,000	Extensions, add'ns, betterments	88	7.00	Kentucky Utilities Co. 1st M. 6s, K, 1957. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
450,000	General corporate purposes	90	7.90	North Penn Gas Co. 1st M. & Lien 6½s, 1942. Offered by A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.
1,530,800	General corporate purposes	90	5.63	Northern Pennsylvania Power Co. 1st & Ref. M. 5s, 1962. Offered by J. G. White & Co.
400,000	General corporate purposes	85	7.58	Sioux City Gas & Electric Co. 1st 6s, B, 1949. Offered by A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.
1,000,000	Additions, improvem'ts, betterm'ts	88	7.13	Wisconsin Power & Light Co. 1st Lien & Ref. M. 6s, H, 1952. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co.; Inc.; Paine, Webber & Co., and Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc.
11,930,800				

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

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 5,100,000	Public Utilities— Refund., exten., improvem'ts, &c.	Placed privately	%	Hackensack Water Co. 1-Year 6% Notes, due May 31 1933. Placed privately through bankers.
5,000,000	Refunding	100	7.50	The United Light & Power Co. 1st Lien & Consol. M. 7½s, 1937. Offered to holders of company's 1st & Ref. Mtge. 5% bonds, due June 1 1932.
10,100,000	Miscellaneous— Working capital	Price on application		The Securities Corporation (Denver) Collateral Trust 5½% gold notes, due May 1 1933. Offered by The International Co. of Denver.

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Amount.	Issue and Purpose.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by
\$ 15,000,000	Federal Intermediate Credit Banks 3½% Coll. Trust debts., dated May 16 1932 and due in 4, 6 and 9 months (refunding)	Price on application	%	Charles R. Dunn, Fiscal Agent, New York.

* Shares of no par value.

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

Annual Report of Federal Reserve Bank of New York—Course of Depression in United States—Year's Developments Abroad—Credit Facilities Extended to Banks of England, Germany, Austria and Hungary—Reconstruction Program—Gold Movement.

"The progress of the effects of depression through agriculture, industry and transport to banking was the most striking feature of the year's economic history," says the 17th annual report of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, made public May 30. According to the report, "financial conditions everywhere reflected the long-continued and drastic decline in money values of all types of assets—commodities, real estate, securities—which had characterized the period since the autumn of 1929. The consequent severe reductions in business profits retarded payment of many bank loans already extended and made doubtful the prompt retirement of new loans which might be made. Foreign credits at short term often became, in effect, long-term obligations. Declining security prices brought equivalent depreciation in the market value of bank investments. And a recognition of these facts almost inevitably awakened apprehension concerning the soundness of the banking position." The report, in further depicting the course of the depression in the United States, says:

Such a diminution of confidence impairs the working of the whole credit system. In the modern business world the great bulk of transactions between Governments, corporations and individuals is based on documents representing promises to pay given amounts of money on demand or after stated intervals. When security holders begin to doubt the ability of borrowers to pay the principal and interest due on their bonds, it becomes increasingly difficult, if not impossible, for such borrowers to obtain further credits and the money value of their outstanding obligations is partially destroyed. When depositors question the ability of banks to repay their deposits in cash on demand, they may demand cash in such volume as seriously to weaken the banking position, even to the extent of forcing the closing of many banks whose assets may be perfectly sound. And if the banks, in turn, lose confidence in the stability of their depositors, they give primary attention to liquidity rather than to the credit needs of the business community. Under these circumstances the normal functioning of the credit mechanism becomes impossible, and the prevailing lack of confidence may assume aggravated forms. These tendencies were well illustrated by the events of the latter half of the year 1931.

Both the public and the banks adopted or had forced upon them a course of action which, whatever its merits when pursued by a small number of individuals or banks, is likely to benefit no one when pursued by many individuals and many banks. The fears of the public found expression in currency hoarding. Beginning in August 1931, there was a rapid increase in the reported figures of the amount of currency in circulation, a large part of which bore little or no relation to the course of business and prices during this period. Toward the close of the year the volume of currency outstanding was larger than at any time since the autumn of 1920, and while it is not possible to state exactly how much of the increase in this total represented hoarding by the public and how much represented a growth in public requirements due to the closing of many banks, it is clear that a large amount of currency was temporarily being withheld from useful circulation.

Such a development works a threefold harm. It deprives the owners of the currency of any return upon their funds. It diminishes the ability of the banks to meet the credit needs of the communities which they serve, and in some instances it forces the closing of banks which otherwise would remain open. It locks up unnecessarily a certain part of the gold reserves of the Federal Reserve System wherein resides the country's ultimate credit supply.

The added strain placed upon the individual banks of the country by deposit withdrawals growing out of currency hoarding is reflected in the year's record of bank failures. The total number of banks closed in the United States during 1931 was 2,298 (although 276 closed banks reopened), a failure record surpassing even the figures of the previous year. The following table shows the figures of bank closings in this country during the past 11 years.

BANK FAILURES IN RELATION TO BANKS IN OPERATION.
(Suspensions less banks reopened during each year.)

Year.	Number of Banks.				Per Cent Relationship of Failed Banks to Banks in Operation.			
	Member Banks.		Nonmember Banks.		Number.		Total Deposits.	
	In Operation.*	Fail- ing x	In Oper- ation.*	Fail- ing x	Member.	Non- member.	Member.	Non- member.
1921---	9,745	60	21,067	381	0.62	1.81	0.17	0.91
1922---	9,892	33	20,497	256	0.33	1.25	0.05	0.40
1923---	9,856	110	20,322	501	1.11	2.47	0.17	0.76
1924---	9,650	139	19,698	543	1.44	2.76	0.23	0.68
1925---	9,538	132	19,303	418	1.38	2.17	0.19	0.49
1926---	9,375	146	18,771	681	1.56	3.52	0.18	0.75
1927---	9,099	113	17,902	454	1.24	2.53	0.16	0.47
1928---	8,929	68	17,254	384	0.76	2.22	0.10	0.39
1929---	8,707	76	16,623	508	0.87	3.06	0.15	0.70
1930---	8,315	180	15,764	1,018	2.16	6.46	0.99	1.96
1931---	7,782	486	14,289	1,536	6.25	10.75	1.87	4.14
Average	9,172	140	18,325	605	1.53	3.30	0.42	1.09

* At middle of year. x For calendar year.

The general banking reaction to the prevailing situation was the conscious or unconscious adoption of credit standards which tended to restrict the amount of credit in use. There were indications at the beginning of the year that, before new loans or investments were made, credit risks were being considered more critically than had been the case for some years past. This was perhaps natural and inevitable in view of the general state of business enterprise. As the year progressed, however, this tendency became more pronounced, and, while rates for preferred credit risks declined during the summer to the lowest levels in many years, to an increasing number of borrowers credit became difficult to obtain at any price.

From the peak of credit expansion in 1929 to the end of 1931 there was a reduction of approximately \$8,750,000,000 in the loans and investments of all banks of this country (no allowance is made for the elimination of figures of closed banks), and, in addition, an almost complete elimination of stock exchange loans made for other than bank account, which at one time in 1929 amounted to about \$5,400,000,000. The decline in the amount of bank credit in use during 1930 and the early part of 1931 had been at the rate of approximately 4% per annum. During the last three months of 1931, however, this liquidation proceeded at a rate which approached 25% per annum.

Just prior to and during the period when this accelerated reduction in the volume of bank credit was taking place, an unusually large number of member banks found it necessary to borrow at the Reserve banks, and the aggregate amount of their borrowings rose to the highest levels since the autumn of 1929. This Federal Reserve credit was called into use primarily because of currency hoarding and the export of gold. Increased borrowing at the Federal Reserve banks was not the result of a growing commercial demand for funds; on the contrary, the existence of the debt brought with it attempts at its retirement by means of calling loans and selling securities in a market in which there was no compensating investment demand.

During most of the year the large New York City banks were in a comparatively easy position, and during the first nine months of the year funds received through gold imports not only enabled them largely to keep free of debt at the Reserve Bank, but during much of the period gave them moderate amounts of excess reserves. Their loans showed a reduction during this period which, in the case of security loans, was substantial,

but their investments in United States Government securities and in acceptances were considerably increased, so that the total of loans and investments showed only a gradual decline. The sudden outflow of \$725,000,000 in gold, which followed the suspension of gold payments by Great Britain in late September, quickly eliminated the existing excess reserves of the New York banks, and they were forced to sell a large volume of acceptances to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and materially to increase their discounts. They then began to reduce their security holdings and by this means, and as a result of an inflow of funds from other parts of the country and some import of gold, they were able to repay their indebtedness at the Reserve Bank. Reduction in their loans and investments, however, with corresponding declines in their deposits, proceeded at a rapid rate until the end of the year.

The year 1931 closed with the volume of bank credit and bank deposits in the United States shrinking at a more rapid rate than in any other recent year, with the large banks in an unusually liquid condition and disinclined to extend credits which might diminish that liquidity, and with smaller banks in most parts of the country unable to extend their usual lines of credit because of deposit losses and the cumulative effect of severe business depression upon their own operations and those of their customers.

Summarizing some of the year's developments abroad, the report has the following to say:

The World Crisis of Confidence.

For a better understanding of the course of the depression in the United States during 1931, it is desirable to summarize certain of the year's developments abroad. On the whole the record is one of progressive decline in confidence and of an attendant increase in the obstacles to the normal functioning of the international credit system.

Economic relationships between nations are primarily reflected in movements of goods, exchange of services, the flow of international investments at long and short term, and movements of gold. Under more nearly normal conditions than have prevailed since the war the bulk of the permanent burden of preserving the necessary economic adjustment between countries has fallen upon transactions involving goods, services and long-term capital, leaving as temporary balancing factors the movement of relatively small amounts of short-term funds and gold. During the past decade, however, there has been increasing pressure upon these balancing items, not only to perform their normal function of making prompt but temporary compensation for excesses or deficits created by varying movements of goods, services and long-term capital, but also to substitute for these items more or less continuously in correcting recurring madadjustments in the international balance of payments. This has resulted in the building up of large foreign short-term balances in various markets which, combined with a growing tendency toward wide fluctuations in international security holdings, have been a constant threat to exchange stability.

The impermanence of this situation was intensified by the distortion of the international debt position, which was one of the more serious results of the decline in commodity prices. There was a rapid increase in the volume of international indebtedness during the war and post war years, and the amount of such debts reached a larger total than ever before. So long as business continued good, prices steady and new loans easy to obtain, service on the accumulating debt was effected, and the large revolving supply of short-term funds in the international money market was maintained. With the decline in world trade, accompanied as it was by rapidly falling commodity prices, however, these money debts became proportionately more burdensome, and, coincidentally, as the security of loans already made became less certain, the supply of new foreign long-term loans practically ceased. Temporarily, a semblance of balance was preserved by international sales of securities and by further movements of short-term funds and of gold, but it gradually became clear that, for a time at least, there might have to be a cessation of service payments upon a substantial amount of long-term foreign debts and a freezing of a considerable volume of foreign short-term loans.

The crisis which developed reached the acute stage in May 1931, when it became generally known that the largest bank in Austria and one of the most important banking institutions in central Europe, was in serious difficulty. In supporting this situation, and in meeting the foreign demand for repayment of funds which grew out of it, the National Bank of Austria weakened its own position and soon found it necessary to ask, through the Bank for International Settlements, for the assistance of banks of issue in other countries. The importance of this request transcended the economic crisis in Austria; it represented rather overt evidence of an international crisis. Not only was there the threat of loss on investments in Austria; there was also the almost inevitable effect which a collapse in Austria would be bound to have upon weak positions in other European countries, and through them upon the whole system of world trade and finance. On May 30 1931 a credit of approximately \$14,070,000 was granted by the Bank for International Settlements and the banks of issue of 11 countries in favor of the National Bank of Austria.

Notwithstanding the efforts made to meet the situation in Austria, the credit crisis soon spread to Hungary and Germany, bringing the larger part of central Europe into the affected area and endangering the financial existence of one of the leading commercial and industrial countries of the world. The chief vulnerability of the German position was found in the large volume of foreign short-term funds which that country, over a period of years, had come to use as working capital. Some of these credits had been quietly withdrawn in the months preceding the summer of 1931 and capital had been fleeing the country in some measure since the autumn of 1930. In early June 1931 this movement was accelerated so that in the three weeks ended June 23 1931 the Reichsbank lost over \$250,000,000 of its gold and foreign exchange reserves, or about 42% of the total.

The announcement on June 20 1931 of the Hoover moratorium year on certain international Government debts resulted in a temporary cessation of the outward flow of funds from Germany. The position of the Reichsbank had been so weakened by the previous large losses of gold and foreign exchange, however, that it was deemed necessary for it temporarily to seek the aid of foreign banks in order that it might meet the ordinary demands of the mid-year settlement period. On June 26 1931 approximately \$100,000,000 was made available to the Reichsbank for a period of 20 days, the funds being supplied in equal shares and on substantially the same terms by the Bank for International Settlements, the Bank of England, the Bank of France and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York acting for all of the Federal Reserve banks. Neither the debt moratorium nor these credits served to maintain confidence in the German position. The movement of funds out of the country was soon resumed, with the result that not only did the Reichsbank credits have to be renewed, but negotiations had to be entered into for the voluntary freezing of practically all foreign short-term credits in Germany.

The immobilizing of a large volume of foreign short-term funds in Germany imparted new uncertainties to the movement of such funds from market to market, both because international lenders were obliged in some measure to recall their funds in order to fortify their positions at home, and because confidence in the prompt availability of funds held abroad was severely disturbed. In particular, fears were raised concern-

ing balances held in London, partly in view of the large amount of these balances, but also because it was known that a substantial volume of British funds would be affected by the credit collapse in central Europe. In these circumstances, and despite the absence of domestic banking difficulties, there was a run on the London money market. In the latter half of July 1931, the Bank of England lost \$160,000,000 in gold, which lowered its gold reserves from \$810,000,000 to \$650,000,000 and caused it to seek and, on Aug. 1, to obtain a three months' credit of \$125,000,000 from the Bank of France and similar aid from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, acting for all of the Federal Reserve banks. The progressive use of these credits falling, however, to restore strength to sterling exchange, the British Government on Aug. 28 obtained credits abroad aggregating \$400,000,000, one-half from a syndicate of American bankers and one-half in the Paris market.

Maintenance of the gold standard by Great Britain was an important factor in the economic life of both France and the United States, and, in fact, of the world as a whole. So many of the world's banking and currency systems have been based partly on reserves held in sterling, so many countries are, in a measure, dependent for their welfare upon the sale of their goods in the British market, so large a part of the world's trade has been financed by the use of the sterling bill, and so many international staples find their most important centre of trade and quotation in Great Britain, that the suspension of gold payments by that country was bound to have the widest repercussions. Large as they were, these special credits failed to save the situation. With confidence gravely impaired and funds seeking safety above all else, the drain of funds from Great Britain continued in such volume that on Sept. 20 1931 the British Government found it necessary to announce that it had relieved the Bank of England of its obligation to sell gold at the statutory price, as from Sept. 21 1931.

Suspension of Gold Payments by Great Britain.

The final manifestation of the international crisis of confidence was the so-called "run on the dollar" which followed upon the suspension of gold payments by Great Britain. The central banks of several countries found it advisable to strengthen their own domestic position by withdrawing in gold a considerable part of their funds which had previously been placed on deposit or invested in the United States. Dollar exchange declined below the gold export point vis-a-vis the exchanges of Belgium, France, Holland, and Switzerland, and gold moved to these countries on commercial account. There even arose a demand for United States gold coin, in relatively small amounts, reflecting the hoarding proclivities of nationals of those countries where gold coin is not obtainable and where the paper currencies have been revalued in recent years at levels which involved a loss of a large part of their previous gold value.

The result of all of these movements was the most rapid outflow of gold ever experienced by this country and probably by any country. In slightly more than a month approximately \$725,000,000 of gold was purchased here and earmarked for foreign account or exported. So large were the banking resources of the United States, however, that these heavy withdrawals of foreign funds were met readily and this country emerged with its indebtedness to foreign holders of dollars at short term greatly reduced and with its gold reserves still far in excess of current requirements. After this demonstration of the strength of the gold position of the United States, the withdrawal of foreign funds practically ceased; in fact, in November 1931 the gold inflow of earlier months was resumed, so that the net reduction for the year in the monetary gold stock of the country was only \$133,000,000.

The course of the credit crisis in other countries need not be rehearsed in detail. Briefly, only a few countries were able to remain on the full and unrestricted gold standard. Taking different forms in various countries, the situation was characterized by suspension of gold convertibility of the currency, embargoes on gold exports, restrictions upon free trading in foreign exchange, non-withdrawal agreements in respect of foreign credits, national support and control of commercial banking enterprises, and in general by measures pointing to a feeling of uncertainty concerning the immediate future.

Nor do the consequences of this situation require detailed exposition here. Credit has been partially destroyed and funds have sought only the most liquid investment or have lain idle for want of responsible borrowers, or because lenders were unwilling to lend. Purchasing power in the international markets has been severely curtailed, the industrial countries have ceased buying their usual quantities of raw materials and foodstuffs, and the raw material producing countries have been unable to satisfy any but their most necessary requirements for manufactured products. There has been a widespread breakdown of the international exchange of goods and services.

In dealing with the Reserve banks' foreign relations, the report reviews the credit facilities extended to foreign banks of issue in 1931 and indicates that the Reserve banks' participation in a credit to the National Bank of Austria to the extent of approximately \$1,083,000 has been reduced to approximately \$975,000. Likewise it is shown that the Federal Reserve banks participated to the extent of \$5,000,000 in two credits to the National Bank of Hungary, and that the outstanding commitments of all the Reserve banks under these agreements, at the close of the year was \$4,000,000. Other credits (to the Bank of England and the German Reichsbank) are also referred to in the report, from which we quote as follows:

Foreign Relations.

During 1931 the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, on behalf of itself and the other Federal Reserve banks, maintained relations with 30 foreign banks of issue and with the Bank for International Settlements. Included in this number are the new accounts which were opened during the year, with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, for the banks of issue in Chile, Danzig, Lithuania, Peru, Portugal and Uruguay. As in the past, the opening of these accounts resulted from steps initially taken by the foreign banks involved.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, acting in behalf of all of the Federal Reserve banks, also extended special credit facilities to a number of foreign banks of issue during the year 1931. Without exception this assistance took the form of an agreement to purchase prime commercial bills endorsed or guaranteed by the respective foreign banks of issue, and all such agreements provided for ultimate repayment in gold, if necessary.

The first of these agreements was concluded with the Bank for International Settlements acting for itself and as intermediary for 11 other banks of issue, in favor of the National Bank of Austria, on May 30 1931. It amounted to approximately \$14,070,000, matured on Aug. 30 1931, and the commitment of the 12 Federal Reserve banks aggregated approximately \$1,083,000, the balance being taken by 10 European banks of issue and the

Bank for International Settlements. This agreement was renewed on Aug. 30 to a maturity date of Oct. 16, and during the period of this renewal about 10% of the outstanding amount was repaid by the borrower, the commitment of the Federal Reserve banks thus being reduced to approximately \$975,000. The agreement was again renewed on Oct. 16 to a maturity date of Jan. 16 1932.

Under the terms of an agreement dated June 18 1931 with the Bank for International Settlements acting as intermediary, credit facilities for the approximate equivalent of \$10,000,000, to mature on Sept. 18 1931, were arranged in favor of the National Bank of Hungary by the Federal Reserve banks, nine European banks of issue, and the Bank for International Settlements, the commitment of the Reserve banks approximating \$2,000,000. A second credit to the National Bank of Hungary was granted by the Bank for International Settlements and the banks of issue of five countries on July 8 1931, the amount thereof being \$11,000,000, and the commitment of the Federal Reserve banks \$3,000,000. It was arranged that funds obtained under this agreement would be repayable in 72 days, so that funds advanced under both agreements would mature simultaneously on Sept. 18 1931. On the latter date 20% of these funds were repaid and the remainder renewed in the total amount of \$16,800,000, to mature Dec. 18 1931, at which time there was a further renewal of approximately the same amount for one month to Jan. 18 1932. The outstanding commitment of all of the Federal Reserve banks under these agreements at the close of the year was \$4,000,000.

Effective June 26, for a period of 20 days to July 16 1931, the Bank for International Settlements, the Bank of England, the Bank of France and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York placed approximately \$100,000,000 at the disposal of the German Reichsbank. This agreement, including the participation of the Federal Reserve banks, which was effected through the purchase of approximately \$25,000,000 of reichsmark acceptances, was renewed from July 16 to Aug. 6 and again to Nov. 4 1931, when it was extended to mature on Feb. 4 1932.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York and other Federal Reserve banks joined in an agreement to purchase up to the equivalent of \$125,000,000 of prime sterling bills from the Bank of England for a period of three months from Aug. 1 1931. When this agreement matured on Oct. 31, drawings thereunder were fully repaid by the Bank of England and the agreement was renewed in the reduced amount of \$75,000,000 to mature on Jan. 31 1932. When this agreement was originally consummated, the Bank of England received from the Bank of France a credit in like amount and for a like period, which credit also was renewed in the reduced amount of \$75,000,000 to Jan. 31 1932.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, acting in behalf of all of the Federal Reserve banks, has for several years past maintained nominal balances with the Bank of England in London and with the Bank of France in Paris. Last year there was added to these two foreign accounts a temporary sight deposit with the Bank for International Settlements at Basle.

On Nov. 20 1931 the President of the Bank for International Settlements requested the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to nominate an American member of the Special Advisory Committee which was convened at Basle on Dec. 7 1931 under the terms of the New Plan, known generally as the Young Plan, to make an investigation of Germany's position in regard to her obligations under that plan. The Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York nominated as the American member of this committee Mr. Walter W. Stewart, Chairman of the board of directors of Messrs. Case, Pomeroy & Co., Inc., New York.

Upon invitation from the Banco Central de Bolivia, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York sent representatives to a conference of the five central banks of the West Coast countries of South America, which was held at the Banco Central de Reserva del Peru, in Lima, Peru, from Dec. 2 to 12 1931. The Federal Reserve representatives were Professor Edwin W. Kemmerer of Princeton University, Mr. Allan Sproul, Assistant Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and Mr. Eric F. Lamb of the Foreign Department of this bank.

We also take from the report the following:

New Financing Through the Security Markets.

Notwithstanding the difficulty which had attended the flotation of new securities in the latter part of 1930, chiefly because of declining prices of stocks and the lower grade of bonds, conditions precedent to the domestic financing of new projects and to refunding operations were moderately favorable during the early months of 1931. Short-term money rates were unusually low and there appeared to be substantial amounts of funds available for long-term investment. Consequently, the volume of domestic bond issues, while considerably smaller than in the corresponding period of preceding years, attained substantial proportions between January and April. States and municipalities, public utilities, and a few railroads were able to obtain fairly large amounts of new capital during this period. As many workmen were without employment, and prices of materials were lower than in some years, a number of large construction projects were initiated or carried forward with funds thus obtained.

During the remainder of the year, however, conditions adverse to the flotation of new securities multiplied. The renewed decline in industrial activity and in trade, and the continued downward movement of commodity prices, were accompanied by a further severe shrinkage in business profits, and the dividends of industrial and mercantile corporations were progressively reduced. The volume of railroad traffic diminished and railroad earnings fell so low that the ability of many railroad securities to meet existing requirements for the legal investment of savings bank, life insurance and trust funds became doubtful. Many banks, actuated by the necessity or the desire for increased liquidity, reduced their investment portfolios, and securities offered for sale on account of closed banks pressed upon the market. As a result of these developments, the prices of stocks and of lower grade bonds declined to successive new low levels, and the flotation of any but the highest grade securities was virtually suspended. The borrowers who most needed new capital were unable to obtain it, at least in the security markets.

In the late months of 1931 the stoppage of the flow of new capital was made practically complete when the credit of many municipalities came into question, due chiefly to budgetary difficulties and when a rise in short-term money rates and the threat of a large Treasury deficit caused the prices of even the highest grade bonds to decline abruptly and substantially. Consequently, those undertakings requiring new long-term financing came almost to a standstill in the latter part of the year.

During the whole of the year 1931 new foreign bond issues were practically without a market in this country.

Credit Policy.

Throughout the past two years the open market and discount rate policy of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been directed to the end that, so far as lay within its power, there should be no lack of available credit at reasonable cost to encourage business recovery. The continued shrinkage in business volume and in employment and the continued decline in commodity prices during 1931 indicated the need for maintenance of such a policy.

Pursuant to this policy, the discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which had been 6% at the close of October 1929, and which was reduced to 2% by the end of 1930, was further reduced to 1½% effective May 8 1931. This was the lowest discount rate ever fixed by a Federal Reserve bank. Buying rates for bills at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York were kept close to open market rates, so that banks and bill dealers could readily obtain funds through the sale of bills to the Reserve Bank. In co-operation with other Federal Reserve banks, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York participated in the purchase of \$80,000,000 of United States Government securities during June and July, and an additional \$50,000,000 in August 1931. Gold movements also operated toward ease in the money market, as there was an almost uninterrupted inflow of the metal until the latter part of September 1931. Consequently, the commercial banks in general were under no particular pressure of indebtedness at the Reserve Bank for almost nine months of the year, and in July total borrowings of member banks in this district declined to the lowest level since 1917.

During October the situation changed abruptly. The suspension of the gold standard in Great Britain was followed not only by a huge foreign demand for gold held in this country, as noted above, but also by an accelerated movement of currency into hoarding and some withdrawal of funds from New York by banks in other parts of the country. All three of these factors converged on the member banks of New York and through them upon the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which met the demands made upon it without restriction of any kind. In view of the changed situation, however, the discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was increased to 2½% effective Oct. 9 and 3½% effective Oct. 16 1931. These advances were accompanied by roughly corresponding advances in the Reserve Bank's buying rates for bills, but this latter action was not taken until after member banks had sold to the Reserve Bank a large volume of bills which they had acquired when the lower rates were in effect; on two occasions, on Sept. 24 and again on Oct. 9, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York bought for its own account and for other Reserve banks more than \$100,000,000 of bills in a single day.

The combined effect of the extraordinary foreign demand for gold during this brief period and the equally unusual domestic demand for currency was reflected in a large increase in the demand for Reserve Bank credit, the total of which reached the highest level since 1921. The volume of this increased demand and the forms in which Federal Reserve credit was supplied are shown in the following table:

	Change Between Week Ended Sept. 19 and Week Ended Oct. 31 1931.
(millions of dollars)	
<i>Factors Increasing Demand for Reserve Bank Credit</i>	
Decrease in monetary gold stock.....	725
Increase in money in circulation.....	404
Total.....	1,129
<i>Factors Decreasing Demand for Reserve Bank Credit</i>	
Decrease in member bank reserve balances.....	169
All other.....	13
Total.....	182
Net increase in demand for Reserve bank credit.....	947
<i>Changes in Reserve Bank Credit Outstanding</i>	
Increase in bills bought.....	514
Increase in bills discounted.....	444
Decrease in other forms of Reserve bank credit.....	11
Net increase in Reserve bank credit outstanding.....	947

The outward flow of gold, which took approximately \$725,000,000 from the monetary gold stock of the United States between Sept. 19 and Oct. 31 1931, subsided as quickly as it had arisen and was followed by a renewed inflow of gold into this country and by renewed strength in dollar exchange. The effect of this latter gold movement upon the money market was partly offset by a decrease, through maturities, of Reserve bank holdings of bills, but there was, nevertheless, a moderate decline in open market rates for money during November 1931.

By the middle of December, prior to the peak of the Christmas holiday and year-end demand for currency and credit, member banks in New York City were again practically out of debt to the Reserve Bank, but member banks outside New York City were still indebted in larger amounts than at any time since 1929. To avoid the development of a credit stringency during this period, so far as was possible under these circumstances, \$42,000,000 of United States Government securities were purchased by the Federal Reserve banks in the New York market, and the buying rate for acceptances offered under repurchase agreement to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was reduced to the level of the market offering rate for unendorsed bills, so that funds were readily obtainable by the banks through temporary sales of bills to the Reserve Bank. Discounts by Federal Reserve banks for all member banks increased by approximately \$150,000,000 during December, a not unusual development.

The credit policy of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York during the year 1931 kept funds freely available to its member banks at rates which were never above 3½% and which during most of the year were under that figure. That, despite this liberal program, a severe contraction of bank credit should have taken place, bears witness to the inferior ability of a low rate schedule to bring credit into use when confidence is lacking.

The Reconstruction Program.

In the closing months of 1931 several measures of an extraordinary nature were formulated to prevent further impairment of the country's credit facilities. All of these measures recognized that no substantial and widespread improvement of business could be anticipated unless such action were taken and there was once more a free flow of capital and credit into productive enterprise. The principal elements in the national program which gradually evolved from a realization of this situation were the following:

The organization of the National Credit Corporation for the purpose of mobilizing banking assistance in behalf of banks which had temporarily exhausted their liquid assets.

The creation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to supplement and extend the work of the National Credit Corporation, and to bring public credit to the support of private financial enterprises and of the railroads.

An enlargement of the rediscount facilities of the Federal Reserve banks to permit of their extending a maximum amount of assistance to their member banks.

An increase in the capital of Federal Land banks in order to improve the long-term credit facilities available to agriculture.

The creation of a system of home loan discount banks to make mortgage funds more freely available, to encourage home ownership, and thus to stimulate the building industry.

The improvement of existing methods of liquidating the assets of closed banks, to the end that depositors might receive a more prompt distribution of whatever funds are available to satisfy their claims.

Financial assistance for the railroads and sympathetic treatment of requests for increased freight rates, in recognition of the fact that railroad

securities are quite largely held by banks, insurance companies and trust funds.

Economy in Government expenditure and increased taxation so that the Federal budget might again be brought into balance.

Most of these projects required Congressional action, and therefore had to await consideration and legislation by Congress, which did not convene until the first week of December. Meanwhile, however, the establishment of the National Credit Corporation by the banks of the country, late in October, helped to restore public confidence in the banking situation and thus to check currency hoarding and bank failures. The number of bank suspensions, after rising to the record total of 522 in October, declined to 175 in November, and the amount of currency outstanding showed less than the usual seasonal increase during the latter month. The figures for December were less satisfactory than those for November, but still represented an improvement as compared with the October record.

As soon as it convened in December, Congress proceeded to hasten the establishment of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The Government planned to endow this organization with broad powers and to finance it with capital supplied by the Treasury. By contrast with the National Credit Corporation, which derived all of its funds from its constituent banks, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, using Government funds, would be able to extend aid to financial institutions without, of necessity, diminishing the liquid assets of the banking system. In effect, the public, through its Government, was preparing to extend to the financial institutions of the country the confidence and support which the people individually had partially withdrawn from them.

Gold Movements.

The most striking of the year's gold movements, as they affected the United States, have been commented upon in the previous text, and only a brief summary of the statistical record will be presented here. There are four periods to be considered, the year as a whole, the eight and a half months preceding the British suspension of the gold standard on Sept. 21, the period of slightly more than a month from Sept. 21 to Oct. 30, during which the heavy outward movement of gold from the United States took place, and the final two months of the year.

The United States monetary gold stock increased from \$4,593,000,000 at the end of the year 1930 to the highest figure of record, \$5,015,000,000, on Sept. 16 1931. During these eight and one-half months imports of gold from Argentina, Canada, China, Colombia, France, Germany, Japan and Mexico were particularly large and were supplemented by heavy releases from gold earmarked at this bank for foreign account. In the main, this gold movement represented the continuing attempt of debtor countries to redress their unfavorable balances of payments by shipments of gold.

Following the suspension of gold payments by Great Britain on Sept. 21 1931, there was an efflux of gold from this country which in the six weeks ended Oct. 30 brought the monetary gold stock down to \$4,268,000,000, a figure which approximated that of December 1929. The loss of gold during this period may be said to have taken two forms. First, a number of foreign central banks used their dollar balances to buy gold in this market, in order to strengthen their reserve positions, and left a larger part of

their purchases under earmark at this bank; thus there was a net increase in gold held at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York under earmark for foreign account from \$78,737,000 on Sept. 16 to \$490,738,000 on Oct. 30 1931. Second, in addition to the gold repatriated by foreign central banks, there was a loss through export on commercial account which reflected chiefly withdrawals of funds from New York by other European holders of dollar balances, as a result of which certain of the leading European exchanges rose to levels at which gold exports were profitable on an arbitrage basis. Gross figures for this period show that the bulk of the gold lost to the United States went to Belgium (\$141,000,000), France (\$422,000,000), the Netherlands (\$87,000,000), and Switzerland (\$92,000,000).

By the end of October the outflow of gold had subsided, movements during November were small in amount, and a resumption of foreign withdrawals of gold during December attained only moderate proportions. Imports of gold, chiefly from the Far East, Canada and Latin America, which continued throughout the year, caused a net inward movement during November and December, and the monetary gold stock of the country increased from \$4,268,000,000 to \$4,460,000,000 during these two months.

For the year as a whole there was a net reduction in the monetary gold stock of the United States amounting to \$133,000,000. Both actually and relatively this country's proportion of the total monetary gold holdings of the world was reduced during the year, and all of the gold which was sent to this country, plus a part of the stocks previously held, in effect was re-exported, chiefly to Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

There is submitted a table showing by countries principal exports and imports of gold from and into the United States during 1931. Subtracting the net gain of \$145,300,000 shown in the table from the increase of \$320,800,000 in gold held here under earmark for foreign account during 1931, and omitting figures of domestically produced gold retained in the United States, there results a net loss of \$175,500,000 on foreign account as an outcome of the year's gold movements.

GOLD MOVEMENT TO AND FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING 1931.
(Changes in the gold stock through earmarking transactions not included.)

Imports from—		Exports to—	
Japan	\$199,300,000	France	\$363,900,000
Argentina	141,300,000	Holland	50,300,000
Canada	81,300,000	Switzerland	19,800,000
Germany	37,100,000	Belgium	15,600,000
China and Hong Kong	34,300,000	Italy	5,300,000
Mexico	25,300,000	Mexico	3,100,000
France	19,400,000	Turkey	3,000,000
Colombia	15,100,000	Portugal	2,100,000
India	8,100,000	All other	3,700,000
Peru	7,500,000		
England	7,000,000		
Uruguay	6,100,000		
Cuba	5,600,000		
Sweden	5,600,000		
Australia	2,600,000		
All other	16,500,000		
Total	\$612,100,000	Total	\$466,500,000

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, June 3 1932.

The outlook in the matter of tax legislation at Washington has noticeably improved and stocks and bonds have latterly advanced. To-day, however, the Garner bill, known also as the pork barrel bill, it seems was reported favorably by the House Committee of Ways and Means and stocks and wheat weakened, and cotton hesitated and fluctuated within very narrow limits. Moreover, general trade on the whole has remained quiet despite some improvement here and there. The weather in the main has been favorable, but Congress for a time continued to dilly-dally about the tax bill and the balancing of the budget. This certainly hurt general business. Stocks and bonds for a time declined. Some industrialists and other business men continue to complain of what they term restriction of credits by the banks, something which they think tends with other things to retard the return of normal trade. Financial interests, it seems, on their part declare that ample bank credits are available, but that trustworthy applications are not so plentiful as they might be. In the East retail trade has increased slightly in preparation for summer weather, but most of the buying at wholesale is to supply immediate wants. It is the old story of hand-to-mouth trading. Live stock prices are the lowest for years past. At the South mills are running on short time. Clothing factories all over the United States have had a poor season and many, for the time being, have suspended operations. Some glove manufacturers are running thus, giving part-time employment to workers. A good business is reported in paints and varnishes. With automobile manufacturing, larger business is said to be better at its principal centers. The Ford Co. is employing the largest number of workers in two years and the company has planned to produce 34,000 more units in June than it did in May. Wool has been quiet. Some shoe factories are shutting down, the orders are small and mostly for replacements. Iron and steel remain dull and it is said that the production of Southern steel and iron is down to 10%, while at Pittsburgh it is only 24%. Some steel prices, it seems, have weakened. In the Pacific States better weather has helped the retail apparel trade. Special sales of such merchandise are being held. The sales of

automobiles on the Pacific Coast are said to be small, though larger than recently of cheap cars. In parts of the Central South department stores are doing 32% less business than that of last year. The weather has been mostly favorable for the crops in the winter wheat belt and also in the spring wheat section, but it remains true that the winter wheat crop will make a decidedly poor showing, that is, from present appearances, some 430,000,000 bushels, or 350,000,000 bushels less than last year. The spring wheat crop it is now supposed will be some 250,000,000 bushels, against only 104,800,000 last year. Manufacture of machine tools and farm implements, particularly in the Middle West, report a marked improvement in orders for the first time in nearly two years.

Wheat has declined 3½ to 4c. with the crop outlook better and at times a falling market for stocks. Also the favorable report on the Garner bill to-day counted in a measure for a reaction of 2c. from the early top. On the other hand, there were signs of a better export demand, and if stocks continue to advance, there is little doubt that wheat will follow. Corn is down 2½ to 3½c. with the weather good, and the cash demand nothing great. But to-day there were signs of some improvement in the cash business, something that corn urgently needs. Oats have declined a fraction and rye is down 5 to 5¼c., because of favorable crop reports and a lack of any real snap in the export trade. Cotton has declined nearly half a cent to the lowest prices seen in 84 years, July touching 4.99c. At this price, it is beginning to be questioned whether the bearish factors in the situation have not been fully discounted. Nobody knows what the crop is going to be. The decrease in the acreage threatens to be only about half of what it should be. But the acreage is not the whole question. The weather may largely decide the size of the yield, and so undoubtedly may the ravages of pests like the boll weevil, &c. Coffee has been irregular but in the main about 10 points lower, with less support from Brazilian exchange and very little speculation. Sugar has declined 2 points on futures, with very little spot business and comparatively little speculation, in what looked like a waiting market. Rubber has gone to new lows on a decline of 15 to 17 points. Cocoa is off 11 points. Silk futures are unchanged to 5 points higher. Silver has advanced 28

points on July. Provisions were more or less depressed and lard futures show a net decline of 15 to 17 points.

The stock market on Tuesday, May 31 after the Memorial Holiday on Monday, declined 1 to 4 points to the lowest level on industrial stocks since 1917 and railroad and some other issues went to a new low partly owing to the rejection by the Senate Finance Committee of the proposed manufacturers sales tax which in the end outweighed as a market factor the message of President Hoover, though this had a brief steadying effect. Also the resignation of Chancellor Bruening in Germany had its effect. Bonds were also lower. The bearish complex stood out with greater distinctness than ever. Yet incredible bargains were offered. The stock sales were 1,475,000 shares. On the 1st inst. stocks advanced 1 to 5 points on the Washington news pointing to an early balancing of the budget, but later came an abrupt about face, much of the early rise was soon lost ending with the average prices a fraction lower. A couple of hundred issues went to new lows. The total sales were 1,842,000 shares. Precautionary profit taking and the ingrained scepticism as to any actual good coming out of Congress explained the curious setback exhibiting something of the mentality of the man who believes nothing that he hears and not more than half what he sees. Bonds were similarly irrational and irregular with sales of \$13,700,000.

On the 2d inst. stocks suddenly, after an early decline, showed a snap and fire that astonished everybody. They advanced 1 to 4 points and held most of the advance. The rise began at noon and was maintained to the end. The transactions were 1,867,000 shares or 3,700,000 shares in two days. European Stock Exchanges in a sense for a time really led the advance. Back of it all however, as the really shaping factor of the day was the better outlook for the tax bill. It was felt that the atmosphere was clearing. It was believed that the Senate and House conferees on the tax bill would agree at an early day. It is hoped that Congress feeling the impatience of the country at the long delay in settling the vital question of balancing the budget, will soon adjourn. Bonds were especially strong, supposedly receiving strong support from the Young Committee. People are no longer jumping to hasty conclusions, but a cautious optimism as to the outlook for stocks and bond prices is being expressed here and there in spite of repeated disappointment in the past.

To-day both stocks and bonds advanced 1 to 7 points on what looked like a better chance than ever for the passage of the new tax bill and support by big banking interests as it was supposed. Little attention was paid to the announcement of a receivership for the Mobile & Ohio, the third to suffer this fate since the great depression began. Public utilities were prominent on the rise. The sales of stocks were some 1,900,000 shares, speculation showing some tendency to broaden. Railroads advanced 2 to 15 points. Corporation issues were up 2 to 6 points. Foreign issues also advanced. There was hope of support for railroad issues from the big new bank investment corporation as well as more or less from the Railroad Credit and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. It may be too, entirely early to adopt a really optimistic attitude, but there is no doubt that Wall Street is not so gloomy as to the outlook as it was. A large-sized fly in the amber however, is the push forward given to the Garner bill by the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives to-day.

Electric output in the United States for the week ended May 28 was 1,425,151,000 kwh. according to the National Electric Light Association. The production in the preceding week was 1,435,731,000 kwh. and last year 1,601,833,000. The National Fertilizer Association index number for the week ended May 28 based on 476 commodity prices declined 3 fractional points to 60.3 a new record low point, and the fourth consecutive week of declines. A month ago the index stood at 61.9 while a year ago it was 69.5.

At Reading, Pa., after nearly a month's idleness, the Reading Cotton Mills normally employing 400 people resumed operations on June 1 with 200 hands at work full-time in various departments. At Biddeford, Me., the Pepperell Mfg. Co., manufacturers of wide sheetings are now operating three days a week. In addition, the loom layout for the mill has been materially reduced. The print cloth mills of the Pepperell company at Opelika, Ala., are running two and a half days a week and plans are being made to close this mill for an indefinite period. Large Southern mills have decided to postpone all fall prices until July.

Charlotte, N. C., wired that although there was a somewhat better tone in the market for cotton goods, sales have shown little increase. Millmen, however feel that the movement toward more drastic curtailment is already beginning to show results. Charlotte, N. C., wired that the Anchor Mills at Huntersville, nearby, have resumed full time after a period of part-time. It is expected that the plant will continue the schedule for several weeks to come. The plant makes colored hosiery yarns. At Gastonia, N. C., the Pinkney Mill and the Rankin Mill are reported on a two-day a week schedule. At Marion, N. C., the Marion Knitting Mills, Inc., is maintaining full time. The mills manufacture fancy cotton and mercerized hose.

Greenville, S. C., wired that the Dunean Mills are closed down for several weeks. The Jap silk shed is reported operating. The F. W. Poe Mfg. Co. is operating 35 hours a week, day and night. Shifts work six hours. Mills Mill is operating two weeks each month, five and one half days a week, and five nights a week, on a 55-hour schedule. Approximately a 10-hour schedule is maintained the weeks the mills are in operation. The Woodside Cotton Mills Co., a Greenville plant, is on a schedule of three days each week, 10 hours a day. The Brandon Corp. is operating every other week on an approximately four day and four night schedule, operating about 10 hours on each shift. Rock Hill, S. C., wired that the Aragon plant of the Aragon-Baldwin Cotton Mills, Inc., closed down last Saturday for a four-week period, and will resume operations Monday morning, June 27. The Chester plant of this chain of textile manufacturing plants closed down for a four-week period May 21.

At Ware Shoals, S. C., the Ware Shoals Mfg. Co. is operating three days each week finishing gloves, bloomers, handkerchiefs, voiles, prints, broadcloths, &c. At Finger-ville, S. C., the Franklin Process Spinning Mill, operating 11,600 spindles on 20s to 40s 2-ply weaving yarns, is now operating on half time. The mill discontinued night work some time ago, but until last week had been running full day shift.

Over the Memorial Day holidays the temperatures at New York were unseasonably low especially at night. On May 31, it was 53 to 71, or an average 8 degrees below that of a year ago. In Boston, it was 52 to 76, in Chicago, 62 to 72; in Cincinnati, 52 to 80; in Cleveland, 58 to 76; in Detroit, 60 to 80, but it was beginning to warm up at the West. On the 1st inst., the temperatures in New York were 56 to 84 degrees; in Boston, 56 to 76; in Chicago, 62 to 82; in Cincinnati, 62 to 80; in Kansas City, 64 to 80; in Milwaukee, 52 to 62, and in Minneapolis, 64 to 84.

To-day it was 61 to 74 degrees in New York. The forecast was partly cloudy on Saturday and Sunday. Chicago had 62 to 72; Detroit, 64 to 78; Milwaukee, 56 to 64; Kansas City, 64 to 82, and St. Louis, 68 to 86.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Still Disappointing.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on May 21 totaled 515,450 cars, according to reports filed by the railroads with the car service division of the American Railway Association and made public this week. This was a decrease of 2,217 cars under the preceding week, 239,288 cars below the corresponding week in 1931, and 414,156 cars under the same period two years ago. Details follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week ended on May 21 totaled 193,544 cars, an increase of 981 cars above the preceding week, but 104,625 cars under the corresponding week in 1931, and 170,453 cars under the same week in 1930.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 181,139 cars, a decrease of 423 cars below the preceding week, 41,117 cars below the corresponding week last year and 65,134 cars under the same week two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 27,766 cars, 760 cars below the preceding week, 8,829 cars below the corresponding week last year and 11,004 cars below the same week in 1930. In the Western districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week ended on May 21 totaled 17,462 cars, a decrease of 7,358 cars below the same week last year.

Coal loading totaled 71,728 cars, a decrease of 1,815 cars below the preceding week, 44,998 cars below the corresponding week last year, and 68,147 cars below the same week in 1930.

Forest products loading totaled 18,571 cars, a decrease of 226 cars below the preceding week, 15,063 cars under the same week in 1931 and 32,664 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Ore loading amounted to 3,000 cars, an increase of 407 cars above the week before, but 17,730 cars under the corresponding week last year and 54,286 cars under the same week in 1930.

Coke loading amounted to 3,101 cars, an increase of 92 cars above the preceding week, but 3,524 cars below the same week last year and 6,267 cars below the same week two years ago.

Live stock loading amounted to 16,601 cars, a decrease of 473 cars below the preceding week, 3,402 cars below the same week last year and 6,201 cars below the same week two years ago. In the Western districts alone, loading of live stock for the week ended on May 21 totaled 12,751 cars, a decrease of 2,982 cars compared with the same week last year.

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

When the possibilities of profit appear with definite signs of business revival, the borrower with good standing and with sound collateral will be able to obtain all the accommodation he needs to finance his undertakings. In other words increased bank credit is the result but not the cause of a revival in general business conditions.

Business in More or Less Negative State, According to Guaranty Trust Co. of New York—Adjournment of Congress and Removal of Legislative Threats Regarded as Influences Which Might Aid in Recovery.

Although no definite reversal of the downward trend of business activity and prices has yet occurred, it may be significant that the decline in industrial operations and trade volumes from month to month has become slow and irregular, in contrast to the swift and uninterrupted recession that continued throughout the greater part of last year, states the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in the issue of "The Guaranty Survey," its month review of business and financial conditions in the United States and abroad, made available May 31.

"Bank failures have been reduced to comparatively low figures, with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation affording much-needed relief," "The Survey" continues. "And the Federal Reserve banks, with their statistical position strengthened by the provisions of the Glass-Steagall Act, have injected funds into the money market by increasing their holdings of Government securities." "The Survey" adds:

Efforts Toward Credit Expansion.

Thus far, the more liberal credit policy of the Federal Reserve banks has not resulted in any marked expansion of bank credit as a whole; and it is recognized that conditions in the money market cannot alone bring business recovery. The additional funds made available by the open-market operations of the Reserve banks have been used by member banks partly to reduce their indebtedness to the Reserve institutions and partly to strengthen their reserve position. This has been done either by allowing their reserve balances with the Federal Reserve banks to accumulate or by increasing their "secondary reserves" of bonds.

It is hoped that the committee of 12 industrialists and bankers formed in New York City on May 19, with similar committees to be formed in other Federal Reserve districts, will be able to devise some means of promoting credit expansion along sound lines. The purpose of the committee was officially stated to be that "of considering methods of making the large funds now being released by the Federal Reserve banks useful affirmatively in developing business." Arrangements have been made for a group of leading banks to place funds at the disposal of the savings and loan associations of the State for refinancing of maturing mortgages on homes by subscribing to bonds of the Savings and Loan Bank of the State of New York. Aside from this plan, the methods to be used by the committee in pursuing its aims have not yet been announced.

Possible Aids to Confidence.

Business and markets generally seem to be in a more or less negative state, awaiting some positive influences to start action. Some such influences might be the adjournment of Congress and the removal of legislative threats, a further reduction in prices of finished goods as a stimulus to buying, real reduction in Governmental expenses, lowered tariff barriers, solution of foreign debt problems, a continued easy-money policy by the Federal Reserve banks, sound co-operation by banks generally in such a lending policy, defeat of Treasury raids, and sound, constructive unemployment relief plans. It seems inevitable that some degree of liquidation will continue and recovery be retarded until investing confidence is restored by such active measures.

Legislative uncertainties have unquestionably had a depressing influence on markets and business recovery. But, in spite of the obvious justification for some degree of apprehension and complaint concerning the course of events at Washington, it should be borne in mind that, so far at least, little has really happened of a distinctly damaging character. Furthermore, in so far as the situation can be analyzed, there does not seem to be any great likelihood of radical or destructive action. The introduction of the original Glass bill aroused strong protest from the banking and business community, which resulted in a complete revision of the bill and its final emergence from the Senate committee in a comparatively unobjectionable form. Its presentation on the floor of the Senate also brought a number of amendments, which may further modify it; and there is a reasonable certainty that when it finally reaches the House it will undergo still further changes, if indeed it passes at all.

Outlook for Balanced Budget.

Reasonable assurance is given that the Federal budget will be balanced. The tax bill as modified by the Senate represents a great improvement over the House bill; and efforts to amend it radically have been defeated. It seems likely that a measure will be brought out of the conference that will raise a billion dollars or more of revenue without undue hardship. The defeat of the sales tax is, of course, regretted; but the present tax bill need arouse no alarm. The program for economy in Government is being pressed and should produce some results. Radical measures like the Goldsborough bill for credit inflation, the Steagall bill for the guarantee of bank deposits, equalization fees, &c., seem unlikely to pass. Proposals for unemployment relief are numerous; some action along that line is being given serious consideration and seems inevitable. Whether it will be possible for Congress to adjourn before June 10 is uncertain. But it seems likely that the important measures will have been enacted by that time and that while some constructive actions which might have been taken will fail of passage, others that might have had a bad effect will also be sidetracked.

The net result of the situation is that, although a certain degree of uncertainty will still exist until Congress has adjourned, and unsound legislative proposals aggravate a far-spread lack of confidence, there does not appear to be sufficient reason for public alarm as to Washington action affecting business disastrously. There are, in fact, numerous evidences of constructive efforts to assist business recovery. Political and temperamental outbursts and radical suggestions are quite likely to continue, but they are not likely to mature into legislative enactment.

Reasons for Banking Conservatism.

It is a popular but unsound assumption that the lending policy of banks generally has been and is unduly restrictive and that a more liberal policy on the part of the banks would immediately stimulate commercial and industrial activity and raise prices. The truth of the matter is that the sound banks of the country are, for the most part, in a more liquid condition than they care to be; and they are in that condition primarily because there are too few businesses in a position to borrow and desirous of doing so under existing conditions. The banks, on the whole, would be very glad to make more commercial loans and to extend lines of credit to sound business organizations; but they must necessarily confine their extensions of credit to enterprises of assured soundness.

The failure of public buying to create a sufficient volume of sound commercial and industrial activity to warrant an expansion of bank loans has been the chief factor in retarding business, rather than any reluctance on the part of bankers to extend credit. Banks generally would welcome an increase in the amount of commercial paper eligible for rediscount as an added source of profit to themselves, as well as a stimulus to business. A resumption of normal purchasing by the public will be quickly followed by an expansion of bank loans. The latter must follow, but cannot precede, such action.

Furthermore, in a period of unsettled financial conditions, it is the part of necessity for the banks to pursue policies of prudence; and such policies, instead of hampering business recovery, represent the highest form of public service that the banks can render under existing conditions. This is the best possible means of preventing bank failures and resultant losses.

It is certain that when the business outlook warrants borrowing by commercial enterprises with adequate credit standing, such borrowers will encounter no restrictive lending policies on the part of the banks. Obviously, the first duty of the banks to-day is to protect the money of their depositors; and the second is to stimulate business by sound loans. Nothing could precipitate disaster more rapidly and completely than unsound lending policies on the part of the banks in the present situation.

Annalist Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices —New Low May 31.

The "Annalist" weekly index of wholesale commodity prices fell to a new low of 87.9 on May 31, in the seventh consecutive week of decline. The May monthly average fell to 88.8, a new low for the monthly index. The new weekly figure compared with 88.5 (revised) on May 24, 88.8 on May 17 and 100.5 on June 2 1931. The "Annalist" further says:

The situation at Washington and the resulting uncertainties in the various markets were chiefly responsible for the decline. The losses among the commodities were general; the more important were in the grains, flour, beef, coffee, cocoa, cotton, the textiles, tin and rubber. Hogs were at the lowest since 1898, and silk made a new all-time low. Few advances were reported, those of importance being in steers, pork, gasoline and zinc.

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

	May 31 1932.	May 24 1932.	June 1931.
Farm products.....	66.0	66.7	86.2
Food products.....	90.4	91.8	106.9
Textile products.....	669.9	70.4	95.2
Fuels.....	134.2	133.9	125.4
Metals.....	95.9	95.8	101.3
Building materials.....	107.4	107.7	119.7
Chemicals.....	96.2	96.2	99.8
Miscellaneous.....	82.4	82.5	85.7
All commodities.....	87.9	88.5	100.5

a Revised. b Provisional.

THE ANNALIST MONTHLY INDEX.

(Monthly Average of Weekly Figures.)
(1913=100)

	May 1932.	April 1932.	May 1931.
Farm products.....	66.9	71.5	90.9
Food products.....	91.8	94.0	109.7
Textile products.....	71.3	67.6	96.5
Fuels.....	135.2	129.3	125.1
Metals.....	96.0	96.6	102.7
Building materials.....	107.9	107.7	120.1
Chemicals.....	96.2	95.8	99.8
Miscellaneous.....	82.4	83.4	85.8
All commodities.....	88.8	90.7	102.9

a Revised.

Balance Sheet of Ford Motor Company Shows Loss of \$53,586,000 in 1931—Caused by Shutdown to Bring Out "8"—Better Showing Than in 1927-28 Turnover—Surplus at \$655,302,247.

The Ford Motor Co. filed on May 25 with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, a balance sheet as of Dec. 31, 1931, showing a net loss of \$53,586,000 after all charges for last year. A Boston dispatch May 25 to the New York "Evening Post" says:

The deficit resulted from the shutdown of plants and the slowing down of production generally in the latter half of the year incident to re-tooling for the new eight-cylinder model, which was introduced to the public early this year.

Although results for 1931, showing the company had operated "in the red," present an unsatisfactory picture insofar as the trade is concerned, comparison with 1927 and 1928, when Ford Motor experienced its previous switch into new models, tends to ameliorate this showing.

\$42,786,000 Loss in 1927.

The company sustained a net loss of \$42,786,000 in 1927 when the company was preparing for its new four-cylinder model and in 1928 the loss amounted to \$72,221,498 as a result of substantial expenditures to bring up production to current demand.

Results for last year, compared with indicated net profit of \$44,460,823 for the previous year, equal to \$257.52 a share on 172,645 capital shares then outstanding. In 1929 indicated profit amounted to \$81,797,861, or \$473.79 a share.

while the adjusted volume of commercial and industrial building contracts awarded dropped from about 15% of the 1923-24-25 average in March to 13% in April. New England mills consumed approximately 17% less raw cotton in April than during March, and the number of bales consumed during April, 1932, was less than half the number reported as used in that month of 1931 or 1930. A similar condition prevailed in this district in the amount of raw wool used during April. Although there was a sharp decrease between March and April in total boot and shoe production in New England, amounting to about 20%; nevertheless, total estimated production in this district during the first four months of 1932 exceeded that in the corresponding periods of the two preceding years. Although silk machinery activity usually falls off slightly between March and April, this year there was a moderate increase; during the first four months of 1932, however, silk machinery activity was considerably lower than in the corresponding period a year ago. According to the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries, between March and April declines were reported by manufacturing establishments in Massachusetts in the number of wage-earners employed, in the aggregate weekly payroll, and in the average weekly earnings per person employed, amounting to 8.9%, 12.7%, and 4.3%, respectively. These declines were larger than usually occur between March and April. Freight carloadings in New England continued to decline during April from the corresponding month a year ago. During the first four months of 1932 sales of new automobiles in New England were about 45% less than in the similar period of 1931, and the amount of new ordinary life insurance written in this district was about 15% less. In April sales of more than 100 reporting New England stores declined 21.6% from April 1931, and for the period from January through April a reduction of 20.8% took place. The decrease in each of the six New England states did not differ widely from the aggregate for the entire district, although Boston department store sales during the first third of this year were off 22.5%.

Production of Electricity for Public Use in the United States During April 1932 Off Approximately 11% as Compared With the Same Period Last Year.

According to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey, electric output for public use in the United States totaled approximately 6,780,565,000 k.w.h. for the month of April 1932, a decrease of about 11% as compared with the corresponding month in 1931 when production amounted to nearly 7,655,472,000 k.w.h. Of the total for the month of April 1932 there were produced by water power 3,123,959,000 k.w.h. and by fuels 3,656,606,000 k.w.h. The Survey reports as follows:

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

Division.	Total by Fuels and Water Power.			Change in Output from Previous Years.	
	February.	March.	April.	Mar.	April.
New England.....	499,362,000	505,891,000	477,526,000	-10%	-10%
Middle Atlantic.....	1,920,442,000	2,045,180,000	1,788,306,000	-3%	-9%
East North Central.....	1,562,525,000	1,640,124,000	1,498,171,000	-11%	-15%
West North Central.....	480,238,000	482,273,000	429,206,000	+1%	-8%
South Atlantic.....	854,263,000	855,691,000	830,866,000	-4%	-10%
East South Central.....	290,815,000	308,549,000	280,080,000	-12%	-13%
West South Central.....	321,948,000	308,952,000	310,693,000	-10%	-11%
Mountain.....	216,525,000	222,681,000	275,015,000	-20%	-24%
Pacific.....	856,333,000	933,482,000	960,702,000	-10%	-11%
Total for U. S.....	7,002,151,000	7,328,233,000	6,780,565,000	-7%	-11%

The average daily production of electricity for public use in April was 226,000,000 k.w.h., about 4% less than the daily production in March.

The daily production of electricity by the use of water power in April was about 4% greater than in March and was the same as for April 1931. The total production of electricity by the use of water power in April was 46% of the total. This is the highest ratio yet reached.

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

	1931.		1932.		Produced by Water Power.	
	Kw. Hours.	Kw. Hours.	1931 Under 1930.	1932 Under 1931.	1931.	1932.
January.....	7,956,019,000	7,542,624,000	8%	5%	30%	41%
February.....	7,169,815,000	7,002,151,000	6%	6%	30%	42%
March.....	7,887,713,000	7,302,823,000	4%	7%	34%	42%
April.....	7,655,472,000	6,780,565,000	5%	11%	41%	46%
May.....	7,645,150,000	-----	5%	-----	41%	-----
June.....	7,528,592,000	-----	5%	-----	35%	-----
July.....	7,771,992,000	-----	3%	-----	35%	-----
August.....	7,629,920,000	-----	3%	-----	32%	-----
September.....	7,540,377,000	-----	3%	-----	29%	-----
October.....	7,764,889,000	-----	5%	-----	27%	-----
November.....	7,405,165,000	-----	4%	-----	28%	-----
December.....	7,773,286,000	-----	4%	-----	35%	-----
Total.....	91,729,390,000	-----	4%	-----	33%	-----

a Based on average daily production.

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

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

Business in Cleveland Federal Reserve District Reported Drab and Irregular During April—Conditions in Rubber and Tire Industry.

"The statistical records of business in the Fourth (Cleveland) Federal Reserve District in April and the first part of

May continued drab and irregular generally," says the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank, "though a slight contrary-to-seasonal increase was reported in some of the most important industries in this district." The Bank in its June 1 "Monthly Business Review" further states:

Further progress was made in the banking situation and member bank indebtedness to the Reserve Bank declined sharply. Member bank credit extended continued to recede, but deposits have moved almost horizontally for several weeks.

Steel operations, which touched an extremely low level in April, worked upward in the first three weeks of May and in the latest period averaged 25.5% of capacity. Operations at Cleveland in the latest week were at 38%, but Youngstown and Pittsburgh mill activity lagged somewhat. This recent expansion is contrary to the usual trend. It was due primarily to increased demands from automobile manufacturers, chiefly those engaged in the production of small cars, but there have also been slight increases in orders for pipe, structural steel and tin plates.

The coal industry failed to reflect the expansion in steel operations and bituminous output sank to the lowest level in many years. This was partly a result of shutdowns caused by disputes over wages and working conditions. In the first month of the lake shipping season coal loadings at Lake Erie ports were 7% below a year ago. Coal stocks generally are low.

Department store sales increased at a more than seasonal rate in April, but were still 29% below the same period a year ago, when some Easter buying fell in that month. The cool weather has retarded reasonable sales and demand for clothing and textiles has been particularly dull. A sharp curtailment occurred in operations at clothing manufacturing plants in April and the fall selling season was over a month late getting under way.

Wholesale trade generally declined in April, part of which was seasonal. Drug sales have held up better than other lines. Collections are reported slow in many instances.

Sales of replacement tires increased in early May as gasoline consumption expanded seasonally; still demand continues below last year. Dealers' tire stocks on April 1 were lower than since 1926, but manufacturers are carrying a larger supply of tires than a year ago.

General manufacturing industries in the district reported little change in April from the low level of the past few months. Employment was off about 2% from March, a greater-than-seasonal decline.

Agricultural conditions in this section are above the average for the entire country with winter wheat prospects much better than the average of the preceding five years. Fruit prospects are fair with little frost damage reported. Crop growth was somewhat retarded by the cool weather in May, but the rains overcame the effects moisture shortage earlier this spring.

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

Rubber Tires.

Sentiment in the rubber industry in the first half of May improved slightly as demand for replacement tires increased. Most if not all the upturn, was seasonal, however, and demand continues below a year ago.

March and April production was somewhat disappointing from the volume standpoint based on actual output of tires in March as reported by the Rubber Manufacturers' Association and rubber consumption and employment in April.

March production of tires (80% of the industry) was 2,947,000 casings, a slight contrary-to-seasonal reduction from February, and 21% below March 1931. Output in the first quarter was 10.7% under the corresponding period of last year. Production so far this year has exceeded shipments by somewhat more than the usual amount, the excess for the first quarter being 25.6%, compared with 4% in 1931 and 13% in 1930. Stocks in hands of manufacturers at the end of March represented 3.3 months' supply at the current rate of sales, compared with about 2.3 months' supply on the same date last year.

Part of this increase, however, represents a transfer of stocks, usually carried by dealers, to manufacturers. Average stocks of tires, per dealer (based on 24,000 reports to the Department of Commerce) on April 1 totaled 66.2 casings, compared with 78.4 tires a year ago. This was the lowest average stock since 1926, and inventories of inner tubes constituted a new low record. Total stocks of independent dealers were estimated at 4,650,000 casings, a reduction of 840,000 from a year ago. Inventories of mass distributors were practically unchanged on April 1 from the same date in 1931.

Employment at 22 rubber manufacturing concerns in this district was unchanged in April from the preceding month, whereas the average change of the past five years for this period was an increase of 1%. April consumption of crude rubber by manufacturers was estimated 6.7% under March and 22.1% below April 1931.

Imports of crude rubber in April declined, being 12.7% below March and 20.6% below a year ago. This is the first sizeable reduction in imports and reflects in part a curtailment of tapping on plantations which followed the recent abandonment of all restriction discussions. Despite the falling-off in imports, they still exceed current consumption and stocks of crude rubber in the United States on May 1, at 343,098 long tons, were over 9,000 tons larger than a month earlier and more than 50% above a year ago.

Crude rubber prices advanced sharply in early May coincident with the announcement of a proposed tariff on rubber, but soon declined to new low levels of less than three cents a pound in the third week of the month.

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

The expansion in department store sales from March to April was considerably more than seasonal and the daily average seasonally adjusted index advanced from 61 to 67% of the 1923-25 monthly average. March dollar sales were particularly low on account of the cool weather which prevented the influence of Easter exerting its full force on buying of spring goods. This was evidently deferred until April, though sales in this month were 28.8% below the corresponding period of last year. Easter was in April last year, however, and sales in that month therefore were increased because of that fact. In the first four months sales were down 24% from the same period of 1931.

The falling-off in sales in all the principal cities showed little variation from the district decline and in the various departments the smallest reductions from a year ago were: toilet articles, -8.6%; neckwear and scarfs, -6.0%, and china and glassware, -14.0%.

Declining prices continue to be an important factor in the reduction shown in dollar sales, though the falling-off in Fairchild's index in April was one of the smallest for any month of the current depression. The decline was only 1% from March, but in the past 16 months this index has dropped 22.5%. The reduction in prices of women's wear continues at a faster rate than in men's wear.

The dollar value of department store stocks receded in April, contrary to seasonal movements of past years, and touched a new low level for the period

since 1919. A revised index of stocks at department stores in this district is shown on the accompanying chart. This seasonally adjusted index in April was only 64.6% of the 1923-25 monthly average, a decline of 16% in the past year.

Sales so far this year have declined at a more rapid rate than stocks and the cumulative stock turnover rate or ratio of sales to average stocks was only 0.81 in the first four months of 1932 against 0.91 in the same period of 1931.

The ratio of credit to total sales in April was the same as in March, but was 6.5% below a year ago. Collections in April on accounts outstanding on March 31 were about 7% below a year ago, with collections on installment accounts down about 10%.

Sales at reporting wearing apparel stores were down 28.6% in April from the same month of 1931 and stocks were off about 30% in the same period.

Chain grocery sales, per individual unit operated, were 8.5% lower in April than a year ago and off about 8% in the first four months. Chain drug sales dropped quite sharply in April and were 14% under the same month of 1931. In the four months, sales were down 11%.

Wholesale Trade.

All reporting lines of wholesale trade except hardware declined in April from the preceding month. The reduction was of a seasonal nature in drugs and dry goods sales, but contrary to seasonal movements of past years in grocery sales. The combined index of dollar sales of the four lines was only 55% of the 1923-1925 monthly average, as against 75% a year ago.

Wholesale drug sales declined 13% from March to April and in the latest month were 17.5% lower than in 1931. Compared with other reporting lines drug sales have held up very well; in April they were 81% of the 1923-25 monthly average. Dry goods sales in April were only 34% of this same average and grocery and hardware sales were 58 and 51% respectively of sales in the base period.

Collections generally are slow and the dollar value of stocks is much below last year at this time.

Decreases Reported in Employment and Payrolls by Chicago Federal Reserve Bank During Period from March 15 to April 15—New Low Levels Reached.

"Employment and payrolls of the Seventh (Chicago) Federal Reserve District reporting firms declined to new low levels on April 15 as a result of the sharpest losses from March 15 in our records. The smaller decline in payrolls than in employment caused a rise in average weekly earnings, which amounted to \$22.10 for April against \$21.89 in March." The May 31 "Business Conditions Report" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, from which the foregoing is taken, further reports as follows, industrial employment conditions in its District:

Manufacturing totals suffered greater reductions than did non-manufacturing. During the past year the number of employees in these ten groups has fallen almost 24% and their wage payments nearly 39%. Eight groups contributed to the downward trend in April, only rubber products and stone, clay, glass showing improvement. Six of these groups—textiles, wood products, metals, foods, chemicals and paper and printing—reached new low levels of employment and wage payments, while vehicles and leather products effaced a large part of their gains in recent months.

In non-manufacturing, the losses were determined largely by coal mining in Illinois, where operations practically ceased on March 31, because of the expiration of the wage agreement. Merchandising and the utilities had small reductions, and new lows were recorded for employment in the latter and for payrolls in both groups. Construction gained by more than the usual April amount, following the unprecedented loss which occurred in March.

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS—SEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

Industrial Group.	Week of April 15 1932.			Per Cent Changes from March 15.	
	No. of Reporting Firms.	Number of Wage Earners.	Earnings.	Wage Earners. %	Earnings. %
Metals and products, a	729	133,788	\$2,312,000	-4.9	-10.1
Vehicles.....	147	163,163	3,856,000	-11.3	-2.3
Textiles and products.....	149	25,904	359,000	-7.4	-23.0
Food and products.....	329	47,838	1,058,000	-2.2	-0.6
Stone, clay and glass.....	149	5,546	109,000	+0.9	+1.2
Wood products.....	263	21,502	283,000	-6.1	-10.1
Chemical products.....	103	13,990	335, 00	-1.0	-2.3
Leather products.....	75	16,050	242,000	-4.2	-13.1
Rubber products, b	7	5,484	1.8, 00	+1.7	+13.1
Paper and printing.....	324	41,588	1,043,000	-0.1	-2.3
Total manufg., 10 groups.....	2,275	474,853	\$9,705,000	-6.5	-5.4
Merchandising, c	171	28,034	642,000	-0.7	-2.3
Public utilities.....	72	84,595	2,656,000	-1.5	-0.6
Coal mining.....	18	196	5,000	-93.5	-95.7
Construction.....	165	5,925	115,000	+26.9	+17.3
Total non-mfg., 4 groups.....	426	118,780	\$3,418,000	-4.5	-4.6
Total, 14 groups.....	2,701	593,633	\$13,123,000	-6.1	-5.2

a Other than vehicles. b Michigan and Wisconsin. c Illinois and Wisconsin.

Wholesale Trade in Chicago Federal Reserve District During April Reported Slightly Lower Than in March—Increase of 7% Noted in Retail Sales.

"Wholesale groups reporting to this bank, with the exception of hardware, showed small declines in April sales as compared with those in the preceding month, whereas last year in the same month gains were general," says the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank. "The grocery trade decreased 3%, dry goods 2%, drugs 7%, shoes 12%, and electrical supplies 1%; the recessions in drugs and shoes were a little more than seasonal, and the decrease in dry goods was smaller than average; a slight increase for the month is usual, however, in both grocery and electrical supply sales."

The Bank in its May 31 "Business Conditions Report" adds:

The gain of 31% shown in the wholesale hardware trade during April over March was the largest for the month on our records (since 1923) and compared with an average increase for the period of only 5%. With the exception of this line, declines from the corresponding month a year ago were heavier than in a similar comparison for March. In the first four months of 1932, grocery and drug sales totaled 20% each below the same period of 1931, while hardware, dry goods, shoes, and electrical supply sales were 28.30, 44½ and 41% smaller, respectively. An improvement was recorded during April over March for the hardware, dry goods, and electrical supply trades in the ratios of accounts outstanding to net sales, as evidenced by declines therein, but other lines reported a higher ratio, and comparisons with a year ago were generally unfavorable.

WHOLESALE TRADE IN APRIL 1932.

Commodity.	Per Cent Change From Same Month Last Year.				Ratio of Accts. Outstanding to Net Sales.
	Net Sales.	Stocks.	Accts. Outstanding.	Collections.	
Groceries.....	-20.4	-28.3	-7.2	-19.8	112.4
Hardware.....	-29.7	-12.9	-17.6	-26.0	246.5
Dry goods.....	-36.7	-22.3	-27.1	-35.7	330.6
Drugs.....	-22.0	-12.4	+3.2	-19.0	218.4
Shoes.....	-54.5	-18.4	-39.6	-39.0	454.5
Electrical supplies.....	-42.6	-28.7	-22.4	-37.2	221.2

April trade in department stores of the Seventh district exceeded the March volume by 7%, which compares with an expansion of 16% in the same period last year when a greater part of the Easter trade fell in April, and with a 10% increase in the average for the 10-year period 1922-1931. Gains shown this April for the larger cities of the district ranged from only 2½% in Chicago to 12% each in Detroit and Milwaukee, Indianapolis recording an expansion of 7%, while sales by stores in other cities totaled 10% heavier. The decline for the district of almost 30% from April 1931 was the largest in the year-to-year comparison since the start of the downward trend in retail trade at the beginning of 1930, bringing the total for the first four months of this year to 26% below the corresponding period in 1931. The amount of stocks on hand at the end of April showed a slight decline—1%—from the close of March; their rate of turnover continued to be slower than a year ago, that for the four months of 1932 of 1.10 times comparing with 1.21 over the same period of 1931.

DEPARTMENT STORE TRADE IN APRIL 1932.

Locality.	Per Cent Change April 1932 from April 1931.		P.C. Change Collections to Accounts Outstanding End of March '31.	Ratio of April Collections to Accounts Outstanding End of March 31.	
	Sales.	Stocks End of Month.		1932.	1931.
Chicago.....	-30.7	-24.6	-27.8	26.1	28.6
Detroit.....	-30.1	-21.9	-25.3	30.0	33.0
Indianapolis.....	-29.7	-20.0	-18.6	35.5	41.2
Milwaukee.....	-28.4	-17.3	-23.1	32.7	34.0
Other cities.....	-30.0	-15.9	-25.8	29.5	33.0
Seventh District.....	-29.6	-21.7	-25.9	30.1	32.9

The retail show trade, as reflected by data of reporting dealers and department stores, expanded only 1% in April over March, as against an 18% increase recorded in April last year and one of 12% in the average for the past six years. Sales totaled approximately one-third below those a year ago, so that the aggregate for the four months of 1932 was 25% smaller than in the same period of 1931.

The expansion over March of 18% in April sales of furniture and house furnishings by dealers and department stores was nearly average for the period, but the increase of 28% in installment sales by dealers was smaller than usual. As compared with April 1931, total sales were 27½% less this year and installment sales 22% smaller, as against declines in a similar comparison for March with a year ago of 34 and 32%, respectively.

Fifteen chains operating 2,640 units in April had sales totaling approximately the same in amount as during March and 16% below the corresponding period a year ago. In the monthly comparison, cigar, shoe and furniture chains recorded gains in total sales and groceries, drugs, five-and-ten-cent stores, men's clothing and musical instruments declines, with all groups showing smaller sales than in April last year.

No Improvement Noted in Business in St. Louis Federal Reserve District—Volume During April Below That for March Reaching Lowest Point in Recent Years.

The St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank, in its May 31 "Monthly Review" states that "business as a whole in the Eighth (St. Louis) District failed to improve during the past 30 days, and save in a limited number of lines directly affected by seasonal influences, the volume was below that of the similar period immediately preceding and at the lowest point in recent years. In cases where April volume was larger than for March, the increases were smaller than the usual average." The Bank also says:

The first half of May, also, has shown no marked betterment, though more favorable weather has tended to stimulate retail trade, besides proving favorable for farm work and the growth and development of all crops. The output at manufacturing establishments was smaller in April than in March, and this curtailment extended to industries which ordinarily increase their production at this time of year. There has been no noticeable deviation from the policy of extreme conservatism which has obtained in purchasing by merchants and the public during the past 18 months. The average volume of advance orders on books of wholesaling and manufacturing interests on May 1 was the smallest for that particular date in more than a decade.

The trend of commodity prices continued downward, with new lows being recorded by a number of important agricultural products, notably cotton, corn and hogs. In all wholesaling and jobbing lines investigated, April sales were substantially smaller than a year ago. Due to the sharp decline in prices during the past 12 months, however, the unit volume of merchandise moved made a considerably better showing than the dollar value. This was true particularly in the case of boots and shoes, drygoods and groceries. In lines for ordinary consumption, replacement requirements are making themselves more strongly felt, and demand for such goods is in relatively larger volume than for commodities of the heavier and more permanent

sort, such as iron and steel, lumber and the entire classification of building materials.

There was little change in the employment situation as contrasted with the preceding 30 days. Gains in the number of workers engaged in farming, highway construction and other out-door occupations were counterbalanced by increased idleness among clerical help, miners and factory workers. Throughout the agricultural areas there exists a large surplus of laborers and wage scales continued downward. Reductions in wages were general in all branches of industry, including the building crafts. Weather conditions through April and the first half of May were favorable for agriculture, and a considerable part of the backwardness in spring operations, caused by the March freezes, was recovered. In the immediate past the movement of early fruits and vegetables has picked up, and is about on a parity with a year ago.

April sales of department stores in the principal cities of the district increased 4.7% over March, but were approximately 27% less than in April 1931; for the first four months this year combined sales of these stores fell 19% under the same period in 1931. Aggregate sales of all wholesaling and jobbing firms reporting to this bank decreased 5% in April as compared with March, and 34% as compared with April 1931; for the first four months of the year there was a decrease of one-fourth under the corresponding period in 1931. The dollar value of permits issued for new construction in the five largest cities of the district in April was 22.5% less than in March, and 91% less than in April 1931; for the first four months the total was 80% smaller than a year ago. Contracts let for construction in the Eighth District in April were 57% greater than in March, but about one-half less than a year ago, and for the first four months this year the total was 60% smaller than for the same period in 1931. There was an increase in individual checking accounts of 4% in April as compared with March, but a decrease of 24% under the April total last year; for the first four months this year a decrease of 24% is shown as compared with the same period in 1931. Between April 6 and May 4 there was an increase in the amount of savings accounts of 1.3%, and on the latter date the total was 12% smaller than a year ago.

The volume of both freight and passenger traffic handled by railroads operating in this district continued to show a heavy falling off as compared with the corresponding periods during the past several years. There was a particularly heavy decrease in the movement of bituminous coal, due chiefly to strikes in the Illinois and Indiana fields. Merchandise and miscellaneous freight failed to show the usual seasonal expansion. For the country as a whole, loadings of revenue freight for the first 17 weeks this year, or to April 30, totaled 9,568,760 cars, against 12,402,121 cars for the corresponding period in 1931, and 15,055,063 cars in 1930. The St. Louis Terminal Railway Association, which handles interchanges for 28 connecting lines, handled 133,955 loads in April, against 149,953 loads in March and 174,669 loads in April 1931. For the first nine days of May the interchange amounted to 38,323 loads, against 39,569 loads during the same time in April and 53,434 loads during the first nine days of May 1931. Passenger traffic of the reporting lines decreased 33% in April as compared with the same month last year. Estimated tonnage of the Federal Barge Line between St. Louis and New Orleans in April was 98,600 tons, against 112,694 tons in March, and 82,465 tons in April 1931.

General conditions considered, reports relative to collections during April and the first half of May reflect mainly satisfactory conditions. For the most part wholesalers and jobbers in the chief distributing centers report customers paying promptly, and show smaller actual losses from weak accounts than at the corresponding period last year. It will be recalled, however, that such losses at this time in 1931 were in unusually large volume. Country merchants' collections are being interfered with by preoccupation of farmers with spring work, also the low prices of farm products. There has been a considerable volume of liquidation in sections where early vegetables and fruits are important crops. City retailers note irregularity in settlements, with more backwardness than heretofore reported by time payment houses and others selling goods on the installment plan. Questionnaires addressed to representative interests in the several lines scattered through the district show the following results:

	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.
April 1932	0%	16.1%	57.1%	26.8%
March 1932	1.6	14.8	59.4	24.2
April 1931	0	13.1	63.1	23.8

Practically no Change Noted in Business Conditions in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District During April According to Isaac B. Newton.

"Practically no change was shown in adjusted indexes of Twelfth (San Francisco) District industrial activity during April," said Isaac B. Newton, Chairman of the Board and Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. "Distribution of commodities, as measured by both value and volume data, decreased considerably after seasonal allowance. Prices of many commodities important in the District declined slightly in late April. A surplus of banking funds brought further ease to the credit situation during the several weeks preceding May 18 and member banks rapidly reduced their discounts at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco." Under date of May 23, Mr. Newton also said:

Physical conditions have been fairly satisfactory for the growth of crops thus far during 1932. Plentiful soil moisture and irrigation water have more than offset the small damage to fruits arising from frosts and the slower growth of crops in general because of somewhat lower temperatures than usual. In April, production estimates of the winter wheat crop were revised upward slightly and California barley crop forecasts now indicate a crop twice as large as the extremely small 1931 harvest. Prospects for the larger than average Valencia orange crop improved during the month, while estimates of this year's lemon production were reduced. District livestock ranges improved seasonally, except in Arizona and California where forage growth was slow.

Controlled production of crude oil in California averaged higher in April than at any time since last July. Refinery runs to stills were also larger, and gasoline inventories increased from levels of other recent months. Output of lumber showed about the usual seasonal increase. The value of engineering contracts awarded increased from March to April, but building permits decreased in value. Non-ferrous metals mining continued inactive. Activity at flour mills receded considerable.

Available data indicate that trade activity declined rather sharply during April. Both retail and wholesale trade were considerably less active in April than in March, after allowance for seasonal factors, although registra-

tions of new automobiles were practically unchanged. Tonnage of inter-coastal traffic moving in both directions through the Panama Canal was smaller than in March.

Twelfth District use of Federal Reserve credit declined considerably during late April and the first half May, mainly because of reduced borrowings of member banks. Expenditures of the United States Treasury in excess of collections in the District added to banking funds during that period and, as in the preceding four weeks, these funds were employed principally to reduce discounts. During early May, funds were obtained by selling securities received by District banks for Government deposit credit at the time of the April 30 Treasury financing. Practically no change occurred in demand for currency or in member banks' deposits at the Reserve Bank, but gold reserves of that institution expanded somewhat, thereby raising the ratio of reserves to deposit and note liability. Loans and investments of reporting member banks declined slightly between April 20 and May 18, while total deposits increased. Both Government deposits and time deposits increased, more than offsetting a decline in net demand deposits.

Lumber Movement Continues at Little More Than Half the volume of Year Ago.

The lumber movement during the week ended May 28 continued at about half the volume of the equivalent period a year ago and orders exceeded production by but 4%, it is indicated in telegraphic reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from regional manufacturers associations covering the operations of 624 leading hardwood and softwood mills. Production of these mills amounted to 114,587,000 feet and new business called for 119,029,000 feet. Their shipments, 127,008,000 feet, exceeded the cut by 11%. A week earlier 668 mills produced 128,165,000 feet and received orders for about the same quantity. Their shipments were about 2% above this figure. Figures for the latest week compared by identical mill reports for the equivalent period a year ago show: for softwoods, 417 mills, production 47% less, shipments 46% less and orders 44% less than for the week in 1931; for hardwoods, 149 mills, production 48% less, shipments 43% less and orders 50% under the volume a year ago.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended May 28 1932, by 460 softwood mills totaled 109,089,000 feet, or 4% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 115,968,000 feet, or 10% above production. Production was 104,982,000 feet.

Reports from 177 hardwood mills give new business as 9,940,000 feet, or 3% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 11,040,000 feet, or 15% above production. Production was 9,605,000 feet. The Association, in its statement, further adds:

Reports from 395 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 345,890,000 feet, on May 28 1932, or the equivalent of 9 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 485 softwood mills on May 30 1931, of 652,592,000 feet, the equivalent of 14 days' production.

The 366 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 342,854,000 feet on May 28 1932, or the equivalent of 9 days' average production, as compared with 588,341,000 feet, or the equivalent of 16 days' average production, on similar date a year ago. Last week's production of 417 identical softwood mills was 101,089,000 feet, and a year ago it was 190,346,000 feet; shipments were respectively 112,665,000 feet and 210,370,000; and orders received 106,122,000 feet and 187,975,000. In the case of hardwoods, 149 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 8,067,000 feet and 15,646,000; shipments 9,428,000 feet and 16,588,000; and orders 8,445,000 feet and 16,839,000.

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 the week ended May 28:

New Business.		Unshipped Orders.		Shipments.	
	Feet.		Feet.		Feet.
Domestic cargo delivery	21,206,000	Domestic cargo delivery	69,992,000	Coastwise and Intercoastal	21,650,000
Export	6,739,000	Foreign	38,681,000	Export	8,540,000
Rail	20,947,000	Rail	48,770,000	Rail	23,739,000
Local	5,559,000			Local	5,559,000
Total	54,451,000	Total	157,443,000	Total	59,488,000

Production for the week was 51,383,000 feet.

Southern Pine.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 111 mills reporting, shipments were 2% above production, and orders 10% above production and 8% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 23,625,000 feet, (previous week 25,053,000 at 122 mills); shipments 21,840,000 feet, (previous week 23,079,000); and production 21,472,000 feet, (previous week 24,665,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 97 mills were 54,621,000 feet. The 100 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 28%, and in new business a decrease of 41%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

Western Pine.

The Western Pine Association reported from Portland, Ore., that for 113 mills reporting, shipments were 5% above production, and orders 6% below production and 10% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 28,892,000 feet, (previous week 31,025,000 at 122 mills); shipments 32,157,000 feet, (previous week 32,707,000); and production 30,677,000 feet, (previous week 31,939,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 113 mills were 144,342,000 feet. The 96 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 43%, and in new business a decrease of 37% as compared with the same week a year ago.

Northern Pine.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers of Minneapolis, Minn., reported production from 7 mills as 1,411,000 feet, shipments 1,742,000 feet and new business 1,586,000 feet. The same number of mills reported production 63% less and new business 34% less than for the same week of 1931.

Northern Hemlock.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 13 mills as 39,000 feet, shipments 741,000 and orders 535,000 feet. The same number of mills reported a decrease of 51% in new business, compared with the same week a year ago.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 164 mills as 9,147,000 feet, shipments 10,469,000 and new business 9,469,000. The 136 identical mills reported production 44% less and new business 48% less than for the same week last year.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 13 mills as 458,000 feet, shipments 571,000 and orders 471,000. The same number of mills reported a decrease of 79% in production and a decrease of 66% in orders, compared with the corresponding week a year ago.

Mid-West Distribution of Automobiles at Wholesale in Chicago Federal Reserve District During April Increased Moderately—Expansion Noted in Sales to Consumers by Dealers—Orders Booked by Furniture Manufacturers Show Decrease of 16% Below March.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in its May 31 "Business Conditions Report" states that "wholesale distribution of automobiles during April in the Middle West, following a recession in March, again increased moderately, and sales by dealers to consumers continued to expand. As compared with last April, however," continues the bank, "both wholesale and retail sales were in less than half the volume." The bank also says:

The decline in stocks during the period was seasonal in nature, and they continued to average almost 40% below a year ago. The trend in used cars followed that of new cars, April sales expanding moderately and stocks declining. A slight gain was shown during April in the proportion of deferred payment sales to total retail sales of dealers reporting the item, a ratio of 51% comparing with 47% a month previous, although in April a year ago the ratio was 56%.

MIDWEST DISTRIBUTION OF AUTOMOBILES—CHANGES IN APRIL 1932 FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS.

	Per Cent Change From		Companies Included.
	March 1932.	April 1931.	
<i>New Cars—</i>			
Wholesale—Number sold.....	+26.4	-50.6	20
Value.....	+33.8	-47.8	20
Retail—Number sold.....	+27.1	-54.9	47
Value.....	+8.2	-56.7	47
On hand April 30—Number.....	-19.9	-35.6	49
Value.....	-15.1	-37.6	49
<i>Used Cars—</i>			
Number sold.....	+22.2	-32.1	49
Salable on hand—Number.....	-5.4	-1.2	49
Value.....	-6.4	+12.2	49

The bank has the following to say regarding orders booked by furniture manufacturers:

Furniture.

April orders booked by reporting furniture manufacturers in this district totaled 16% under those of a month previous, the decline comparing with an average in recent years of 12%. Coincident with the falling-off in orders, shipments which were in excess of current orders for the third successive month, declined appreciably—22%. The volume of unfilled orders outstanding was decreased during the month at a rate approaching the decline in current bookings, so that the ratio of total outstanding orders on April 30 to orders booked during the month differed little from that of a month previous, and approximated 65%. Declines from year-ago aggregates were the largest for any month this year, being 49% in orders booked and 51% in shipments. In comparison with the average over the past five years, current orders booked and shipments totaled less by 69 and 70%, respectively. A rate of 33% of capacity was maintained in the month's operations, comparing with one of 34% the preceding month and 48% in April 1931.

Flour Production Continues Below Last Year's Rate.

General Mills, Inc., summarizes the following comparative flour milling activities as totaled for all mills reporting in the milling centres as indicated:

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR.

(In Barrels.)	Four Weeks Ending May 28.	Same Period Year Ago.	Cumulative Since June 30 1931.	Cumulative Same Period 1930-31.
Northwest.....	1,173,065	1,407,134	16,573,495	20,657,236
Southwest.....	1,752,066	1,680,734	22,621,737	23,020,058
Lake, Central and Southern.....	1,625,370	1,766,307	20,866,499	23,538,268
Pacific Coast.....	282,234	313,096	4,028,271	3,935,929
Grand total.....	4,832,735	5,167,271	64,110,002	71,151,491

Note.—This authoritative compilation of flour milling activity represents approximately 90% of the mills in principal flour producing centres.

Sugar Cane Growers Form Co-Operative Association—Representative of Federal Farm Board Assisted in Formation.

Formation of a co-operative association among sugar cane growers of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, has been effected after extended work and C. D. Kemper of Sterling Sugars (and plantation), elected its President. New Orleans advices May 24 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" noting this added:

Other officers include: W. F. Gilee of Adeline plantation, Adeline, La., Vice-President; Harry P. Williams of Patterson, La., who is interested in several plantations, as second Vice-President, and Wilbur H. Kramer of Franklin, La., clerk of court for St. Mary Parish, as Secretary Treasurer. The organization was formed under Act 57 of 1922 of Louisiana, known as the State Agricultural Marketing Act, and is styled the Teche Sugar Cane Growers' Association.

Directors of the Association, in addition to the officers are: A. V. Allain, Jeanerette; D. L. Johnson, Baldwin; John M. Caffery, Franklin; L. J. Olivier, Glencoe; Leonard Lyons, Jeanerette; Ernest Landry, Jeanerette; Alex Dumesnil, Ashton; Arthur Richard, Ashton; John B. Dule, Centerville, and J. Veeder, Charenton.

The formation of the group marks the first milestone in the campaign now being prosecuted for the organization of the cane sugar industry of Louisiana along co-operative lines. A major plan is for a superorganization having a number of local co-operative groups. This organization work is rendered difficult because of the technical feature required for participation in Farm Board aid under the provisions of the law and conditions of production. The capital of the group formed has been set at \$100,000. Arthur B. LaCour, field representative of the Federal Farm Board assisted in the formation of the group.

Federal Farm Board Sells Wheat—More Than 1,000,000 Bushels Taken for Export to Europe.

From Chicago, June 3, advices to the New York "Evening Post" stated:

Farmers National Grain Corporation, co-operative organized by the Federal Farm Board, has sold 1,100,000 bushels of wheat for export. The wheat was moved from Atlantic and Gulf points to European ports. Selling price at specific destinations was not revealed.

Chadbourne Sugar Plan Regarded As Not Fulfilling Expectation But Meeting in Berlin Is Hopeful on Plan If Trade Gains.

Under date of May 27, Berlin advices to the New York "Times" said:

There was an agreement at a meeting of sugar industrialists here yesterday that the Chadbourne Plan had not lived up to expectations, although it was admitted the plan might work better when business improved.

The Chairman announced that because of low prices Germany would be confined to exports of 420,000 tons instead of the Chadbourne quota of 500,000. For the current year, in which her quota is 350,000 tons, Germany will export hardly more than 100,000 it was predicted.

Brazil Seeks Coffee Sales in Orient.

According to Associated Press advices from Rio de Janeiro June 1, the Brazilian Coffee Council has signed a contract for a propaganda campaign in Japan, Korea and Manchuria and will send 300,000 sacks of coffee there in three years in the hope of increasing consumption in the Orient.

Additional Bags of Brazilian Coffee Destroyed.

Associated Press accounts from Rio de Janeiro May 24 said:

The Brazilian Council announced to-day that 320,744 sacks of coffee had been destroyed in the last week, making the total to date 6,565,641, of which 5,285,282 were destroyed in the State of Sao Paulo. The purpose of the destruction campaign is to eliminate the oversupply.

Views of Counsel of New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange as to Where Responsibility of Payment of Coffee Import Tax Rests.

The following letter has been addressed to members of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, Inc.:

We beg to advise that, in response to several inquiries with regard to the interpretation of Coffee Trade Rule 32 which reads as follows:

"Rule 32. Whenever an import duty or internal tax is levied upon coffee, such duty or tax shall, unless otherwise expressly provided in the contract, be assumed and be payable by the buyer."

the Board of Managers has consulted the counsel of the Exchange in the matter and he has rendered the following opinion:

"The meaning of the rule is that the buyer shall be responsible for the import duty or internal tax whenever the coffee delivered under any contract is subject to such import duty or internal tax, whether the contract be made before or after the imposition of such duty or tax. If the seller delivers coffee which had been imported prior to the effective date of an import duty and was therefore duty free, the buyer shall not be required to pay any duty on such coffee.

"In practice, this will mean that coffee, imported after the effective date of any import duty, will be delivered 'in bond' from a bonded warehouse and the receiver to whom the coffee is delivered will be responsible for the duty."

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

F. Albrecht & Co., Liverpool Cotton Firm, Suspends Payments—Spot Cotton in New York at Lowest Since 1898.

Associated Press cablegrams from Liverpool, Eng., June 1 said:

F. Albrecht & Co., one of the oldest cotton broker firms in Liverpool, was posted on the Cotton Exchange to-day as unable to meet liabilities due to-morrow.

From the New York "Herald Tribune" of June 2, we quote the following:

The New York Cotton Exchange suspended yesterday F. Albrecht & Co., cotton brokers, with offices here and in Liverpool, after the receipt by the Exchange of a cable communication from the company, stating inability to meet its mercantile obligations. This was the second large cotton house to fail within the last week. F. Albrecht & Co. were also members of the Liverpool Cotton Exchange.

The firm's New York business was reported small, having about 10,000 bales outstanding. It is not to be confused with the large Bremen spot merchant, Albrecht & Co. The New York Cotton Exchange received the following cable from the firm on which it based its action: "Regret suspended payments." Following action of the Cotton Exchange, the following notice was read from the rostrum of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange: "Members of this Exchange are hereby notified of the inability of F. Albrecht & Co. to meet their mercantile obligations. All contracts with them must therefore be closed as provided in Section 62 of the by-laws."

In the New York "Times" of June 2, it was stated that all records were broken on the Cotton Exchange on June 1 when June, the spot month, closed at 4.92 cents a pound, compared with a previous low mark of 4.98 cents for a spot month, made in 1898. The "Times" added:

July went below the 5-cent level, the first time in the half century history of the Exchange that a future contract had touched that figure. The trading in cotton was the most active in some time. Middling quotations of 5.05 cents established a fresh bottom mark for actual cotton in New York, and final contract prices were 22 to 26 points off on the day. At Little Rock the quotation of 4.35 cents was the lowest of the year.

The selling movement started in Liverpool after the suspension of payments by F. Albrecht & Co. of Liverpool, who have extensive Continental and Indian connections. This was the second foreign suspension in the cotton line in a week and it depressed the Exchanges here and in New Orleans and Liverpool. Announcement of the suspension was made on the Exchange here. The firm holds membership in this Exchange and in Liverpool.

After opening in new low ground for the year prices rallied 15 points in sympathy with a recovery in the stock market, but when securities weakened and favorable weather was reported in the South they broke more than a quarter cent under steady execution of selling orders from producing sections and also from spot houses which sold against so-called "seller's call" contracts.

Twenty Building Trades Unions Reject Wage Agreement—Employers Decide to Resume Work Despite Opposition—Threatened Elevator Strike.

Action that is likely to precipitate a crisis in the building trades in a few days was taken on June 1 (according to the New York "Times"), by the Board of Governors of the Building Trades Employers' Association, which authorized builders to resume operations, in defiance of a group of unions which have refused to abide by the collective agreement signed May 17 by spokesmen of the Building Trades Council, the employees' association. The "Times" of June 2 further said:

Attended by 140 members, including the largest general building contractors and subcontractors in this city and some of the largest in the country, the Governors decided that the Building Trades Council had had sufficient time to show that it could live up to the agreement signed for 115,000 building mechanics and helpers.

As the dissident unions have been holding out against the contract which provides 20 to 30% wage reductions since May 17, the employers decided to act yesterday.

Employers' Views Stated.

"The meeting of the Board of Governors to-day discussed from all angles the situation confronting the building industry," said C. G. Norman, Chairman. "The Board considered the efforts that have been made by the employers since last October to convince organized labor that the interests of the entire industry would be benefited by a stabilization of wages to what was considered a fair level. The rates fixed were much higher than those paid in many of the trades in New York City and much higher than those paid in most cities in the United States."

"The agreement signed with the Building Trades Council on May 17 providing a wage scale for the units in the Council until Dec. 30 1933, was considered a constructive move which would provide employment for a large number of workmen now walking the streets."

"The rebellion of certain units of the Building Trades Council in joining with those units outside of the Council has brought about a situation where the loss in wages to the employees in the building industry is estimated in excess of \$1,000,000 a week."

"In consideration of the interests of all parties there is nothing left for the employers to do—in justice to the trades that have returned to work—but to resume operations."

"There has been no time since May 1 that the jobs of the members of the Building Trades Employers' Association have not been open to the employment of union men and there has been no refusal on the part of any of the units of the Building Trades Employers' Association to sign an agreement with the unions."

Invitation to Unions Expected.

Mr. Norman would not discuss the plans of the employers, but it was reported that their first move probably would be to invite those unions that have refused to recognize the agreement signed on their behalf to return to work. Failure to return probably will be followed by a decision of the employers to man the jobs with whatever labor may be available. The test which is due in a few days will show whether the rank and file of the members of the unions are ready to work for the lower wage scale.

Among leaders of the recalcitrant unions hope was expressed that action by the employers to man their jobs with non-union labor would be followed by a strike outside New York on all buildings being erected by members of the New York Building Trades Employers' Association. Conditions in the building industry are said to be exceedingly poor at this time, with few New York contractors engaged in work in or out of this city.

What was regarded as the virtual settlement of the strike in the building trades was referred to in these columns May 21, page 3717. According to the "Times" of May 28 the split in the ranks of the building trades unions over acceptance of the reduced wage contract was widened on May 27 when the spokesmen for the 20 building crafts opposing the new agreement issued a statement declaring that the Building Trades Council had had no authority to sign the contract. The "Times" of May 28 went on to say:

The statement criticized John Halkett, President of the Building Trades Council and the Building Trades Employers Association, and called upon the public for support.

Meanwhile building construction in New York City is virtually at a standstill. The differences between the Building Trades Employers Association and some of the unions are assuming threatening proportions and unless some adjustment is made within a week, it was reported, a further aggravation of conditions may lead to serious consequences.

Rebel at "Autocratic" Terms.

In their "call to the building trade industry," the dissident unions said: "We are willing to proceed with negotiation, conciliation or arbitration, but we will not accept the brutal terms offered to us by autocrats who have thrown away the experience of half a century and who are in this case acting like tyrants without regard for obligations or for human welfare in any degree."

Referring to 17 crafts that have agreed to the 20 to 30% wage reduction, the statement declared that the 20 unions "repudiate these terms" and alleged that some of the crafts had had no voice in the acceptance of the contract. These crafts, it was said, "are stung by the action of John Halkett, President of the Building Trades Council, and his so-called executive committee."

"They are filled with resentment at this action of a high-handed officialdom in seeking to lead them back to work under terms that only autocrats could offer and only servile workers could accept," the statement continued. "We believe that many of the crafts whose freedom was thus signed away will repudiate the action taken in their name by John Halkett and his fellow-officers, just as we are sure that at least in some cases no authority was ever given for such a signing away of their labor power."

The statement concluded that "if we must fight this battle through for the rights of man, we shall call upon all of the organized toilers of America and upon every friend of labor and of human freedom to stand with us in a battle to the finish for the firm establishment of the rights for which we contend."

Twenty Groups Back Stand.

The statement was adopted after a meeting of the unions at the Hotel New Yorker. Leonard Klink was Chairman of the meeting and James P. McGrane Secretary. The others were:

Owen J. O'Brien, United Derricksmen and Riggers' Association.
Gordon Young, Granite Cutters.
Daniel P. Collins, Metal Lathers.
John O'Hagen, Marble Cutters, Carvers and Setters, 4, B. M. & P. I. U.
Thomas O'Leary, Machine Stone Workers.
Frank Coleman, Tile Layers Local 52.
Charles J. Pettler, Tile Layers Helper Local 53.
Edward V. Mulligan, Enterprize Local 638.
Joseph A. McInerney, Whitestone Association.
David Danahy, Marble Helpers and Riggers.
Peter J. O'Brien, Composition Roofer.
Louis Pasciutti, Mosaic and Terrazo Workers
Virgil Grazzini, Mosaic and Terrazo Helpers.
John Cronin, Journeymen Stonecutters Association.
Fred C. Bailey, Slate and Tile Roofers.
Alexander Booth, Stone Setters, 84.
Thomas Cleland, New York Executive Committee.
Jacques G. Horwitz, Modeler and Sculptor.
John F. Kent, Plasterers' Union Local 60.
Louis Mazzola, Stonemasons, 78.

The new contract, with the Building Trades Council assenting to the wage reductions, was to have been signed on April 30, to go into effect on May 2, but difficulty developed because the elevator manufacturers had agreed verbally to give their men \$1.20 a day above the contract scale. Later the elevator employers announced that a prior written agreement with the Building Trades Employers Association compelled them to abrogate the verbal arrangement and to abide by the contract made by the parent association.

It was noted in the "Times" of June 3 that a general strike of 19,000 elevator constructors in the United States and Canada against operations of New York elevator manufacturers was threatened on June 2 in an ultimatum addressed to the Elevator Manufacturers Association by the International Union of Elevator Constructors. The paper from which we quote, likewise said:

The ultimatum was dispatched by Frank Feeney, President of the Union, in a letter to Harry H. Watters, Secretary of the Manufacturers' Association.

The union demanded the cessation of what it characterized as the lock-out of its membership in New York City begun by the employers early last month and declared that unless the lockout were submitted to arbitration by June 8 the general strike would be proclaimed 48 hours thereafter. About 2,200 elevator constructors, maintenance and service men would be affected in New York, Newark and Jersey City.

The alleged lockout and ultimatum are an outgrowth of the dispute affecting nearly all crafts in the building trades in this city, involving the interests of 115,000 building mechanics and helpers.

Petroleum and Its Products—East Texas Allowable Cut to 54 Barrels Per Well—California Successful in Curtailing Output.

Per well allowable production in East Texas has been cut to 54 barrels per well a day for the first half of June. This is a reduction of five barrels from the last previous allowance. It became necessary through the many new completions which brought the field's total production beyond the limit established several months ago and strictly adhered to. For this reason it is felt that action will be necessary to reduce the number of completions, or else the per well allowance will be cut to such a low point that operation will be economically unsound. The completions have been averaging 20 a day, and under these circumstances it is impossible to establish a per well allowance for any long period and have it bring about the required results.

Later this month the Texas Railroad Commission is to hold a hearing, at which time it is probable that other methods of curtailing production will be adopted, and presumably this will take the form of restricting completions,

this being the most logical manner of maintaining control over output for any real periods.

The strong efforts being put forth by California operators to hold that State's output of crude to 476,700 barrels daily is meeting with results. The first week's operation of new production schedules brought about a daily output on May 29 of 471,875 barrels, or 4,825 below the level sought. While it is true that rapid progress is being made in curtailing the output of the State, the figures for the one day, May 29, are not truly representative of the results thus far obtained. The San Joaquin valley fields in the closing week of May produced far less than their daily allowable, due to that particular field's practise of running flush production early in the month and shutting down during the latter days to keep the field's output within the monthly allowance.

It is hoped that an advance of from 15c. to 25c. per barrel in the price of California crude can be obtained if the output is kept within the new limit. Some trouble is being met with in the Los Angeles basin fields, where, on the particular day quoted, production mounted to 259,402 barrels, this being 13,702 barrels in excess of the field's allotment.

Crude prices throughout other producing centers of the country have shown no change as yet, but strong efforts are being made in Mid-continent to secure another 15c. advance over the dollar top price now ruling.

The address of Amos L. Beaty, President of the A. P. I., before the members of that group at the mid-year meeting held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Thursday of this week, stressed particularly the necessity of maintaining strict supervision over crude output. He said in part, after dwelling on the effects of rulings which various States have made in regard to production curtailment, that "the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States upholding the Oklahoma statute is heartening. It was not necessary for the Court to write upon the broad proposition of economic waste. Nevertheless economic waste is one of the things inhibited, and it would seem fairly deducible from this decision, especially in view of the same Court's ruling in Walls vs. Midland Carbon Co., that the States have power to prevent the economic waste of oil. Statutes of this kind are very helpful at times, and the industry can well afford to sponsor their enactment."

On the subject of curtailment itself, Mr. Beaty said that "time and time again it has been demonstrated that we cannot have prosperity in the oil industry when too much crude is produced. With refineries overbuilt and a surplus of marketing facilities it is impossible to avoid demoralization, if an excessive supply of raw material is on the market. The ingenuity of man for chiseling is such as to render the case hopeless. There can be temporary remedies, appeals to reason, some sportsmanship, but finally they all break down and chaos reigns if the supply of raw material does not check itself or is not checked at the source. For several years now we have had a surplus of crude oil and have seen the results. In recent months our position has improved because of restraint upon production. Gradually the underground surplus is being reduced, and gradually, but more slowly, the surplus above the ground is declining, and this process will eventually bring us back to a balance.

"The price of oil is an inexorable factor. We have seen its result in lessened wildcat operations, cessation of drives for acreage, abandonment of stripper wells. Let us not grow impatient while this force is in play."

Prices of Typical Crudes per Barrel at Wells.

(All gravities where A. P. I. degrees are not shown.)

Bradford, Pa.-----	\$1.60	Eldorado, Ark., 40-----	\$0.78
Corning, Pa.-----	1.05	Rusk, Texas, 40 and over-----	.83
Illinois-----	.80	Salt Creek, Wyo., 40 and over-----	.85
Western Kentucky-----	.90	Darst Creek-----	.90
Midcontinent, Okla., 40 and above-----	1.00	Sunburst, Mont-----	1.25
Hutchinson, Texas, 40 and over-----	.81	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 40 and over-----	.75
Splintleop, Texas, 40 and over-----	.81	Huntington, Calif., 26-----	.72
Winkler, Texas-----	.86	Petrolia, Canada-----	1.75
Smaekover, Ark., 24 and over-----	.77		

* Effective April 1 1932.

REFINED PRODUCTS—NO MOVE YET IN RE-ESTABLISHING RETAIL GASOLINE PRICE IN NEW YORK TERRITORY—CONSUMPTION MOUNTING—BUNKER FUEL OIL QUIET—DIESEL STEADY.

The major companies in the New York territory have not as yet rescinded the four-cent cut made in service station gasoline prices two weeks ago, and the price is still on a parity with tank wagon quotations, 9½c., making the price to the consumer 12½c. a gallon, including the State tax of 3 cents. It is declared that the reason for the cut, namely, the wiping out of "cut-throat" tactics between dealers through elimination of their wide profit spread, has been accomplished.

Certain factors locally declare that the price structure will be readjusted within the next week, while others feel

that no such action can be taken until later in June. It is the contention of the latter that to do so now might open the way for a resumption of price-cutting, while if action is deferred until the real consuming period of late June, July and August, there will be much less danger of price-cutting because of the heightened demand.

The Chicago gasoline market is reported as weaker, due to the cut in price of competitive grade gasoline by Standard of Indiana. Effective on May 28, the price was reduced 1c. a gallon to 12½c., including the 3 cent State tax. While the higher grades have not yet been reduced, such action may become necessary due to the increased competition of the third grade product.

Further changes in the Ohio State price structure have been made by Standard of Ohio. Yesterday, June 3, Madison County was reduced 2c. and Marion County 1c.

While there was a spurt of activity in bunker fuel oil during the week, the market quieted down and little business was actually consummated, although it is reported that several tentative orders for large quantities to be delivered during the latter part of this year will be closed within a few days. Inquiries for spot shipments are few. The price holds steady and unchanged at 75c. a barrel, refinery.

Diesel oil has been in moderate but steady demand during the week, all shipments moving at the present market price of \$1.50 a barrel, at refinery.

Domestic heating oils have been quiet with no price changes reported. Kerosene demand is light, and the price range continues from 5½ to 6c. refinery, for 41-43 water white, tank car.

Price changes follow:

May 28.—Standard Oil Co. of Indiana reduced third grade gasoline 1c. per gallon to new price of 12½c., including 3 cent State tax.

June 3.—Standard Oil Co. of Ohio reduced gasoline 2c. below State structure in Madison County, and 1c. in Marion County.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York-----	\$1.25	Cleveland-----	\$.18	New Orleans-----	\$1.18
Atlanta-----	.195	Denver-----	.20	Philadelphia-----	.13
Baltimore-----	.164	Detroit-----	.13	San Francisco-----	
Boston-----	.18	Houston-----	.17	Third grade-----	.125
Buffalo-----	.173	Jacksonville-----	.19	Above 65 octane-----	.145
Chicago-----	.16	Kansas City-----	.165	Premium-----	.175
Cincinnati-----	.18	Minneapolis-----	.167	St. Louis-----	.134

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

N.Y. (Bayonne) 05½-06-----	Chicago-----	\$.02¼-.03¼	New Orleans, ex-----	\$0.03¼
North Texas-----	Los Ang., ex-----	.04¼-.06	Tulsa-----	.04¼-.03¼

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	California 27 plus D-----	Gulf Coast "C"-----	\$.60
Bunker "C"-----		Chicago 18-22 D-----	.42¼-.50
Diesel 28-30 D-----	1.50	New Orleans "C"-----	.70
		Philadelphia "C"-----	.70

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	Chicago-----	Tulsa-----
28 D plus-----	32 36 D Ind-----	32-36 D Ind-----
\$.03¼-.04	\$.01¼-.02	\$.01¼-.02

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	Chicago-----	\$.05¼-.05¼
Standard Oil, N. J.-----	Sinclair-----	New Orleans, ex-----	.05-.05¼
Motor, 60 octane-----	Pan-Am. Pet. Co.-----	Arkansas-----	.04-.04¼
Motor, 65 octane-----	Shell Eastern Pet.-----	California-----	.05-.07
Motor, standard-----	New York-----	Los Angeles, ex-----	.04¼-.07
Stand. Oil, N. Y.-----	Colonial-Beacon-----	Gulf Ports-----	.05-.05¼
Tide Water Oil Co.-----	Crew Levick-----	Tulsa-----	.04¼-.05¼
Richfield Oil (Cal.)-----	z Texas-----	Pennsylvania-----	.05¼
Warner-Quinn, Co.-----	Gulf-----		
	Continental-----		
	Republic Oil-----		

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

Proration of Oil in Oklahoma City Field Reduced—Allowable Production for Month Cut Nearly 8,000 Barrels Daily by State Corporation Commission.

Oklahoma City advices May 31 to the "United States Daily" said:

Allowable oil production in the South Oklahoma City field has been reduced by nearly 8,000 barrels daily for June by order of the State Corporation Commission after a hearing to determine market demands for oil from the city field for the next month.

The Corporation Commission fixed the allowable production at the exact figure set by nominations of pipe line and oil purchasing companies, 97,336 barrels a day, compared with May allowable of 105,000 barrels daily.

Allocations Detailed.

A flat allowable of 2,000 barrels a day was allocated to the wells in the lime zone. Wells producing 3% or more of water with the oil were allowed 10,200 barrels. New wells expected to come in during the next month were allowed 4,316 barrels daily. The 25-barrel exemption to all wells outside the lime area was figured to total another 18,275 barrels. On the remainder, the percentage was fixed at 1.75 for a total of 63,575 barrels.

Ray M. Collins, State and city field umpire, stated at the hearing the Seminole region, with potential of only 390,000 barrels daily, has been producing about 130,000 barrels. The adjusted potential of the Oklahoma City field is 3,641,000 barrels daily, he testified.

E. G. Dahlgren of the umpire's staff estimated current underproduction for May will total about 175,000 barrels, as estimated May production is 3,283,287 barrels, and May pipe-line runs 3,256,209 barrels, while the May allowable was 3,460,760 barrels.

Proration Again Opposed.

The next proration hearing, which will be Statewide to determine July allowables for all Oklahoma fields, has been set for June 28.

Martial law for the oil fields has been re-established by order of Governor Murray, who rescinded an order issued several days ago by Acting Governor Robert Burns which had revoked the Governor's martial law order of last August.

The martial law again in existence, however, is merely a technical military rule, since only two National Guard officers comprise the military force on duty in the South Oklahoma City field.

Copper Fairly Steady in Dull Market—Little Change in Lead, Zinc and Tin.

"Metal and Mineral Markets" reports that except for the fact that domestic producers of copper felt a little more hopeful of the news that the Senate has finally passed the revenue bill without further changes to the tentative import tax rates, the market for non-ferrous metals was a dull affair in the last week. London appeared to take a more encouraging stand on developments here than domestic operators, the latter no doubt realizing that the revenue measure still has to go to conference and then to the House. Prices here underwent little variation during the week, with the undertone in most major items fairly steady. Demand for finished metal products remains disappointing. The "Metal and Mineral Markets" weighted index number of non-ferrous metal prices for the month of May was 46.20, a new low. This compares with 47.48 in April and 59.81 in May 1931.

Copper 5 1/4 @ 5 3/8 Cents.

Although domestic sales of copper during the week were small in total volume, the market was comparatively steady, the condition being attributed chiefly by operators to recent developments at Washington. Metal was available throughout the period at the price range of 5 1/4 @ 5 3/8 cents, depending on position and seller.

Annual statistics of the copper industry, as announced during the week by the American Bureau of Metal Statistics, showed that at the end of 1931 refined metal stocks in North and South America totaled 544,278 short tons. This figure is in line with earlier private estimates and occasioned no particular comment. Refined stocks at present are estimated by the trade to amount to about 650,000 tons.

Export business continued to decline in volume, undoubtedly in reaction to cabled reports on the proposed tariff legislation. Sales by Copper Exporters during May totaled but 9,541 short tons. During the week the special price of Copper Exporters, Inc., held at 5.50 cents, and the official price at 6 1/4 cents, c.i.f. basis. Independents again offered metal freely abroad below these prices, and were reported to have sold as low as 5.16 cents, c.i.f. European ports.

Bolivia Approves Tin Plan.

News reached here late in the week that Bolivia had approved of the tin restriction plan to bring output of the group down to the basis of 54,000 long tons annually and suspend exports for a period of two months. The other tin-producing countries are expected to follow soon. The market was rather quiet, yet prices showed no important change. Ford placed an order for a moderate tonnage during the week and a manufacturer in the electrical field also was interested in the market. United States deliveries for May came to 3,135 long tons, the total being a little better than what most traders expected. The world's visible supply of tin at the end of May was estimated at 50,562 long tons, an increase of 156 tons. The tin pool holds about 21,000 long tons of the metal.

Chinese 99% tin, prompt shipment, closed as follows: May 26, 20 cents; 27, 19.80 cents; 28, 19.75 cents; 30, holiday; 31, 19.65 cents; June 1, 20 cents.

Price of Copper Wire Reduced.

General Cable Corporation has lowered price of bare copper wire in carload lots 1/2 cent a pound to 7 1/2 cents and of magnet wire also 1/2 cent to 9 cents. Price of weatherproof wire has been reduced 1/4 cent to 9.75 cents a pound.

Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. has reduced price on carload lots of bare copper wire and of magnet wire 1/2 cent a pound and of weatherproof copper wire 1/4 cent. Phelps Dodge Copper Products also has made the same reductions in prices.

Magna Copper Mines to Close July 1—To Resume October 1—Smelter Not to Operate Until 1933.

The following is from the New York "Evening Post" of May 27:

Magna Copper will shut down on July 1 the mines and smelter. The mines will be started again on October 1, but the smelter will not begin operations until Jan. 1 1933. Ore in meantime will be stored.

Whether the smelter will begin on January 1 next will depend upon the price of copper then prevailing. Last year Magna shut down about three months in the summer.

Steel Output Again Falls Off—Price of Steel Scrap at New Low Record.

Mild improvement is in evidence in some steel products, but has not reached mill books in time to prevent another slight decline this week in ingot output to 23% of the country's capacity, this lowered rate being partly brought about by the holiday, states the "Iron Age" of June 2, which further reports as follows:

Gains in orders are most noticeable in structural steel and tin plate. Structural steel lettings of 31,000 tons are the largest for any week since late December, and inquiries have appeared for 11,500 tons of new work. Tin plate operations are approaching a 50% rate, following a few weeks at 45% and further improvement is in prospect for June.

While some private building work is appearing in the market, most of the structural steel tonnage is for public projects. Two of good size are an addition to the General Post Office, New York, requiring 12,000 tons, and the Department of Agriculture extensible building in Washington, calling for 10,000 tons. Work is to be begun within two weeks by Pennsylvania RR. on its electrification project, and releases of about 60,000 tons of steel, which has been in suspension on mill books, are expected soon. A number of other large structural steel jobs are likely to be placed within a week or two

The railroad equipment trade has been so bare of business that an order for 50 gondola cars for the Wheeling & Lake Erie and the request for bids on rebuilding 150 gondola cars for the Western Maryland are worthy of mention.

Interest in automobile prospects centers in the rapid expansion of output by the Ford Motor Co., which has now reached 4,500 cars a day five days a week, with a prospect that this may be exceeded in a week. The Ford schedule for June contemplates production of 110,000 units. Ford's steel releases are in a steady flow, with Cleveland and Detroit sheet and strip mills getting the bulk of the business in those products, while Ford's own mills are supplying a considerable part of the bar requirements. Suppliers of parts are feeling the effects of Ford's expansion, as stocks made some time ago are being reduced.

In general, the steel industry's prospects for the summer months are reasonably promising when compared with the performance of recent months, providing the Congressional snarl over the tax bill and a balanced budget is quickly untangled and a sound program of Federal relief through the financing of self-liquidating construction projects is adopted. The automobile industry probably will reach its peak of production in June, but fairly good schedules may be maintained through July and August, particularly by Ford; the building program points toward some acceleration during the next few months, and tin plate rollings are likely to be somewhat higher during the summer months than they have been recently.

Steel companies are turning their attention to the bolstering up of some weak spots that have developed in prices of alloy steel bars, automobile body sheets and cold-rolled strip steel. Concessions of as much as \$4 a ton have been granted on alloy steels to some large buyers, while automobile body sheets and cold-rolled strip have been shaded about \$1 a ton. Much of this weakness has developed in the Detroit district. On other products the steel companies are maintaining a firm price position.

Makers of wire products and bolts, nuts and rivets have reaffirmed present prices for the third quarter. Rail steel bars, which have been conspicuously low in price as compared with billet steel bars, have been advanced \$3 a ton. On most of the steel products, however, the mills have not opened their books for the third quarter and price announcements are still withheld. Advances on some grades of sheets and on strip steel seem to be almost certain, but the 1.60c. a pound, Pittsburgh, price on bars, shapes and plates probably will be continued into the next quarter. Efforts may be made to establish bar extras on a profitable basis. Quantity differentials on alloy bars and quality differentials on commercial forging billets may also be adopted.

Raw material prices are very weak, with further declines in many grades of scrap and a drop in furnace coke of 25c. a ton to \$2, Connellsville. Pig iron producers are showing signs of resistance to a further lowering of their prices. At Philadelphia, domestic makers are taking a firm stand at a minimum of \$14 for No. 2 foundry iron, although foreign competitive grades are available at 50c. a ton less. Pig iron prices at Chicago are still unsettled, but producers are endeavoring to maintain the price level at a \$16 base. A reduction in heavy melting steel scrap in eastern Pennsylvania brings the "Iron Age" composite price for that commodity down to \$7.33, a new low record for all time. The "Iron Age" composite prices for finished steel and pig iron are unchanged at 2.087c. a pound for the former and \$14.06 a gross ton for the latter. A comparative table shows:

Finished Steel			
May 24 1932, 2.087c. a Lb.			
One week ago	2.087c.		
One month ago	2.087c.		
One year ago	2.114c.		
1932	2.087c.	Jan. 5	2.037c. Jan. 19
1931	2.142c.	Jan. 13	2.052c. Dec. 29
1930	2.362c.	Jan. 7	2.121c. Dec. 9
1929	2.412c.	Apr. 2	2.362c. Oct. 25
1928	2.391c.	Dec. 11	2.314c. Jan. 3
1927	2.453c.	Jan. 4	2.293c. Oct. 25
1926	2.453c.	Jan. 5	2.403c. May 18
1925	2.560c.	Jan. 6	2.390c. Aug. 18

Pig Iron			
May 24 1932, \$14.06 a Gross Ton.			
One week ago	\$14.06		
One month ago	14.35		
One year ago	15.63		
1932	\$14.81	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 Dec. 17
1928	18.59	Nov. 27	17.04 July 24
1927	19.71	Jan. 4	17.54 Nov. 1
1926	21.54	Jan. 5	19.46 July 13
1925	22.50	Jan. 13	18.96 July 7

Steel Scrap			
May 24 1932, \$7.33 a Gross Ton.			
One week ago	\$7.41		
One month ago	8.04		
One year ago	9.75		
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. 3
1928	16.50	Dec. 31	13.08 July 2
1927	15.25	Jan. 11	13.08 Nov. 22
1926	17.25	Jan. 5	14.00 June 1
1925	20.83	Jan. 13	15.08 May 2

"Steel" of Cleveland, in its weekly summary of the iron and steel markets, May 30, states:

Favorable factors in iron and steel are sufficiently numerous and vigorous to neutralize a decline of 2 1/2 points in the steel operating rate, to 23%, lowest since the third week of April.

Structural steel bookings last week, at 31,886 tons, were the largest in 1932. Ford, attempting to assemble 90,000 cars in June—a 50% increase over May—is distributing more parts and material business. Miscellaneous orders from users long out of the market have appeared in some districts. A little more railroad demand has developed.

Despite last week's recession, May output of steel probably has recouped the loss in April and rebounded to the March rate of 52,000 tons daily, or 24%. On the basis of a trend line for production since 1896, the deficiency in steel since 1929 is estimated at 59,000,000 tons, requiring 13 months at the 1929 average to make up, not counting new demands. Pig iron output in May has approximated the April rate—a little lower, if anything.

Ford unquestionably is distancing the field in automobile production. This is partly at the expense of competitors, as Chevrolet and Plymouth are easing somewhat, but it also represents an energizing of latent buying power. Medium and high-price car manufacturers are slipping into a summer shutdown period, and in June Ford probably will make half of all automobiles.

Two-thirds of last week's structural awards represent federal projects—10,000 tons for a department of agriculture building in Washington and 13,500 tons for a postoffice in New York. In the New York district work requiring 50,000 tons is in general contractor stage. Inquiry is broad,

likely to be greatly accelerated if a relief program by congress includes Federal assistance for quasi-public projects

Fifty gondolas of a special type, requiring 1,200 tons of plates and shapes, have been placed by the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad with the Canton Car Co. This road also is asking repairs to an unstated number of cars, the steel probably duplicating the 50-car order.

Toledo has ordered 2,000 tons of cast iron pipe, Hamilton, O., 300 tons and St. Paul 250 tons. Standard Oil Co., of Kansas is contemplating a 150-mile steel line. In the Mahoning valley, better demand for sheets and bars is noted, reflecting the automotive situation.

Pig iron is moving better in the lake district, another effect of automotive demand, but is slower elsewhere. Basic iron at Pittsburgh and foundry iron at Philadelphia are off 50 cents. Low prices are an inducement to scrap producers to store their offerings.

Talk of higher steel prices for the third quarter is widespread, but it has its origin more in determination than tonnage. Reports put plates shapes and bars up \$1 a ton, sheets \$1 to \$3, but there is considerable opinion that while more remunerative prices are warranted the volume to sustain them is not in prospect.

Adjustments in pig iron have depressed the iron and steel composite of "Steel" one cent this week to \$29.57. The scrap composite is off four cents to \$6.88 but the finished steel index is steady at \$47.62.

Bituminous Coal and Pennsylvania Anthracite Output Continues Downward Trend.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, production of bituminous coal and Pennsylvania anthracite continues to fall off, amounting during the week ended May 21 1932 to 4,288,000 net tons and 698,000 net tons, respectively. This compares with 4,295,000 tons of bituminous coal, and 765,000 tons of anthracite produced during the previous week and 6,628,000 tons of bituminous coal and 1,264,000 tons of anthracite in the corresponding period last year.

During the calendar year to May 21 1932 production of bituminous coal amounted to 121,409,000 net tons as against 152,566,000 tons during the calendar year to May 23 1931. The Bureau's statement follows:

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

Anthracite production continues the sharply downward trend which began the first week in May. The total output during the week ended May 21 is estimated at 698,000 net tons. This shows a decrease of 67,000 tons, or 8.8%, from the preceding week, and is less by 44.8% than the figure for the week in 1931 corresponding with that of May 21.

Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons).

Table with columns for Week Ended (May 7, May 14, May 21) and Daily Average for 1932 and 1931. Shows a decrease from 765,000 tons in 1931 to 698,000 tons in 1932.

BITUMINOUS COAL.

There appears to be little change in the bituminous coal situation. The total production during the week ended May 21 1932, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 4,288,000 net tons, in comparison with 4,295,000 tons in the preceding week. Production during the week in 1931 corresponding with that of May 21 amounted to 6,628,000 tons.

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

Table with columns for Week Ended (May 7, May 14, May 21) and Daily Average for 1932 and 1931. Shows a decrease from 6,628,000 tons in 1931 to 4,288,000 tons in 1932.

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

The total production of soft coal during the present calendar year to May 21 (approximately 121 working days) amounts to 121,409,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent calendar years are given below:

Table comparing total production of soft coal for 1931 and 1930 against 1929 and 1928. Shows a decrease from 152,566,000 tons in 1931 to 121,409,000 tons in 1932.

As already indicated by the revised figures above, the total production of soft coal during the week ended May 14 is estimated at 4,295,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 180,000 tons, or 4%. The suspensions in the Illinois-Indiana-Ohio fields remain the dominant factor limiting the total output.

The following table apportions the tonnage produced during the week of May 14, by States, and gives comparable figures for other recent years. Production during the corresponding week in 1931 amounted to 6,783,000 tons.

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

Large table showing estimated weekly production of coal by state for 1932 and 1931. Includes states like Alabama, Arkansas & Oklahoma, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas & Missouri, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming, and Other States.

Total bit. coal. 4,295,000 4,475,000 6,783,000 8,273,000 10,878,000
Pennsylvania anthracite. 767,000 968,000 875,000 1,154,000 1,932,000
Total all coal. 5,062,000 5,443,000 7,658,000 9,427,000 12,810,000

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

Production of Bituminous Coal Declined in April—Anthracite Output Higher Than in Preceding Month, But is Below That for the Corresponding Period in 1931.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the total production for the month of April 1932 is estimated at 20,300,000 net tons, with an average daily output of but 790,000 tons in comparison with 1,194,000 tons per day in March. The outstanding factor limiting production during the month was the suspension of the majority of operations in the Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio fields. In spite of this widespread shut-down, however, the output in practically all other major fields was curtailed.

Production of Pennsylvania anthracite increased in April, both in total and in the average daily rate. The total for the month amounted to 5,629,000 net tons as against 4,789,000 tons in March. The average daily rate for April was greater by 47,800 tons, or 26.9%, than that for March, and was but 1.2% below the average for April a year ago. The Bureau's statement further shows:

Monthly Production of Coal by States in April (Net Tons).

Table showing monthly production of coal by state for April 1932, March 1932, April 1931, April 1930, and April 1931. Shows a decrease in total production from 20,300,000 tons in 1931 to 20,300,000 tons in 1932.

Total bit. coal. 20,300,000 32,250,000 28,478,000 36,318,000 44,057,000
Pennsylvania anthracite. 5,629,000 4,789,000 5,700,000 4,887,000 7,885,000
Total all coal. 25,929,000 37,039,000 34,178,000 41,205,000 51,942,000

a Figures for 1930 and 1923 are final. b Includes operations on the N. & W.; C. & O.; K. & M.; Virginian; and B. C. & G. c Rest of State, including Panhandle. d This group is not strictly comparable in the several years.

Note.—The above table presents estimates of production of bituminous coal, by States, in the month of April. The distribution of the tonnage is based largely on figures of loadings by railroad divisions, furnished by the American Railway Association and by officials of certain roads; on reports of wateryway shipments, made by the U. S. Engineer Offices; and on figures of field production, submitted by associations of coal operators.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The daily average volume of Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding during the week ended June 1 as reported by the Federal Reserve banks was \$2,081,000,000, an increase of \$76,000,000 compared with the preceding week and of \$1,157,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1931. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On June 1 total Reserve bank credit amounted to \$2,122,000,000, an increase of \$74,000,000 for the week. This increase corresponds with increases of \$57,000,000 in money in circulation and \$34,000,000 in unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c., and a decrease of \$101,000,000 in monetary gold stock, offset in part by a decrease of \$89,000,000 in member bank reserve balances and an increase of \$27,000,000 in Treasury currency, adjusted.

Holdings of discounted bills increased \$12,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, \$5,000,000 at New York and \$24,000,000 at all Federal Reserve banks. The system's holdings of bills bought in open market declined \$3,000,000, while holdings of United States bonds in-

creased \$22,000,000, of Treasury notes \$5,000,000, and of Treasury certificates and bills, \$23,000,000.

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

The statement in full for the week ended June 1, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 4113 and 4114.

Changes in the amount of reserve bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ended June 1 1932, were as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Since		
	June 1 1932.	May 25 1932.	June 3 1931.
Bills discounted.....	495,000,000	+24,000,000	+322,000,000
Bills bought.....	35,000,000	-3,000,000	-99,000,000
United States gov't securities.....	1,575,000,000	+50,000,000	+977,000,000
Other Reserve Bank credit.....	17,000,000	+4,000,000	-16,000,000
TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT.....	2,122,000,000	+74,000,000	+1,184,000,000
Monetary gold stock.....	4,106,000,000	-101,000,000	-687,000,000
Treasury currency adjusted.....	1,817,000,000	+27,000,000	+69,000,000
Money in circulation.....	5,467,000,000	+57,000,000	+794,000,000
Member bank reserve balances.....	2,125,000,000	-89,000,000	-264,000,000
Unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c.....	454,000,000	+34,000,000	+37,000,000

Returns of Member Banks in New York City and Chicago—Brokers' Loans.

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

Below is the statement for the New York City member banks and that for the Chicago member banks, for the current week, as thus issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York City statement of course also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks. The grand aggregate of brokers' loans the present week records an increase of \$16,000,000, the amount of these loans on June 1 1932 standing at \$409,000,000, compared with \$393,000,000 last week, the low record for all time since these loans were first compiled in 1917. Loans "for own account" increased during the week from \$350,000,000 to \$369,000,000, but loans "for account of our-of-town banks" from \$37,000,000 to \$34,000,000, while loans "for account of others" remain unchanged at \$6,000,000. The amount of these loans "for account of others" has been reduced the past 29 weeks due to the action of the New York Clearing House Association on Nov. 5 1931 in restricting member banks on and after Nov. 16 1931 from placing for corporations and other than banks loans secured by stocks, bonds and acceptances.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

New York.			
	June 1 1932.	May 25 1932.	June 3 1931.
Loans and investments—total.....	6,635,000,000	6,583,000,000	7,804,000,000
Loans—total.....	3,875,000,000	3,825,000,000	5,107,000,000
On securities.....	1,815,000,000	1,810,000,000	2,920,000,000
All other.....	2,060,000,000	2,015,000,000	2,187,000,000
Investments—total.....	2,760,000,000	2,758,000,000	2,697,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	1,777,000,000	1,781,000,000	1,525,000,000
Other securities.....	983,000,000	977,000,000	1,172,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	781,000,000	899,000,000	792,000,000
Cash in vault.....	40,000,000	42,000,000	44,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	5,065,000,000	5,133,000,000	5,775,000,000
Time deposits.....	787,000,000	766,000,000	1,215,000,000
Government deposits.....	90,000,000	101,000,000	2,000,000
Due from banks.....	75,000,000	62,000,000	100,000,000
Due to banks.....	1,100,000,000	1,108,000,000	1,189,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....			
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers:			
For own account.....	369,000,000	350,000,000	1,169,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	34,000,000	37,000,000	199,000,000
For account of others.....	6,000,000	6,000,000	171,000,000
Total.....	409,000,000	393,000,000	1,539,000,000
On demand.....	306,000,000	294,000,000	1,190,000,000
On time.....	103,000,000	99,000,000	349,000,000

Chicago.			
	June 1 1932.	May 25 1932.	June 3 1931.
Loans and investments—total.....	1,353,000,000	1,353,000,000	1,935,000,000
Loans—total.....	916,000,000	904,000,000	1,328,000,000
On securities.....	526,000,000	518,000,000	759,000,000
All other.....	390,000,000	386,000,000	569,000,000
Investments—total.....	437,000,000	449,000,000	607,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	244,000,000	262,000,000	352,000,000
Other securities.....	193,000,000	187,000,000	255,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	207,000,000	200,000,000	178,000,000
Cash in vault.....	16,000,000	15,000,000	14,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	892,000,000	892,000,000	1,193,000,000
Time deposits.....	391,000,000	380,000,000	664,000,000
Government deposits.....	16,000,000	17,000,000	1,000,000
Due from banks.....	155,000,000	156,000,000	172,000,000
Due to banks.....	277,000,000	279,000,000	336,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	3,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

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

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

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with the close of business on May 25:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on May 25 shows decreases for the week of \$43,000,000 in loans and investments and \$49,000,000 in Government deposits, and increases of \$24,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$35,000,000 in reserve balances with the Federal Reserve banks. Time deposits and borrowings from Federal Reserve banks show little change for the week.

Loans on securities declined \$31,000,000 at reporting member banks in the New York district and \$40,000,000 at all reporting banks. "All other" loans declined \$25,000,000 in the New York district and \$33,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of United States Government securities increased \$23,000,000 in the New York district and declined \$20,000,000 in the St. Louis district, \$6,000,000 in the San Francisco district and \$9,000,000 at all reporting banks. Holdings of other securities increased \$27,000,000 in the St. Louis district, \$10,000,000 in the New York district and \$39,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from Federal Reserve banks, which aggregated \$178,000,000 on May 25, changed relatively little during the week.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended May 25 1932, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Since		
	May 25 1932.	May 18 1932.	May 27 1931.
Loans and investments—total.....	18,994,000,000	-43,000,000	-3,604,000,000
Loans—total.....	11,588,000,000	-73,000,000	-3,225,000,000
On securities.....	4,910,000,000	-40,000,000	-2,018,000,000
All other.....	6,678,000,000	-33,000,000	-1,207,000,000
Investments—total.....	7,406,000,000	+30,000,000	-379,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	4,084,000,000	-9,000,000	+147,000,000
Other securities.....	3,322,000,000	+39,000,000	-526,000,000
Reserve with F. R. banks.....	1,753,000,000	+35,000,000	-94,000,000
Cash in vault.....	208,000,000	+1,000,000	-18,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	11,158,000,000	+24,000,000	-2,467,000,000
Time deposits.....	5,673,000,000	-1,000,000	-1,726,000,000
Government deposits.....	271,000,000	-49,000,000	+233,000,000
Due from banks.....	1,210,000,000	-23,000,000	-522,000,000
Due to banks.....	2,734,000,000	-22,000,000	-898,000,000
Borrowings from F. R. Banks.....	178,000,000	-2,000,000	+149,000,000

Ambassador Mellon, Before English Speaking Union in London, Discusses Workings of Congress in Enacting Tax Bill—Says We Will Weather This Storm As We Have Others.

Andrew W. Mellon, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, addressing the English-Speaking Union, in London, on May 31, discussed the workings of government in this country, and in particular indicated the functioning of Congress in the matter of levying taxes. Ambassador Mellon, in his discussion, stated that he had "personally sensed a lack of understanding of our foreign-born population, which seems to me to be based on a misapprehension of the facts." "One Capone," he said, "does not counterbalance millions of loyal and industrious citizens of whom one never hears." "Nor," he added, "are lawlessness and greed peculiar to any race or any nation." Ambassador Mellon observed that "to-day, like other nations, America is bewildered in the face of forces which have overwhelmed the world." "At such a time," he said, "it is well to remind ourselves that the principles upon which our English-speaking civilization was founded have not changed, and that, being true to those

principles, we should weather this storm as we have weathered our other storms before."

The dinner at which Ambassador Mellon spoke was given in his honor. A London cablegram (May 31) to the New York "Times" said:

The Ambassador received a remarkable ovation, the 700 guests cheering and singing 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow' when he rose to make his address.

Four former British diplomatic representatives at Washington were present. They were Viscount Grey of Falloden, who served as Chairman; Lord Howard, the Marquess of Reading, and Sir Auckland Geddes.

Proposing Ambassador Mellon's health, Lord Grey urged the co-operation of the United States and Great Britain to aid world recovery.

"If the two pull together it will help the rest of the world pull together, for only international action will relieve the world from its economic distress," he said. "Our two countries' great advantage in a common language, although it does not insure friendship, makes possible closer and more intimate friendship than otherwise."

Lord Howard, seconding the toast, spoke of the importance of Mr. Mellon's presence in Britain in the present time of storm and stress.

Otto H. Kahn was among the guests and was an intent listener during the discussions of financial and economic conditions.

The address of Ambassador Mellon, relayed from London, was broadcast in this country over the network of the Columbia Broadcasting System. The text, as given in the New York "Times," follows:

It is a great pleasure for me to be here this evening, and to have this opportunity of meeting so many of the members of the English-Speaking Union. And it is, I feel, a special honor that Lord Grey has consented to take the chair on this occasion.

It is difficult to express in words the appreciation I feel not only for the warmth of your reception but for the kindness which has been shown me on all sides since I have been in England.

It would be difficult, indeed, for any American Ambassador not to feel at home here after he has come from America and experienced the friendship which you show in such generous measure to the representatives of my country. That friendship is reciprocated in America and has been cemented by a long line of distinguished men whom you have sent to represent you at Washington, including my friends Lord Grey, Lord Reading and Sir Auckland Geddes, all of whom I am happy to say are here this evening.

In my country we have come to look upon your Ambassadors as friends who, at the same time, represent to us that older civilization from which we came and which has left such a deep and lasting impression on our national life.

A Debt of Gratitude.

My predecessors, with more eloquence than I can command, have spoken to you of the debt of gratitude which we owe to the earliest British settlers, not only for their language, their literature and their traditions for government, but bringing also their ready qualities of independence, their love of civil and religious liberty, and a sense of thrift which enabled them to build up a civilization out of the wilderness.

Wherever they went they set up their governmental, educational and religious institutions, and when another nation threatened to supplant them with a different civilization and a rival race, they did not hesitate to fight like Englishmen to preserve that which they had won.

One of those who saw clearly the far-reaching issues was George Washington, that great man who not only gave us our country but helped make the English-speaking civilization dominant throughout all the region that was afterward to become American soil.

Long before the war of the American Revolution, when Washington was still a young man, he formed part of the British and American expeditionary force sent against the French and Indians at Fort Duquesne, on the site of what is now my native city of Pittsburgh.

Battle a Turning Point.

He fought in the battle with Braddock, in which the British forces were defeated, with results that were tragic insofar as the immediate situation was concerned, and yet in that case as in many others history has been determined by an event which at the time seemed fraught with nothing but disaster.

That battle proved to be a turning point in history, for it marked the opening of the struggle between two great powers for the possession of a continent. In its final outcome that struggle was not only to decide the fate of the Mississippi Valley, which was the immediate objective of both France and England, but was to determine that England, not France, was to impress its language and its institutions on the new nation that was to emerge from the long conflict.

The dominance of the English language and the English-speaking civilization in America has never again been seriously threatened, not even by the millions of men and women of other nationalities and races that poured into the country during the last hundred years. As each new wave of immigrants has come to us they have become a part of us and have learned our language and absorbed our traditions and made them their own.

Praises Other Races.

In acknowledging the dominant part that English civilization has played in the making of my own country I do not in any way minimize the debt of gratitude which we owe to other nations. They have made great contributions, not only in art, in literature, in science, and in methods of education, but especially in the millions of loyal citizens who have come to us from every corner of the world and have identified their interests with their adopted country and devoted themselves to its upbuilding.

During the war they gave splendid evidence of their patriotism and proved once and for all that America can assimilate many races and nationalities, each with its own traditions, and that they can be fused into a single people who, in their sense of common voice, may satisfy the accepted definition of what constitutes a nation.

We have not achieved a homogeneous population in America. Few great nations have achieved it. Along the Danube, the Vistula and the Rhine conflicting nationalities have for centuries refused to mingle, while in my own country the Mississippi flows for a thousand miles between a happy and contented people.

Sees Lack of Understanding.

I say this, and in this country, because I have personally sensed a lack of understanding of our foreign-born population which seems to me to be based on a misapprehension of the facts. One Capone does not counterbalance millions of loyal and industrious citizens of whom one never hears. Nor are lawlessness and greed peculiar to any race of any nation.

Those of us who live for a time outside of our own country realize that

one must not attempt to interpret another people solely in terms of one's own, and that even the English-speaking nations, whose civilization fundamentally is so like the parent one from which they came, are not merely duplications of that civilization but are each developing along their own lines and must function in their own way.

A case in point is government and the manner in which it operates. We carried to America from England the idea of a national representative government as already developed here, and they saw a system of liberty that was concerned primarily with placing the limits on the public power and protecting the individual each from the other, as well as from interference from the government.

Divisions of Authority.

Instead of adopting the system of Cabinet responsibility, as you have done here, we have made three divisions of authority—the executive, the legislative and the judicial—each of equal rank and each acting as a check on the other. It was solely intended by the framers of the Constitution, for such an arrangement makes for divided authority. It also makes for safety and is suited to our own needs—and to our own particular decrement.

Nothing more clearly illustrates the different manner in which our Government functions than the way we go about the business of levying taxes. For you, with a Cabinet that stands or falls according to whether its recommendations are accepted by Parliament, it may be comforting to compare the more cumbersome method which we employ.

Last winter, before I left the Treasury, we spent weeks preparing a tax bill. We called in all our experts, and after much effort we succeeded in working out a program of new taxes which we felt would meet the situation. It was sent to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives with the Treasury's blessing, but the Committee would have none of it.

The Committee, which under our system of government has the divine right to initiate tax legislation, framed its own bill and introduced it in the House of Representatives. That body refused to accept it and ended by sending it to the Senate. An entirely new bill was sent, which in its turn the Senate is tearing to pieces and rewriting according to its own ideas.

You see, we have our own way of doing things in America. It is not your way, for we have evolved a system which operates in a different manner from yours, but it will in the end accomplish the necessary results. That is as it should be, I think, due to the geographic conditions of a people spread over such a wide expanse of territory.

We have a fixed tenure of office, so that for a given number of years, at least, we know who will be in power, and that in our particular case makes for stability. In time of war we are willing to delegate to the President and his advisers vast powers, which, as you remember, made the public will effective in time of great emergency. But in times of peace the American citizens reserve the right each to advocate what seems best to him, and to indulge in the great game of politics, which, next to baseball, is perhaps our favorite national pastime.

The resultant clamor may be unintelligible to an outsider who reads only news dispatches from Washington or New York, but neither of these cities, nor any other single place, reflects American sentiment to the same extent that London does with you. In fact, it is often said that our political and financial capitals are perhaps the least typical cities in America.

We who know America realize that the political clamor of which one reads is not a cause for real concern, and that once the American people are convinced that a given course of action is necessary, either because their honor or their safety is involved, nothing can stop them from doing what seems to them right and necessary under the circumstances.

Stresses Country Is Young.

One must remember that America is a young country in outlook as well as in years. Many of our faults are the faults of youth, but we have also the energy and under ordinary circumstances the boundless optimism that goes with youth, and a belief in our capacity to achieve that which we set out to do.

To-day, like other nations, America is bewildered in the face of forces which have overwhelmed the world. We have found that the machine civilization which has been evolved in recent years cannot be made to function with ever-increasing speed, and that new invention and over-production have necessitated a period of slowing down until the world adjusts itself to the conditions that have arisen since the war.

At such a time it is well to remind ourselves that the principles upon which our English-speaking civilization was founded have not changed, and that, being true to those principles, we should weather this storm as we have weathered our other storms before.

Announcement by State Department Indicates United States Favors International Conference on Economic Subjects—Purpose to Stabilize Commodity Prices—War Debts and Reparations Barred.

Announcement that the suggestion that an international economic conference, to be called by the British Government in London, might, in the view of the United States, "be of real value in the present depression," was made in the following statement issued on May 31 by the State Department at Washington:

The suggestion that there should be called an international conference for the purpose of considering methods to stabilize world commodity prices first came to the attention of this Government by an inquiry of the British Ambassador in Washington as to whether we should be interested and would participate in such conference. The suggestion was that it should be called by the British Government in London.

After due consideration, this Government has replied, through Mr. Mellon that it felt that the early convocation of such a conference might be of real value in the present depression. As was stated in the press messages from London, the proposed conference would have nothing to do with war debts, reparations, disarmament, or any other than purely economic subjects. It is our understanding that the British Government is also approaching on the same subject, France, Italy and the other powers.

According to the "United States Daily," the statement followed a suggestion to the Department of State by the British Ambassador in Washington, Sir Ronald Lindsay, that an international economic conference be called.

The New York "Times" in a Washington dispatch May 31 notes that the State Department's announcement came after a conference on that day between President Hoover

and Secretary Stimson. From the same dispatch we take the following:

Officials expect that currency, foreign exchange, the gold standard, silver and other questions will be dealt with and that the range of questions to be taken up will be so wide the conference will take on a general economic character.

MacDonald Telephoned to Stimson.

The statement was accepted as meaning that the projected conference was the subject of the mysterious transatlantic telephone conversation last Wednesday between Secretary Stimson and Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain. It also explained the interview with Mr. MacDonald, published in the "London Daily Mail" yesterday, in which he declared there was urgent need of a world trade conference.

Although Secretary Stimson favors an early convocation of the conference, no date has been set nor has an agenda been agreed upon pending the British negotiations with the other powers. For these reasons, officials expressed the opinion that the conference would not meet prior to the Lausanne or Ottawa conferences, probably not until November.

No extensive study, it was added, has yet been made here of the agenda requirements, but this question is expected to occupy detailed attention as soon as an international agreement has been reached for the conference.

Primarily, it was said on expert authority to-day, the conference can be expected to consider in reference to commodity prices the general application of more liberal credit policies, in the belief that this will stop the shrinkage in prices. Once that has occurred there would, in the view here, be the restoration of confidence that would be reflected in business activity and a gradual increase in prices.

The view was widespread here to-day that the announcement of the conference would increase confidence abroad in the soundness of the dollar.

There were reports to-day that Senator Reed was contemplating introducing a resolution urging international action for adjustment of the world's currencies, but these lacked confirmation. The Senator was non-committal on the question. Should he make such a move, however, it was thought it might link into the projected London conference.

United States Not to Send Observer to Lausanne Conference—Parley Expected to Take Place on June 16 Despite German Government Upset.

At the State Department it was stated orally May 31, said the "United States Daily," that the United States would not send an observer to the Lausanne Conference, since it was expected to deal only with reparations, in which this country had no direct interest.

In a London cablegram May 31 to the New York "Times" it was stated that despite the German Governmental upset, French reluctance and the British Prime Minister's desire for some different sort of gathering, there was every indication that night that the Lausanne conference of European nations to deal with debts and reparations will be held as scheduled on June 16. The cablegram in part added:

There is probably no government in Europe that would not, if it were possible, postpone this crucial meeting, of which so much has been expected and from which so little that is practical in the way of outcome is now really hoped.

Unfortunately—and this word seems to fit the circumstances—practical considerations utterly bar further delay. The Hoover moratorium ends with June. Before then, the nations to which Germany owes money and which, in turn, owe large sums to the United States must know where they stand. Hence the Lausanne conference.

Difficulties of the Situation.

The present positions of the nations concerned seem to be utterly irreconcilable, with no outstanding personality to plead for tolerance, compromise and ultimate agreement on some procedure to meet the most difficult situation that civilization has had to face since the World War.

At first it was France that seemed irreconcilable. What could be accomplished, it was despairingly asked, with such an aggressive ultra-nationalistic personality as that of Premier Tardieu? But the French elections disposed of M. Tardieu, and hope arose that a new spirit had been born in France and might conceivably animate the French delegation. Surely, it was argued, Chancellor Bruening in Germany would realize this and exploit it to the utmost. Thus, hope centred on Herr Bruening.

Now Herr Bruening is eliminated from the political battlefield and the bright hopes have dimmed again.

End of Reparations is Feared.

Herr Bruening had intimated that further payment of reparations would be impossible, without, however, entirely closing the door upon that possibility. There still was hope then, but it is feared that the door is closed now. It may even be locked.

France might have given way a little and Germany a little, and England have stood ready to provide a bridge between their two positions. Now Germany has stiffened, and the prospect is that France will stiffen also.

The best that is expected now, unless the unforeseen happens—and it should be said that the unforeseen has been happening pretty frequently in Europe in recent months—is that the conference may seek and obtain a further extension of the Hoover moratorium, carrying the situation onward until political conditions, both in Europe and America, are really stabilized and statesmen can meet again on firmer ground, with more assurance of ability to take the unpopular course and hazard measures which, taken now, would consign them to oblivion until the world was sane again.

An item regarding the proposed conference appeared in our issue of May 28, page 3900.

Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain Urges Widening Lausanne Parley to Find Way of Reviving World's Commerce.

Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain announced on May 29 he was going to Lausanne with the intention of broadening the scope of the conference to include not only reparations and war debts but also the creeping paralysis that is overtaking international trade. A London cablegram to the New York "Times" from which we quote added:

Like most leaders of British opinion, the Prime Minister is convinced that the Lausanne conference is an opportunity to cut through the tangle of tariffs, quotas and embargoes that is bringing world commerce almost to a standstill. He considers the problem facing the delegates is not only the easing of Germany's debt burdens or Europe's, but the "restarting of world commerce."

The Prime Minister made his statement in the form of a newspaper interview at Lossiemouth instead of through the ordinary diplomatic or political channels. It coincides with the wave of pessimism sweeping England over the prospects at Lausanne, and from the time and manner of its delivery is regarded as a piece of kite-flying designed to win public and governmental support abroad. It is understood his proposal was the chief subject of the mysterious transatlantic telephone call to Secretary of State Stimson last week.

Following is the text of the Prime Minister's statement that will appear in to-morrow's "Daily Mail":

"I am fully determined to go to Lausanne because the business to be transacted there will, I believe, be essential to our future economic position. I think Englishmen of all parties must now see quite clearly that the problem which is to be faced is not merely the recovery of one nation but the re-starting of world commerce.

"The people of this country have not had to submit to economic cuts during the last year and a reduction of income because this country is going down. Exactly the opposite is the truth. These reductions have to be borne by us because the international trade of the world is going down. We had to adopt tariffs not as an end in themselves but because unless we secured ourselves in the midst of the world's collapse we should have been far more hardly hit than we are now.

"I should like to see the Lausanne conference boldly tackle this much bigger problem in all its important aspects, as well as dealing with debts and reparations. It is an international problem and no Nation can settle it for itself.

"Representatives of the British Government will strive with might and main to get the conference to face this large issue, and the experience of all countries during the last six or seven months in particular ought to incline every Nation to take broader views than some of them have done up to now."

Discussing the present situation in Great Britain, Mr. MacDonald said the formation of the National Government had saved it from a serious crisis, so that the country now had a "reputation of confidence reposed in it which is very remarkable."

The interviewer found Mr. MacDonald sitting at his desk in his slippers dealing with a batch of dispatches from London. He was described as in glowing health after his recent eye operation and fully able to go through the strenuous work at Lausanne.

"Despite our difficulties, the storm is really affecting us less than any other country, though we have been hard hit and are still hard hit," he asserted. "We want energy and boldness. We are certainly in possession of the conditions of success. We are not through with our troubles yet, but those who mean to face them with a stout heart and determination have got every encouragement to win through."

John Maynard Keynes, British Economist, Urges Europe to Act "Boldly" at Lausanne—Advocates a United Front, with a Subsequent Friendly Appeal to United States.

Concerted European action at the Lausanne reparations conference, with a subsequent friendly appeal to the United States, was suggested on May 28 by John Maynard Keynes, British economist, according to a London cablegram to the New York "Times," which went on to say:

Asserting that "everything is to be hoped from boldness and nothing from timidity," Mr. Keynes says it is inconceivable that the American Government will reject a constructive overture from Europe.

"European Powers should aim, I think, at drawing up a scheme they themselves think adequate to the case, provided the United States plays its part," writes Mr. Keynes in a letter to the "Financial News." "It is unnecessary that the scheme relate solely to reparations. It might well be advisable that it also cover the disarmament and currency problems.

"But whatever the scheme may be, simple or complex, it should then be forwarded to the United States with an invitation to the administration of that country to enter a conference with the European Powers for its adoption or amendment. I can scarcely conceive that the United States administration would in the present circumstance return a direct negative to an overture of this kind. On the contrary, I believe it is anxious for some kind of constructive initiative from this side of the Atlantic."

French Editor Says World Looks to Us—Jules Sauerwein, Arriving to Survey Conditions, Asserts United States Aid Is Essential to Recovery—Sees "Failure" in France.

Jules Sauerwein, former foreign editor of "Le Matin," in Paris, and now of the "Paris-Soir," arrived on the French liner Ile de France, on May 31, to study conditions in the United States, where, he said (we quote from the New York "Times"), immediate developments, politically and economically, are of "tremendous importance to the future of the world." The "Times" continued:

Mr. Sauerwein, who has been a student of world affairs for 25 years, criticized France for failing to take advantage of her opportunity of the last three years to start the world back to normal when she was the only country in Europe capable of doing it, and declared that her opportunity, as well as her "balance," and the equilibrium of the rest of Europe, were fading fast.

Mr. Sauerwein said he believed the crisis to-day was largely psychological, recalling a conversation with a French woman who had bemoaned conditions and confessed that she was dispirited because she "could not save more than 25% of her income."

"My idea of depression," Mr. Sauerwein commented, "would be when one has not enough to live on, enough to buy bread and meat."

Finds Resistance Weakened.

"A new and distressing happening in the last three years," he declared, "is that the people no longer seem to have the psychological resistance they had during the war. They had it on the battlefields and in the crisis after the war. But now it seems their mental resources are almost ex-

hausted. At least in Europe it is so. The result is, on one side, fear, and, on the other, despair.

"The people on the Continent are off balance—no more equilibrium. I think it is equally foolish to think of Germany starting a war and of France fearing an immediate war. I am almost tempted to say the misfortunes threatening Europe are worse than war. By this I mean that with the so-called elite, the leading people, having failed to determine real ways out, this crisis might be taken in the hands of the mob. If the financial leaders fail, then the most brutal element, the mob—and I don't say it contemptuously—will take the case.

"And it is really a pity, for France in the last three years had a great opportunity. It had the money, the equilibrium and the power. Unfortunately, the Government in France failed to find out the common measures, the sensible co-operation between national and international duties. It is perhaps not too late, but every day, every week, must be used. In a few months it would be too late to save Europe."

Mr. Sauerwein, asked if he favored a United States of Europe, said he advocated some form of economical union, "an economical federation of Europe." "This is the only way of escape," he declared.

Looks to Youth for Remedies.

"We can no longer consider France as being a country alone, with doors closed on the borders," he continued. "The problem is not to be settled in the limit of national economies. I hope that after the conference of Ottawa Great Britain will be willing to co-operate in that work. But soon the situation will have advanced so far that I don't for a moment believe that even Europe could restore the world without the close co-operation of America. All the great economic problems, and every financial settlement, must be discussed with America and the real idea of my present inquiry is to see whether America is psychologically and materially in a condition to support such a hope.

"And that is why the next developments in the United States, both economically and politically, are of such tremendous importance to Europe and the world. Of course, it is of more importance for itself, but it is my deep conviction that what is true for Europe is equally true for America; that to-day no country can save itself by national solutions, even when a nation is so great and powerful."

Mr. Sauerwein said he believed the world lacked great leaders and that he no longer had any faith in "the old fellows." "From the older generation I expect no salvation," he explained. "The old-type statesman is out of his depth in the affairs and problems of to-day. He cannot solve them. It is like placing an Eskimo in Central Africa to hand to the old-time statesmen this problem facing the entire world to-day."

"What we need," he added, "is youth. We need leaders who are young men with world vision, not young men with only national vision, no matter how energetic they may be. In some countries there is this tremendous, marching, youthful force directed toward national aims. Whether the result will be good or bad I do not know. But I know that if there were some way to combine this vigorous force under a directed leadership for a goal common to all nations the world could be righted."

Mr. Sauerwein said he would stay in the United States several weeks, visiting Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington and possibly mid-Western cities. He said he was particularly eager to visit the Middle West because he felt the people there and their problem were different.

Congress Blamed for Gold Outflow—Paris Sees Europe Disquieted by Washington Talk of Currency Inflation Expeditents—Causes Recall of Credits—Bank of France Not Taking Gold Against All Foreign Balances Brought Home.

Under the above head Paris advices May 27 to the New York "Times" stated:

The Bank of France return of Thursday (May 26), covering the position of May 20, shows decrease for the week of 502,000,000 francs in circulation and increase of 518,000,000 in private deposits. Bankers accept this as proving that the circulation is completely saturated and that the French people are returning bank-notes in large quantities to the banks.

The Bank's foreign credits decreased 866,000,000 francs, although the gold reserve increased only 255,000,000. This naturally meant that the Bank was able to sell 611,000,000 of its foreign exchange holdings without taking gold in exchange. That of itself would appear to have reduced market supplies of money by a corresponding amount; but the receipts from these sales of exchange were offset by an almost equivalent decrease in Treasury deposits, and the Bank's reserve ratio rose again from 71.90% to 72.66.

The continued and heavy outflow of gold from America is explained by financial Paris only on the ground of the unfavorable impression created in Europe by New York advices, which seemed to show Congress to be obstinately hostile to the administration's plans for budget equilibrium while constantly discussing inflationist expeditents. This is why, with the European mind in its present extremely nervous and impressionable condition, and in spite of the very clear statements of the American Government regarding maintenance of the gold standard, many people lend ear to persistent though purely imaginative rumors of a coming deflation of the dollar. It can hardly be doubted that this vague apprehension has been the motive underlying the rapid withdrawal of foreign balances from America, which have determined the outflow of gold.

In financial quarters, negotiations are believed to have been opened with America for settlement of the questions arising from the Hoover moratorium. But the new French Government will not be formed until after the meeting of the new Chamber of Deputies in the first days of June, and the moratorium question will therefore be virtually suspended in the meantime. It does not seem to be known what attitude will then be adopted.

So far as the new Parliament is concerned, French financiers are leaning to the opinion that its working majority will not include the Socialists. But if anxiety is thereby lessened concerning domestic politics, it has not decreased in the matter of foreign affairs. From the French viewpoint, the economic situation, both at home and abroad, provides subject for much disquiet.

United Farmers of Alberta and Saskatchewan Favor Abandonment of Gold Standard.

Advices from Saskatoon, Sask., May 30 to the New York "Times" stated:

Abandonment of the gold standard, as recommended by the United Farmers of Alberta, is also desired by the United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan section.

"We consider that inflation or counter-deflation would be of great advantage at the present time," said Frank Ellason, Secretary of the United Farmers of Canada.

"We would urge that governments should take the power of issue of currency entirely into their own hands."

Investigation into Possibilities of Stabilized Empire Currency Recommended to Saskatchewan Government by Various Organizations for Presentation to Imperial Conference.

According to press accounts from Regina, Sask., May 30 investigation into the possibilities of a stabilized empire currency is the first recommendation in several presented to the Saskatchewan Government by representatives of about a score of organizations who have met from time to time to frame an outline of a Saskatchewan brief for presentation to the Imperial Conference in Ottawa in July. It is added that the first official statement on the deliberations was issued May 30 by M. A. Macpherson, Provincial Treasurer, who stated that the Government would give the recommendations the most careful consideration.

Report That Bank of England Gets India Gold—Report of £5,000,000 Purchase, However, Lacks Confirmation.

Under date of May 2, Canadian Press accounts from London to the New York "Times" stated:

Financial observers to-day said they thought the Bank of England had negotiated for a shipment of £5,000,000 in gold from India. Confirmation, however, was lacking from the Bank.

Experts pointed out the Bank of England in the last two weeks had purchased £6,500,000 in gold, some of which they believed had come from India. Local advices said the Peninsular & Oriental liner Malwa sailed to-day from Bombay with £459,000 in gold for Great Britain.

Informed circles ridiculed reports circulated last night that the Indian office had negotiated for purchase of £5,000,000 in gold from Indian bullion merchants. They pointed out negotiations would be conducted through the Bank of England and not through the India office.

We also quote from the "Times" the following from London May 27:

The Bank of England this week purchased £2,500,000 more gold, thereby increasing its gold holdings to £127,000,000, as against slightly over £121,000,000 between November and the middle of May. It was generally supposed on the market that these gold purchases were directly connected with the operation of the exchange stabilization fund, but this does not appear to be officially confirmed.

It was officially stated in Parliament during the week that the purchases were made by the Bank in the normal course of its banking business, and that they were a seasonal operation against the coming demand for exchange when the crops move. This statement tends to increase rather than diminish the atmosphere of mystery which from the first has surrounded the operation of the exchange fund.

Italy's Bank Gains Gold.

The Italian National Bank is showing a constant increase both in its gold holdings and in its reserve ratio, said a wireless message May 27 to the New York "Times," which further said:

The improvement is slow, however, being limited by the country's scant resources and the reduced inflow of foreign valuta. The reserve ratio now stands at 40.57; this is without counting what are regarded as "equivalent reserves," such as Treasury bonds, credit certificates, foreign credits and notes of foreign banks.

These other items amount to 1,483,000,000 lire, and there is also 1,772,000,000 lire in gold deposited in England during the war, but belonging to the Italian Treasury. Inclusion of these items would raise the reserve ratio to 67%. That ratio is further improved by the constant reduction in outstanding note circulation.

There has been no change during recent weeks in the money market or stock market.

Swiss and Dutch Gold Import Ascribed to Foreign Orders.

From Paris May 27 a wireless message to the New York "Times" stated that the large proportion of the American gold exports lately taken by Holland and Switzerland has attracted attention, but it is explained by the fact that these countries, especially Switzerland, hold enormous amounts of capital placed with them by foreigners—particularly Germans—seeking refuge from possible depreciation of their own currency or simply trying to evade fiscal taxes of the home Government. Continuing, the message said:

The "dollar sales" by Holland and Switzerland are thought not to have been made for the greater part on direct account of those countries, but for foreign customers. The gold received by the Swiss National Bank is quite in excess of banking requirements, since the gold reserve, amounting now to 2,540,000,000 Swiss francs, along with 78,000,000 holdings of foreign exchange, very nearly covers circulation and all other sight liabilities. But Switzerland obviously does not wish to renounce her role of a refuge for foreign capital, which has been largely a profitable position.

Continuance of Gold Basis Advocated for South Africa—Parliamentary Committee Sees No Benefit in Abandonment.

Canadian Press advices from Cape Town (South Africa) May 23 stated:

A parliamentary committee appointed last February to pass on the desirability of the continued maintenance of the gold standard in the Union

of South Africa to-day reported that interests of the country demanded its retention.

The committee's report, 20 pages long, said, among other things:

"Abandonment of the gold standard would confer no absolute benefit on the Union and would not increase our National wealth by one penny. . . . It could at best only temporarily alleviate matters by bringing about a redistribution of wealth in the country, the full effects of which it is difficult to foresee."

At the time of the committee's formation the Opposition, led by General Jan Christian Smuts, foe of the gold standard, refused to participate in the face of a declaration by the Government that should the committee's recommendations be unfavorable to its intention of retaining the gold standard they would be ignored.

Denies Lusitania Had Gold—Cunard Purser Says There Was No Specie and Only a Small Bar.

The following is from the New York "Times" of May 31:

According to W. H. Harkness, purser of the Cunarder Carinthia, which arrived yesterday from Liverpool via Belfast and Galway, there was no specie on board the Lusitania when she sailed on her ill-fated voyage May 1 1915.

"I was senior assistant purser," said Mr. Harkness, "and the only gold we had as freight was a tiny bar worth about \$50 which was placed in the safe without any distinguishing mark upon it. There were some cases of empty shells in the hold and 50,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, that was all.

"We have another Lusitania survivor on board besides myself. That is Charles Hotchkiss, the librarian, who was Captain Turner's steward on the voyage."

Former French Ambassador to United States, Henry Berenger Suggests Reduction of One-Third in Reparation Payments.

Victor Henry Berenger, formerly French Ambassador to the United States, who negotiated the Franco-American debt arrangement, suggested in an article published in Paris on May 28 that the Young Plan annuities be reduced one-third to meet a 30% fall in business.

The Associated Press accounts from Paris said:

If the payments then should still prove too heavy for Germany, M. Berenger recommended a moratorium on all payments except 440,000,000 reichsmarks (about \$110,000,000).

He said the debt agreements linked the amount the United States will receive to the amount Germany pays France and that the success of the coming Lausanne Conference is subordinate to a settlement between the United States and Europe.

[M. Berenger negotiated the Berenger-Mellon war debt settlement with the United States in September 1925, in which the total amount of French indebtedness was declared to be \$4,025,000,000. Repayment of this amount with interest was spread over a period of 62 years.]

Stating that Senator Berenger, published in the "Revue de Paris" a detailed examination of the reparations and debts problem which begins with these words, "The whole Lausanne conference depends on a settlement between Europe and the United States but the United States refuses to enter the Lausanne negotiations, and the conference must begin with that dangerous bias." The Paris cablegram, May 28, to the New York "Times" continued:

Objects to Our Role.

"It is not the first time," he writes, "that there has been just such a falsification of the whole situation. America has always sought to direct European affairs but as an observer only. Yet each time that Europe permitted herself to be directed she has not benefited. It is a sure way to lose the game to let any one observe one's cards and play his own only when he likes.

"The rules of the game should be the same for everybody. No one is capable of being in and outside the game at the same time. One plays or does not play.

"This anomaly is all the more inadmissible because the United States is more interested than any one else in a European settlement. In reality it is the controller of its debtors for it imposed the Hoover moratorium last July. By its attitude of abstention in 1932 it seems likely to paralyze any re-establishment of the situation."

Senator Berenger then examines three possible solutions which must be discussed at Lausanne: First, to wipe out all intergovernmental war debts and reparations; second, a simultaneous proportional all-around reduction; third, a general moratorium which would permit a later examination of the question.

With the figures at hand Senator Berenger goes on to show that a clean slate would be above all advantageous to Germany and costly for the United States. It would give an enormous advantage to German industry, he contends.

Reduced Payments Suggested.

"Why should not the Young Plan annuities be simply adjusted to present depressed business conditions?" he asks. "Since economic activity has diminished 30% why not reduce by a third the whole payment of the Hague agreements? If the amount should seem too heavy for Germany to bear, why not extend the moratorium for European payments to the United States and keep payable only two-thirds of the non-postponable part?"

This solution, M. Berenger argues, would have the advantage of reconciling respect for debts with the debtors' capacity to pay. If the attitude of any of the parties involved makes this solution impossible at Lausanne, he says, the only solution will be the adoption of a five-year moratorium.

"A one-year postponement of payments would only increase the present instability," he continues. "A five-year moratorium would be the least of the evils. If that fails, the Lausanne conference will be compelled to leave events to take their course.

"Provision has been made for the situation which would arise if Germany refuses to honor her signature. Recourse must then be had to arbitration. But that will take time. Some weeks, even months, must elapse before the court of five arbitrators can meet to render a decision.

"But what will be the position of America's debtors in the event of the Reich refusing to continue payments? France has no intention of repudiating her signature. Her credit rests on her respect for signed con-

tracts in all circumstances. But she will honor her signature in the form and under the reservations which are attached to her engagements."

Payments Depend on Germany.

The reservations referred to by M. Berenger were attached to the debt settlement agreements by M. Berenger and Joseph Caillaux. They expressly state that France engaged herself to repay only in a measure determined by Germany's payments. Furthermore, since the Washington-London debt agreements were signed the United States obtained a general moratorium on all intergovernmental debts at the expense of the operation of the Young plan. That, in M. Berenger's opinion, creates a new situation, affecting all previous debt agreements and reacting on those between Washington and London.

"The interdependence of signatures," M. Berenger concludes, "dominates the signatures themselves. This going back on contracts and circumstances authorizes France to announce that she will always honor her signature, but that she did not contract to pay her war creditors except to the extent that she is paid by her war debtors.

"If first the Dawes plan and then the Young plan was not respected and executed it was the fault of others. France will not refuse an adjustment of existing contracts to present necessities, but will refuse to carry alone the burden which is taken off the backs of others by the action of any one, Prince or President."

Paul Painleve, Former French Premier Advocates That War Debts and Reparations be Cleaned Off Slate.

Paul Painleve, former French Premier, declared at Rouen on May 29 that the best solution for the whole debts and reparations problem would be to wipe the slate clean. A wireless message from Paris May 29 to the New York "Times" from which we quote, also had the following to say:

Nevertheless, he suggested that to prevent Germany from obtaining too great an advantage over her commercial rivals a kind of compensation fund could be set up which would operate automatically and would tend to establish economic fair play. He admitted his suggestion was personal and might be difficult to realize, but said he was sure it could be realized if the first difficulty of the isolation of the United States from the Lausanne reparations conference could be overcome.

Pledges "Spirit of Concession."

M. Painleve said France would insist on recognition of her rights, but "to their application would bring the largest possible spirit of concession." He said no one in France doubted that Germany was incapable of making further payments and that all were fully aware that these heavy payments between governments were at the bottom of the present crisis because they interfered with the natural play of economic forces.

"France," he continued, "must therefore give up, for a long time at least, any hope of receiving payment of that unconditional annuity established by the Hague agreements."

M. Painleve, who retired from the Presidential contest in favor of Senator Albert Lebrun three weeks ago, declared the recent French elections were a plebiscite in favor of the policy of M. Briand to which the country responded overwhelmingly, undismayed by the violences of Hitlerism and all the excesses of statements and acts on the other side of the Rhine.

He also paid a tribute to Edouard Herriot, who had led the Radical Socialist party to victory, and said the victory must be used to re-establish common sense and confidence.

France would not permit any contracts to be broken, he asserted, and would never submit to the arrogant statement that she had received more than was due.

"But to all men and countries of good faith and good-will she will give help," he concluded.

British Authorities Hold Down Sterling—Financial London Complains That They Are Thereby Supporting Dollar Exchange.

Advices from London, May 27, are taken from the New York "Times":

Only the determination of the British authorities to obstruct an undesired rise in sterling has prevented a considerable advance in sterling this week and a proportionate decline in dollar exchange. It is unfortunately true that the manner in which the American Congress continues to fumble with the national finances has weakened confidence abroad, and that this is the main cause for the weakness of dollar exchange. Improbable as any such event appears to most thinking people, the idea still seems to be prevalent on the Continent that America may yet be forced off the gold standard.

A change in the attitude of Congress and its speedy balancing of the budget will be required to finally dispel this fear. To that main adverse influence on exchange, financial London adds the unfavorable impression made by the announcement regarding resumption of war debt payments to America and the decision of American insurance companies to limit the quantity of gold which they will insure on any one boat. The comment made was that, by thus restricting the outflow of gold from America, the natural corrective influence which large gold exports usually have on an adverse exchange movement is considerably weakened.

In its efforts to prevent sterling from appreciating unduly, the Bank of England is in a sense bolstering up dollar exchange, and this policy is coming in for some unfavorable criticism here. But after all that has been said and done to secure stability for sterling, any change in general policy is out of the question.

Professor Cassel Urges Currency Inflation—Economist Asserts in Oxford Lecture That Gold Standard Countries Can Start Recovery.

According to Professor Cassel, Swedish Economist, the best thing the gold standard countries could do for rapid economic recovery would be immediately to start inflation of their currencies. Reporting Professor Cassel as stating this, in the last of his three Rhodes lectures on the crisis in the world's monetary system. An Oxford (Eng.) wireless message, May 28 to the New York "Times" quoted him as saying:

If this inflation were the outcome of a deliberate, well-conceived policy it could be controlled and consequently the rise in the general level of commodity prices could be kept within such limits as was deemed desirable

for the restoration of the necessary equilibrium between the different groups of prices, wages and commercial debts.

If at the same time France and the United States had the foresight and courage to adopt a program for fulfilling the conditions here outlined for the restoration of the international gold standard system they would thereby make their best contributions toward the restoration of general prosperity.

My duty is to attend these lectures and to state what I think ought to be done in order to rescue the world from the present disastrous conditions of its monetary system. You may rightly ask what are the prospects of such a rational policy being applied in the near future. The answer, I fear, must be that they are not promising.

Wherever in the world we look for help we only find an appalling lack of both insight and resolution. Those who are supposed to be in power proclaim themselves absolutely powerless in monetary matters and refuse to recognize any responsibility for the course of affairs. Thus the chance is lost which perhaps will not recur. Still, there never has been such an opportunity for true leadership as in the present. If we do not act we shall be responsible for the consequences of delay. But, alas, our generation seems to have another remedy than postponement.

The smooth functioning of the gold standard is impossible as long as war debts last. The first condition for the restoration of the international gold standard therefore is the radical cancellation of all war debts. Simple postponement for a few years would be of no use.

Two Big British Railroads Will Pool Receipts to Curb Losses on Lines Where They Compete.

The two biggest railroad companies in Great Britain announced on May 27 they had agreed to pool receipts "wherever there is competition or contact between them." This is learned from a London cablegram May 27 to the New York "Times" which also stated:

The systems involved are the London, Midland & Scottish, with 6,777 miles of track and a capitalization of £413,778,857, and the London & North Eastern, with 6,294 miles of track and a capitalization of £375,764,704. Ever since the earliest days of railroading the two companies have fought for the London-to-Scotland traffic in a competition even more intense than that of the New York-to-Chicago service between the New York Central and the Pennsylvania Railroads.

Last year, because of declining traffic and the competition from buses and trucks, both companies suffered heavy net losses—the Midland £7,919,248 and the North Eastern £4,796,813. Now, to economize and eliminate waste, both have decided to make their passenger tickets interchangeable on all their competing services and to abolish certain local services where there is outright duplication.

To-night's move is regarded as the most important since the amalgamation of British railways into four great systems in 1923. It probably will result in a loss of jobs by several thousand persons. One official said to-night:

"It is better to pay off an ascertained number of men than to continue competition so wasteful that even greater discharges of railway servants would be necessitated later."

The Minister of Transport must approve the new plan before it goes into operation July 1.

The steadily increasing inroads made by motor trucks and buses on the revenues of the British railways led the latter to address to the Government last March an urgent appeal for help. The railroads asserted better balancing of the burdens between themselves and the truck owners was essential.

Their primary demands were for relief from some of the legislation which restricted their own activities and immunity from the local taxes by which the highways are kept up for the benefit of their competitors. They said they did not seek to have any additional restrictions placed on trucks.

Loan to British Columbia Arranged in London at 95.

The following from London, May 23 is from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

Arrangements have been completed for the issuance of a loan to British Columbia to the amount of £1,500,000. Bearing interest at 5% the loan is to be issued at 95. The maturities range from 1957 to 1967. This is the first British Columbia issue in this market since 1914.

Canadian Press advices from London, May 26 stated:

Twenty per cent of British Columbia's £1,500,000 Provincial 5% loan issue was left with the underwriters to-day after the remainder had been sold. Financial observers, considering that the issue was left on the market only one day and at a time when the market was particularly depressed, said the result was quite satisfactory.

Great Britain Authorizes Agreement on War Debt—Ambassador to Sign for Payment of Installments Postponed Under Moratorium—Series of Agreements Negotiated by Treasury With European Countries to Cover \$252,000,000 Moratorium.

The British Government has authorized the British Ambassador to the United States, Sir Ronald Lindsay, to sign an agreement with the United States for the payment of war debt installments postponed under the one year moratorium plan. According to the "United States Daily" of May 26 this was stated orally by the Department of State May 25, following receipt of advices from the British Government. The "Daily" added:

The British debt installments are due June 15 and Dec. 15, but are postponed under the moratorium. The agreement which Great Britain is signing calls for repayment of these two installments over a 10-year period with interest at 4%, according to information obtained orally at the Department of State.

On May 26 a cablegram from London to the New York "Times" said:

According to figures given in the House of Commons to-day, Great Britain, despite the theory laid down in the Balfour note, has paid the United States on account of the war debt about £200,000,000 in excess of what she has received from German reparations and other European debtors among the former war allies.

The information was given in reply to a question by George Lambert. Major Walter E. Elliot, Financial Secretary of the Treasury, said:

"The total British war debt payments to the United States to date amount to £326,200,000. The total British receipts from allied debts and reparations (including the United Kingdom's share in the proceeds of the German Government 5½% loan of 1930) is £200,782,000. The deficit, including interest at 5% on both sides of the account, is about £200,000,000."

"If it cost us that much to win the war," asked Mr. Lambert, "what would we have got if we had lost it?"

Referring to the debt negotiations now proceeding in Washington and Sir John Simon's explanation of them yesterday, Mr. Lambert asked:

"Are we to understand that no further arrangements have been made for payments to the United States beyond what has been stated in the House already?"

"Yes, up to the present," replied Major Elliot.

We also take from the "Times" the following from Washington May 24:

Within the next three weeks the Treasury Department expects that foreign governments will have signed agreements with the United States providing for the payment of the arrears of \$252,000,000 of war debts on which the one-year Hoover moratorium was granted. Under the arrangements now being made these payments will be spread over 10 years at 4%.

Finland and Greece already have signed such agreements. Conversations are in progress on the subject between the United States and Hungary and Germany.

The understanding is that the British Embassy will be authorized to sign within a few days, although no official communication has been received by the Treasury. Some question has been raised relative to the 4% rate of interest provided for the delayed payments by the act of Congress that approved the one-year moratorium. Three per cent originally was suggested.

In accepting the moratorium, however, the interested foreign governments agreed to pay 3% unless the rate of interest was otherwise provided for by Congress. Congress thought a rate of 3% was too low and provided for 4%. No official communication has been received from France, Italy, Belgium, or the other debtors, but officials said to-night they anticipated the signing of the 10-year agreements by all debtors.

The negotiations are being conducted by Secretary Mills directly with the diplomatic representatives of the debtor nations as they, in turn, receive authority from their own governments to sign the agreements. State Department officials said the matter was being handled entirely by Secretary Mills and that the signing of the 10-year agreements was largely a routine matter.

Negotiations for Payment of Suspended War Debts—Sir John Simon Explains British Accord—Tells Parliament No Question of Principle is Involved.

A cablegram as follows from London May 25 is from the New York "Times":

News of negotiations now proceeding in Washington to arrange book-keeping details for the payment of the British arrears on war-debt annuities suspended during the Hoover moratorium aroused considerable misunderstanding in Parliament to-day. It was taken for granted by some members that the information meant the British Government already had committed itself to pay the United States, regardless of its own financial condition and Germany's inability to resume reparation payments.

Sir John Simon allayed the anxiety by assuring the House of Commons that the Washington transaction was a formality implying no decision on any question of principle.

Winston Churchill asked whether such a formality at this particular time would not "prejudice free judgment at the Lausanne conference on the whole subject of war debts and reparations."

"No, I don't think so," replied Sir John. The Foreign Secretary's full statement explaining the matter was:

Under President Hoover's proposal, all intergovernmental payments respecting reparations and war debts were suspended from July 1 1931, to June 30 1932. It was agreed at the London conference held in August last that the amounts so suspended should be paid by 10 equal annuities as from July 1 1933, with interest.

Protocols were signed at the London conference providing for payment on the above lines of the amounts suspended respecting German reparation payments and war debts to this country.

The United States recently requested his Majesty's Government and other governments concerned to sign agreements regarding the amounts suspended respecting their war debts to the United States, and instructions have been sent to his Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to complete and sign the agreement relating to the British war debts. The House will realize, therefore, that this is a formal step necessary to give legal effect to Mr. Hoover's proposal and implies no decision on a question of principle.

British Debt Action Said to Disappoint French—Dims Hope for United Front of Debtors Against United States at Lausanne.

Under date of May 25 advices from Paris to the New York "Times" said in part:

At a moment when, in France, the hope was encouraged that the debtor nations of Europe might be organized on a common front at Lausanne against their American creditor, the action of the British Government in concluding an arrangement with Washington for repayment over 10 years at 4% interest of the suspended annuities has caused in many quarters disagreeable surprise.

What France will do will depend, however, on the next government. The settlement of this issue is one of the many difficult problems Premier Andre Tardieu is leaving over for Edouard Herriot. No decision committing the future can be taken by the present government, which has actually resigned, and the decision as to what France will do must be postponed until a new government is formed.

As this cannot be done until the end of the first week in June, and as the time of the Government will be fully occupied right up to the date set for the Lausanne conference, it is hardly possible that a settlement of the question can be made before the conference begins. In any case, it will be a difficult decision for any French Government to make.

It is interesting in this connection to note that, while the British repaid in capital and interest to the United States since the debt funding agreement up to the end of 1930 \$1,285,000,000, they reduced their capital debt by only \$202,000,000. France, under her settlement, which did not ask for interest payment in the first five years, has paid \$160,000,000 and reduced her capital debt by the same amount.

France to Renew Credit to German Reichsbank—Renewal By Federal Reserve Banks.

A cablegram as follows from Paris, June 2, to the New York "Times" said:

At a meeting to-day the Bank of France decided to join in a renewal of the credit to the Reichsbank "in principle." The questions of reducing the interest rate from 6 to 5% and of a partial reimbursement—probably of 10%—were left as subjects for negotiations. It is expected that a final agreement will be reached to-morrow.

Yesterday (June 3) Associated Press advices from Paris had the following to say:

The financial newspaper, Agence Economique et Financiere, said to-day the Bank of France would renew its one-quarter share of the \$90,000,000 credit to Germany if Germany would agree to an amortization proportional to any increase in the gold reserves of the Reichsbank and any betterment in the general situation.

The rate of interest on the renewal would be 5% instead of 6, it said. Arrangements are now being made, it added, by experts of the Bank of France and the Reichsbank.

The newspaper also said the League of Nations financial commission had agreed on a means of extending financial aid to Austria in which England, Switzerland and Holland were said to be ready to participate. The credit would amount, it said, to about \$21,000,000.

The Federal Reserve Banks have a one-quarter share in the \$90,000,000 maturing credit to the Reichsbank. It was indicated at the New York Reserve Bank yesterday that this participation will be renewed in agreement with the other Central Banks. The New York "Evening Post" notes:

The loan was first made in June 1931, and has since been renewed several times, usually for three months. It was reduced from \$100,000,000 to \$90,000,000 three months ago.

The New York "Journal of Commerce" on May 27 reported the following from Frankfurt-Am-Main:

It became known here to-day by official dispatch that the \$90,000,000 credit to the German Reichsbank from the Bank for International Settlements and three Central Banks has been extended for three months to Sept. 4, subject to the approval of the Bank of France, which has not been accorded as yet.

The Bank of France has been insisting upon some further repayment of the advance, which was originally for \$100,000,000. Furthermore, it has sought to extend the credit only one month, which would make it come due while the Lausanne conference on reparations, which has been called for June 16, would be in session.

Efforts are being made to get the Bank of France to agree to the terms accepted by the other central institutions.

The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that negotiations are under way to take care of the maturity on July 1 of a \$50,000,000 credit to the Gold Discount Bank through a 10% repayment and the extension of the balance for a period of one year. The consent of creditors to this arrangement is anticipated, in view of the first class collateral of bills of exchange put up behind the credit.

Payment of July 1 Interest on Hungarian Bonds.

Speyer & Co. announce that the July 1 1932, coupons of the Hungarian Consolidated Municipal 7½% loan of 1925 will be paid when due out of the reserve fund set aside at the time of the issue of the loan. As the balance of the above reserve fund is insufficient to redeem at par the \$180,000 Hungarian Consolidated Municipal 7½% bonds drawn for the sinking fund, Speyer & Co., as fiscal agents, have been authorized to make payment on July 1 1932, at the rate of 70% of the principal of each drawn bond. As regards the Hungarian Consolidated Municipal 7% loan of 1926, no funds are on hand to pay the July 1 1932, coupon and to comply with the sinking fund provisions.

Bonds of City of Budapest (Hungary) Dealt in "Flat" on New York Stock Exchange.

The following notice was issued by Secretary Green of the New York Stock Exchange on June 1:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Committee on Securities.

Notice having been received that the interest due June 1 1932 on City of Budapest external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, loan of 1927, due 1962, is not being paid:

The Committee on Securities rules that beginning Wednesday, June 1 1932, and until further notice the said bonds shall be dealt in "Flat" and to be a delivery must carry the June 1 1932, and subsequent coupons.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Leniency on Debts Asked by Premier Karolyi of Hungary—Bases Plea for Cut in Interest Rate of Foreign Obligations on Drop in Prices—Says Budget Is Balanced.

The reduction in the interest rate on her foreign obligations which Hungary is trying to obtain from American and other creditors was one of the topics discussed by Premier Count Julius Karolyi in a talk with Louis Wiley of New York, said Budapest advices June 1 to the New York "Times" from which we also quote as follows:

Reviewing what has been accomplished since he assumed office almost a year ago, Count Karolyi said: "The first task was to re-establish the equilibrium of the State budget and perfect success was achieved. At a cost of heavy privations and by

reducing both public investments and the standard of living in general, the Hungarian people and the Government were able to cut down in less than a year the expenditure of the exchequer by about \$26,000,000.

Says Currency Is Stable.

"Simultaneously with the balancing of the budget the value of Hungarian currency had to be stabilized, because any symptoms of inflation might have precipitated consequences which could have upset not only the order of things in this country but have had an effect which would certainly have spread also over practically all the States of Central Europe. The Hungarian Government contrived to solve this most delicate and difficult problem, and the consequence is that the value of the currency has been absolutely consolidated.

"When in consequence of a decrease in the country's trade the stock of foreign currencies in the Hungarian National Bank diminished to a point where it was scarcely sufficient to assure the importation of the most vital raw materials and when the same stock had also to cover our foreign obligations, until the strain upon the bank seemed to be jeopardizing the stability of the Hungarian currency, the Hungarian Government felt compelled to create a quiet atmosphere by partly suspending for one year the transfer of foreign currencies on Hungarian obligations abroad.

"The intention of the Hungarian Government is to employ this period of rest for the conclusion with foreign creditors of conventions satisfactory to both parties. Up to now the negotiations seem on the point of a satisfactory issue.

"It is my firm belief that the creditors, if they satisfy themselves that Hungary really is doing her utmost to meet her obligations, will certainly adopt an attitude of full understanding, the more so as it will be to their own interest to prevent a debtor who is absolutely loyal and willing to pay from being precipitated into bankruptcy.

"The public opinion of Hungary unanimously expects a reduction in our liabilities. This interest by now is far out of proportion if compared with the value of our produce and with present prices. The demand for such a reduction seems absolutely fair. However, the Government intends to seek a solution only through an agreement with foreign creditors.

Warm Toward Tardieu Plan.

"The considerations prevailing for the time being in our foreign policy are chiefly economic. The Hungarian Government is considering the Tardieu plan with perfect understanding because it seems to be another step toward a solution of the general trouble.

"Although the plan cannot be given more definite form at its inception, we who are watching the situation in Europe know well that this or some similar scheme is certain not to vanish definitely from the scene.

"Nevertheless, we must emphasize, as was also outlined in the Tardieu plan, that such a scheme must not be limited to an isolated group of States, but that it is necessary to keep the way open for the Danubian States to conclude conventions and to intensify their relations with other countries."

Hungary Signs Debt Accord.

An agreement for funding the suspended debt of \$69,342 due the United States from Hungary during the 1932 fiscal year was signed in the office of Secretary of the Treasury Mills at Washington on May 28 by the Hungarian Minister. A Washington dispatch to the New York "Times" said:

The debt, suspended as a result of the moratorium, will be paid over a ten-year period. Four per cent interest will be paid.

Debt Agreement With United States Signed by Germany—First Power to Arrange for Refunding Deferred Payment Under Moratorium Plan.

From the "United States Daily" of May 27 we quote the following:

Germany has signed the formal agreement for the one-year moratorium, running from June 1931 to June 1932, becoming the first large debtor nation to close the formal agreement which includes a repayment provision, it was stated orally, May 26, at the Treasury Department.

Finland and Greece are the only others of the 16 debtor nations to have signed the actual agreement, although the general principles of the moratorium were agreed to last summer. Other nations are expected to sign before the middle of next week, it is said:

Additional oral information furnished follows.

During the current fiscal year Germany was to have paid the United States \$6,000,000, as an annual payment toward defraying the costs of the American army of occupation. Germany is the only debtor country whose payment is not to retire a debt incurred by borrowing.

Finland's payment this year was to have been \$312,295, and Greece's instalment was to have been \$1,009,080. Under the formal agreements, just signed, these sums will be funded over the next 10 years with interest.

The following from Washington May 26 is from the New York "Times":

On behalf of the German Government, Ambassador von Prittwitz to-day signed an agreement for funding of the delayed moratorium payment, due the American Government, over a 10-year period. A total of \$6,000,000 for Germany was suspended as a result of the year's moratorium.

Accord Signed by Finland for One-Year Moratorium on Debts—Other 15 Countries Debtor to United States Expected to Affix Seals to Agreements.

Finland is the first of the nations indebted to the United States to sign the formal agreement covering the one-year moratorium on payments due during the fiscal year 1932, granted by Act of Congress last January, and providing for the funding and payment of the postponed amount over the next 10 years, according to oral statements made May 24 at the Treasury Department said the "United States Daily" of May 25, from which we also take the following:

The other 15 debtor countries are expected to sign before the close of the week, it was stated.

The agreement by which Finland agrees to pay the \$312,295 not collected during the present fiscal year was signed May 23 in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills, by the Finnish Minister, L. Astrom, who affixed his country's seal to the document, according to the oral statements.

Other Treaties Expected.

Negotiations looking toward formal agreement have been under way for some time, and the Treasury Department expects to have most of the treaties signed before May 28, it was said. Additional information made available follows.

A total of \$252,566,803 was not collected from foreign debtors by this country on account of the moratorium. Of this amount \$184,222,186 was to be interest payments applicable to current running expenses of the Government, and \$68,344,617 was to be principal repayments applicable to reduction of the public debt. Under the agreements now being signed, these sums plus interest will be paid during the coming 10 years.

Debts of Countries.

More than \$209,000,000 of the total is due from the two principal allies in the World War, Great Britain and France. Great Britain owes \$159,520,000 and France \$50,000,000. Germany is to pay \$6,000,000 for the costs of the American Army of Occupation. The countries and the amounts they owe for this year are:

Austria, \$287,556; Belgium, \$7,950,000; Czechoslovakia, \$3,000,000; Estonia, \$600,372; Finland, \$312,295; France, \$50,000,000; Great Britain, \$159,520,000; Greece, \$1,009,080; Hungary, \$69,342; Italy, \$14,706,125; Latvia, \$250,653; Lithuania, \$224,545; Poland, \$7,486,835; Rumania, \$800,000; Jugoslavia, \$250,000; Germany, \$6,000,000.

Italy to Sign Agreement With United States on War Debt.

The following Rome (Italy) cablegram May 26 is from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

Repayment in 10 installments of Italian debt payments waived by the Hoover moratorium will be provided for in an agreement which the Italian Ambassador to the United States has been instructed to sign, it was announced to-day by the Foreign Office.

Debt Funding Agreement Between Belgium and United States.

An agreement covering the funding of the war debt annuity postponed under the Hoover moratorium has been reached by the Belgian and United States Governments, it was learned on May 27, said Associated Press advices from Brussels, which also stated:

It is understood to be similar to that recently reached by the United States and Great Britain.

Austrian Transfer Moratorium Postponed.

Under date of May 28 the Commerce Department at Washington announced the receipt of a cablegram from Commercial Attache Gardner Richardson, Vienna, stating that the proposed Austrian transfer moratorium has been postponed awaiting the results of the meeting this week of the newly created League of Nations mixed commission for study of the Danubian situation. The Department's announcement added:

It has been semi-officially announced that the League of Nations loan to Austria will be unaffected temporarily by the proposed moratorium, as foreign exchange for the next two coupons is already provided.

Despite the postponement, however, the moratorium is still anticipated, in the form, perhaps, of schilling deposits in the National Bank instead of payments abroad in foreign exchange.

Austrian imports from the United States during April totaled 4,900,000 schillings, a small decrease from March, but shipments of fruit, lard, lubricating oils and automobiles increased during the month, the cable stated. (Schilling equal to about 14c. on May 26.)

Regarding the postponement of moratorium action by Austria, a cablegram from Vienna, May 27, to the New York "Times" said:

Officially it is stated this postponement is a matter of international politeness in order not to anticipate the verdict of the newly appointed League of Nations' Mixed Commission on Austria.

Austria clearly is anxious to obtain the sanction of the League for her proposed declaration of a transfer moratorium rather than to follow Hungary's example and declare one without the League's approval. Apparently also she has a faint hope the League may yet recommend a loan, which would enable a moratorium to be avoided, although it appears such a hope is baseless.

Sir Robert Kindersley and Colonel Shuster of the Bank of England and Joseph R. Swan of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, representing the foreign creditors of the Creditanstalt, have been in Vienna for several days, negotiating with the board of the Creditanstalt. So far the creditors are not prepared to accept the Creditanstalt's proposals.

The same paper reported the following, from Vienna, May 23:

Dr. Viktor Kienboeck, Governor of the National Bank, having reported on his return from Geneva that the great Powers were inclined to help Austria financially but were undecided as to how or when, the Cabinet discussed to-day the imposition of a transfer moratorium on the external debt.

The Government probably will issue an order next week-end suspending the payment of foreign obligations except in schillings, which will be paid into the account of the creditors and will be available then for purchases in Austria. As the money for the payment of the June coupons on the League of Nations loan has already been deposited abroad the question of suspending its transfer has not yet arisen.

Premier Mussolini of Italy Acts to Save Austria—Asks Immediate Parley of Powers and League—Finds Economic Crisis Acute.

The following (Associated Press), from Rome, May 28, is from the New York "Evening Post":

Premier Mussolini considers the economic situation in Austria so grave that to-day he took steps to bring about an immediate meeting of British, French and German financial experts with the Financial Commission of the League of Nations in order that something may be done.

The Premier instructed Foreign Minister Dino Grandi to have the Italian Ambassadors at London, Paris and Berlin urge the three Governments to hold the meeting without further delay.

Three Powers Said to Favor Loans to Austria If Debts Are Met—Great Britain Proposes International Aid—France and Italy Join Project—Transfer Moratorium Looked for Unless League Makes Unexpected New Loan.

Financial assistance was promised to Austria by representatives of Great Britain, France and Italy on May 21, speaking before the Council of the League of Nations, it was stated in Geneva advices, May 21, to the New York "Evening Post," which also had the following to say:

Captain R. A. Eden, British delegate, said his Government was ready to join in an international loan to Austria and to do what it could to permit the Vienna Government to repay to the Bank of England its credit of 100,000,000 schillings (currently about \$14,000,000).

British participation, Captain Eden explained, depended on Austria's continuing to meet payments on foreign obligations.

Joseph Paul-Boncour of France associated his Government with the British proposal, but declared that "any partial or limited plan of relief will be inadequate." The financial crisis is not confined to Austria or to the Danubian States, Senator Paul-Boncour said.

The Italian delegate promised participation by his Government in efforts of the other great Powers to relieve Austria financially.

Under date of May 24, Associated Press cablegrams from Vienna stated:

Austria's transfer moratorium will be announced Saturday, the newspaper "Der Tag" said to-day, unless the League of Nations comes to her rescue with a new loan, which the greatest optimists doubt.

Pessimistic reports to the Cabinet by President Kienboeck of the National Bank regarding his negotiations at Geneva have convinced the Cabinet, the newspaper said, that the final step must be taken in order to safeguard Austrian currency. The Cabinet announced it was preparing the declaration of the moratorium, which will be submitted to Parliament.

It was pointed out that Austria is willing to fulfill all its obligations, but is not able to transfer interest payments in foreign currencies.

Whether the League of Nations loan would be hit by the moratorium was still undecided, the newspaper said.

It was pointed out that in the event of a moratorium interest due creditors would be deposited in the National Bank in local currency. Exportation of Austrian schillings would not be permitted, but a new regulation would allow creditors to buy Austrian goods with schillings, thus enabling them to utilize their schilling accounts.

Political and industrial leaders asserted the measure would bring some relief to unemployment.

Capital Revised by Wiener Bank-Verein, Vienna.

Rudolf Hahn, New York representative of Wiener Bank-Verein, announced on May 31 the receipt of the following cable message received from the Wiener Bank-Verein, Vienna:

Following the example of German and Czechoslovakian banks, we are reconstructing the capitalization of our organization by canceling 550,000 shares of our capital stock in our possession. Our balance sheet as of end of 1931 will value our entire holdings of securities and our participations where officially quoted at market or lower and where no official quotations obtainable commensurate writeoffs have been made. All losses from loans have been written off and potential risks have been appropriately provided for.

After making use of our reserve funds we reduce remaining share capital from 44,000,000 schillings to half that amount and show reserves of 5,000,000 schillings. Prompted by their confidence in our institution, our large stockholders, the Society Generale de Belgique Bruxelles, the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger Bruxelles and the Deutsche Bank und Discontogesellschaft Berlin are taking over 13,000,000 schillings par value and an Austrian group under the leadership of the Austrian National Bank 10,000,000 schillings par value of new stock at par. The new shares, which will be known as Litera A shares are privileged only in case of liquidation and are otherwise equal with the remaining old shares then known as Litera B shares, particularly in respect of dividend rights.

After a dividend of 6% of par has been paid for three years the difference between Litera A and Litera B shares can be eliminated. It is not intended to have the Litera A shares listed. After completion of the above transaction we shall dispose of a share capital of 45,000,000 schillings and a reserve fund of 5,000,000 schillings. Transaction is everywhere well commented upon as proof of confidence shown by large stockholders and on account of improved capital basis caused by increase in our own assets.

Temporary Import Agreement Signed by United States and France—Provides for Relief from French Restrictions on American Goods.

A Franco-American import agreement serving as a temporary measure against French restrictions on American imports was signed June 1 between Premier Tardieu and the American Ambassador to France, Walter E. Edge, said the "United States Daily" of June 2, from which we also quote:

A summary of the agreement made public by the Department of States showed that American goods would be given most favored nation treatment, and that before quotas are put into effect on American goods, importers will have an opportunity to discuss the question with the French authorities.

Ambassador Edge is returning to the United States immediately the Department stated orally but it has no information that he is coming back for the purpose of negotiating a commercial treaty with France, as was reported in France.

The Department's announcement follows in full text:

As a result of the quota negotiations which Ambassador Walter E. Edge has, for some weeks, been carrying on with the French Government, certain rules, effective immediately, which will serve as a temporary measure of interim relief, will be observed by the French Government in the fixing of new quotas or in renewing existing quotas affecting American exports to France. These rules are in substance as follows:

1. Most favored nation treatment, on the basis of importations, will be accorded American products.
2. When quotas are of especial interest to American industries, the latter will be given an opportunity to participate in conversations between industrialists relating to the fixing of the quota in question.
3. Goods en route at the time a quota is announced will be permitted entry and charged against future quota allotments.
4. A license system in respect of industrial products is provided for. The existing license system used for agricultural products will be continued.
5. Statistics with regard to the current status of importations subject to quota will be currently at the disposal of importers.

Indicating that the new agreement governing quotas for future American imports into France involves millions of dollars, a Paris message June 1 to the New York "Times" stated:

The agreement will assure American exporters of material increases in important quotas, including radio sets, with an increase of 20%, meaning a trade value of about \$64,000 annually, and radio tube imports are increased 45%, amounting to \$54,000.

Consultation Is Pledged.

Imports of tools are increased 45%, valued at \$52,000. Leather products, electrical machinery, paper and lumber also are benefiting.

Moreover, it is understood that the French are agreeing to consult Americans and others when quotas are contemplated—something never done before and one of the greatest sources of friction.

The terms of the agreement will not be published until the day of Mr. Edge's arrival in the United States on June 7. It will remain in vigor pending negotiations for a more complete accord and assures the United States of most-favored-nation treatment.

The agreement is understood to constitute the first step toward a general commercial treaty and takes the place of present *modus vivendi* effective since November 1927, which though assuring most-favored-nation treatment for 471 American commodities, could never have been considered binding. It covered only a temporary situation and could be denounced at will.

Mr. Edge at the boat-train this morning expressed profound satisfaction and special appreciation to M. Tardieu and officials of the Foreign Office, "who, despite the exigencies of the domestic political situation and many unsolved international problems, such as disarmament and the financial question, approved a measure that will bring relief to every section of the United States."

The American Chamber of Commerce here, whose strenuous efforts to arouse public opinion against the quotas had lined up every American merchant in Paris behind the movement, likewise expressed gratification in a statement this evening. It said:

"The chamber has felt from the outset that some form of relief must be found without delay and hopes the present agreement will provide the means for overcoming the tremendous hardships of the quota restrictions to American trade."

Observers here also are expressing interest in the fact that the most-favored-nation agreement as an economic principle has received new impetus at a time when many European economists are sounding its death knell.

British, Dutch and Swiss Ministers Join in French Protest Against Agrarian Bond Conversion Plan of Rumanian Government.

A cablegram, as follows, from Bucharest, May 28, is from the New York "Times":

The British, Dutch and Swiss Ministers to Bucharest to-day followed the example set by the French Minister a few days ago in protesting to the Rumanian Government against the plan for conversion of agrarian debts on the ground that it endangers the leu, to whose stabilization the four countries have contributed financially.

This protest and the sharp criticisms contained in the report on Rumanian State finances by Charles Rist of the Bank of France have greatly weakened the position of the Jorga Government, the more so since the agrarian debt conversion plan is a proposal of Finance Minister Argetoianu, "strong man" of the Cabinet. None of the Opposition parties is yet anxious to take office, but a new concentration Cabinet under Nicholas Titulescu is not an impossibility if King Carol decides on a change.

It has been admitted even by M. Argetoianu that his farmers' debt scheme would mean the liquidation of small provincial banks. But this one-sided conversion under which it is proposed to substitute for short-term debts at high interest rates 30-year bonds at 4% promises to affect nearly all the banks except the big ones in Bucharest, which would ease trade and industry rather than agriculture, and to endanger the position of the National Bank and its currency.

The National Bank has rediscounted about \$18,000,000 worth of farmers' bills and a like sum for the provincial banks. These credits would be frozen solid by M. Argetoianu's scheme. Another injurious and unexpected effect is to make it impossible for the farmer to obtain credits on this year's crops.

Rumania, which has held out longer than all her neighbors of Central Europe against the imposition of exchange restrictions, has made great efforts to continue payment of her foreign obligations but now also is in difficulties. She had less of a foreign debt than her neighbors but her budgetary position has been worse.

Not only is the army pay greatly in arrears, but thousands of soldiers have been sent on leave to save the money required to feed them. Civil servants have been receiving their greatly reduced salaries weeks and even months late, and in some parts of the country pensionaires of the State have lain in rows across railroad tracks as a protest against the non-payment of pensions.

Under date of May 27, Associated Press accounts from Bucharest stated:

A tense political situation has developed as the result of a report of French experts who criticized Rumania's financial status and particularly the assumption by the Government of the farmers' debts.

The Ministers of France, Great Britain, Holland and Switzerland have also protested on the ground that the stabilization of Rumania's currency, in which their countries have participated, was being endangered.

The debt conversion transfers the farm debts to the Government and gives the farmers 20 years to repay.

In Government circles the affair was minimized, but the capital was buzzing with rumors, including a prediction that the Cabinet would be shaken up.

Report of French Expert Investigating Rumania's Economic Position.

From Bucharest, June 1, Associated Press advices said:

The publication to-day of the full text of the report by Charles Rist, the French financial expert who has been investigating Rumania's economic position, disclosed that the Government had not enough money to pay even half its civil service salaries.

The report, coming a day after the resignation of the Jorga Cabinet, sharply criticizes the budgetary policy of the past 10 years, during which expenditures habitually exceeded possible income.

Public works undertaken by the Government and its assumption of the farmers' debts not only caused budget deficits and disturbed the general economic situation, Mr. Rist wrote, but threatened the stability of Rumania's currency.

The report discouraged any hope for a foreign loan and urged a drastic reorganization of State finances. M. Rist recommended a wholesale reduction in the number of Government employees and a salary cut of perhaps as much as 50%.

Bonds of Republic of Estonia Retired Through Sinking Fund.

Hallgarten & Co., fiscal agents, announce that they have purchased for the sinking fund \$44,000 principal amount of Republic of Estonia (Banking and Currency Reform, 7% Loan, 1927, due July 1 1967). These bonds have been retired and there now remains outstanding \$3,804,000 par value of bonds. The fiscal agents also announce that they have received funds for the payment of the July 1 1932 interest on all outstanding bonds.

Lisman Salvador Committee to Collect Interest Without Charge.

Announcement is made to holders of the certificates of deposit issued by the New York Trust Co. for Republic of El Salvador Customs first lien 8% sinking fund gold bonds, that the Bondholders Protective Committee, of which F. J. Lisman is Chairman and Douglas Bradford, Secretary, will collect from the fiscal agent, for distribution to the depositing bondholders, the full amount of the July 1 1932 coupons without retention of any part thereof for the expenses of the Committee. These funds represent customs revenues collected under the supervision of the fiscal representative prior to the taking over of the customs receipts by the new Government of El Salvador for its own account. Holders of the certificates of deposit may receive the interest payment by tendering their certificates to the New York Trust Co.

Rulings of New York Stock Exchange Regarding State of Minas Geraes (Brazil) Bonds.

On June 1 the following notices were issued by the New York Stock Exchange:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. Committee on Securities.

Referring to the ruling of the Committee on Securities dated March 1 1932, Sec. 402.

Notice having been received that payment of \$6.56 per \$1,000 bond will be made beginning June 6 1932, on account of the interest due March 1 1932, on State of Minas Geraes 6½% secured external sinking fund gold bonds of 1928, due 1958:

The committee on securities further rules that the bonds be quoted ex-interest \$6.56 per \$1,000 bond on Monday, June 6 1932; that the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "Flat" and to be a delivery after June 6 1932, must carry the March 1 1932, coupon stamped as to payment of \$6.56 per \$1,000 bond and subsequent coupons. Such coupons must be securely attached and bear the same serial number as the bond.

Referring to the ruling of the Committee on Securities dated March 1 1932, Sec. 403.

Notice having been received that payment of \$6.56 per \$1,000 bond will be made beginning June 6 1932, on account of the interest due March 1 1932, on State of Minas Geraes secured external gold loan of 1929, Series A, 6½% Bonds, due 1959:

The Committee on Securities further rules that the bonds be quoted ex-interest \$6.56 per \$1,000 bond on Monday, June 6 1932; that the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "Flat" and to be a delivery after June 6 1932, must carry the March 1 1932, coupon stamped as to payment of \$6.56 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.

The payment of interest as above on bonds of the State of Minas Geraes was noted in our issue of May 28 page 3903.

Ends Bolivian Board on United States Loan—Salamanca Issues Decree After Refusal of Congress to Set Aside Further Funds.

The following wireless message from La Paz, Bolivia, May 25, is from the New York "Times":

President Salamanca issued a decree to-day abolishing the fiscal commission which represented United States bondholders under the Equitable Trust loan of 1922 and transferred its function to the national tax collecting concession.

The loan contract set up the Commission, which was appointed by United States bankers but paid by the Bolivian Government. Congress recently refused to appropriate further funds on the ground that the commission's control of the Government's revenue constituted an offense against the sovereignty of the nation.

The State Department's protest in the name of the bankers that the loan contract should be fulfilled has aroused widespread indignation and charges of American imperialism.

President Salamanca transferred the American member of the control commission to be adviser to the National Audit Bureau, thereby complying with that part of the contract providing for a high salary for the representative of the United States bankers. Bolivia has been in default on this and other United States loans since January 1931.

Bolivia to Allow Unemployed Five Acres Each for Gold-Mining.

According to La Paz, Bolivia advices May 21, to the New York "Times" the Secretary of Industry has sent instructions to departmental authorities to grant a maximum of two hectares (nearly five acres) of goldwashing areas and metal veins to every unemployed workman who desires to exploit these reserves. The cablegram continued:

The only condition is that each beneficiary pay the Government 12½% royalty. For such purposes the unemployed will be exempt from all taxes and certain formalities prescribed by the mining law.

A number of applications are said to have been filed already, principally near La Paz, where gold will be washed, near Oruro for tin and near Potosi for silver.

New York Stock Exchange Notice Regarding Dealings in Brazilian Bonds.

Notices as follows were issued yesterday (May 26) by the New York Stock Exchange.

United States of Brazil 20-Year External Gold Loan 8% Bonds, Due 1941—Interest.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Committee on Securities.

May 26, 1932.

Notice having been received that the interest due June 1 1932 on United States of Brazil 20-year external gold loan 8% bonds, due 1941, will not be paid in cash but that provision has been made for payment in 20-year funding bonds of 1931:

The Committee on Securities rules that beginning with transactions of Wednesday, June 1 1932, the bonds shall be ex the June 1 1932, coupon;

That the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery must carry the Dec. 1 1932, and subsequent coupons; also

That funding bonds or fractional certificates therefor received in payment of coupons shall not be deliverable with the bonds.

United States of Brazil 30-Year 7% Gold Bonds, Due 1952—Interest.

May 26 1932.

Notice having been received that the interest due June 1 1932, on United States of Brazil 30-year 7% gold bonds, due 1952, will not be paid in cash but that provision has been made for payment in 20-year funding bonds of 1931:

The Committee of Securities rules that beginning with transactions of Wednesday, June 1 1932, the bonds shall be ex the June 1 1932, coupon;

That the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery must carry the Dec. 1 1932, and subsequent coupons; also

That funding bonds or fractional certificates therefor received in payment of coupons shall not be deliverable with the bonds.

Ashbel Green, Secretary.

Funds Available for Purchase of Argentine Bonds Through Sinking Fund.

J. P. Morgan & Co. and the National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agents, are notifying holders of Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, issue of June 1 1925, due June 1 1959, that \$341,728 in cash is available for the purchase for the sinking fund of so many of these bonds as shall be tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par. Tenders of such bonds, with subsequent coupons attached, should be made at a flat price, below par, either at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall Street, or the head office of the National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street, before 3 p.m. July 1 1932.

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, acting for the fiscal agents, is notifying holders of Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, series B, due Dec. 1 1958, that approximately \$235,165 in cash is available for the purchase for the sinking fund of so many of these bonds as shall be tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par. Tenders at such prices are invited and should be delivered at the trust department of the bank, 11 Broad Street, before 3 p.m. June 13 1932, when they will be opened.

Control of Foreign Exchange by Argentine Government Criticized by Duke of Atholl.

A Buenos Aires cablegram May 31 to the New York "Times" said:

Speaking to-day at the luncheon of the British Chamber of Commerce, the Duke of Atholl and others criticized the control of foreign exchange by the Government as excessive. The Duke said foreign concerns here were unable to send interest or earnings abroad at need and therefore it was

illogical to expect that new money would come here while the regulations were enforced.

The Duke also said the Ottawa conference would not be used as a club to hit foreigners, as the British Empire was a table big enough to take all old friends, but there must be a friendly exchange. He suggested that as Argentine produce was all sold in sterling, the country should be ready to take payment in British manufactures.

Expect Favorable Argentine Balance—Exchange Control Board Finds Influx of Funds for Investment—Excessive Loss of Gold Reported Checked.

A cablegram as follows from Buenos Aires May 23 is from the New York "Times":

Government control of foreign exchange has been effective in stopping excessive loss of gold by Argentina, according to a report issued by the Foreign Exchange Control Board. The figures published show that during the first quarter of the current year only 4,984,926 gold pesos (about \$2,900,000 at the current rate of exchange) were exported, while gold shipments in the corresponding period of last year amounted to 65,609,000 gold pesos, a sum more than 13 times as high. In pointing to this result, the report of the Control Board expresses the opinion that the success in maintaining stable exchange rates with reduced specie shipments proves the soundness of Argentina's economic position.

Purchases of foreign exchange by Argentine banks during the first three months of the current year amounted to 426,856,700 paper pesos (\$109,000,000), more than half of that amount being bills of exchange disposed of by Argentine grain exporting firms. The amount of foreign exchange sold during the same period nearly equaled purchases, amounting to 425,359,200 paper pesos.

This total of foreign exchange sold by the banks during the first quarter of 1932 was used as follows: For payment of imported merchandise, 211,805,300 pesos (paper); for financial services, including interest on public debts, dividend payments by foreign corporations, &c., 60,000,000 pesos; private remittances, 68,000,000 pesos, and the balance went for ordinary remittances by foreign-owned public utility enterprises.

The report also points out that foreign exchange purchases include an influx of funds from abroad for investment, in Argentine enterprises, notably manufacturing, and anticipates a further growth of this item, making a favorable balance of international payments for Argentina in 1932 highly probable. In contrast the Argentine bankers, Ernesto Tornquist & Cia., calculated adverse balances of 85,000,000 gold pesos (\$50,000,000) for 1930 and 39,000,000 gold pesos (\$23,000,000) for 1931.

Argentine Loan Subscriptions.

The following from Buenos Aires, June 2, is from the New York "Times":

The Patriot Loan is going slow, but already 95,000,000 pesos (\$24,000,000) has been pledged in the Conversion Office, increasing the note issue by 90,000,000 pesos (\$20,000,000). The gold backing is now 44.6%.

Panama Pays Her Debts—\$2,201,874 Obligation Left by Old Regime Reported Wiped Out.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Panama City May 29:

Debts of \$2,201,874 left by the Administration overthrown by the revolution of January 1931 were paid in the first fiscal year of the Alfaro Administration, according to a report issued by the Comptroller General's office. The public debt of \$20,278,580 on March 1 1931 was reduced to \$18,076,706 on April 30 1932.

The foreign debt, all contracted in the United States, on which service was paid promptly, consists of two loans of \$4,500,000 and \$12,000,000, on which \$1,000,000 has been paid in interest and principal. It is pointed out that this record was made despite the fact that the year required unusual expenses on account of elections and that Panama is one of the few Governments in the world that have not reduced the pay and the number of their public employees.

Peru Substantially Increases Certain Consular Fees.

The Peruvian Congress has passed a bill increasing the consular invoice fee on parcel post shipments to Peru from 3% to 5% ad valorem, calculated on the f.o.b. value, and the fee for the issuance or visa of ships' bills of health from \$3 to \$6, according to a cable to the Department of Commerce from Assistant Commercial Attache Julian D. Smith, Lima. The Department on May 27 also said:

The consular invoice blanks are to be supplied only by Peruvian consuls at a price to be determined later, and the consular fee is to be entirely collected by the Peruvian consuls abroad.

The date when this bill will be promulgated, as well as the date on which it will become effective, is not yet known.

Bill Signed in Peru Would Lower Gold Backing of Sol and Correspondingly Increase Its Silver Backing.

Associated Press advices from Lima, Peru, May 23 said:

Bills to lower the gold backing of the sol, establish a National Budget Commission, and reduce the capital of the Central Reserve Bank have been introduced in Congress by Finance Minister Ignacio Brandariz to ease the financial situation.

The Budget Commission, composed of five Congressmen and two financial experts, would control the National income and expenditures.

The gold backing of the sol would be reduced from about 98% to 50% with a corresponding increase in the silver and marketable paper backing. This would permit the Central Bank to increase the National currency from 38,000,000 soles to 76,000,000. [The par value of the sol is 28 cents. The current quotation on foreign exchanges is 25 cents.]

United Press advices from Lima on May 31 stated that President Luis Sanchez Cerro signed on that day the bill fixing the gold backing of the sol at 50% of the paper money in circulation. A bill creating a Congressional board to

supervise Government expenditures and revenues also was signed.

A cablegram from Lima June 1 to the New York "Times" said:

A decline in the gold coverage for Peruvian currency from 92.01% on April 30 to 7.55% on May 30 was reported to-day. On April 30 there were outstanding 46,318,000 soles, with a gold backing here and abroad of 42,138,000 soles, and on May 30 there were notes totaling 50,012,000 soles, with a gold backing of 38,785,000 soles.

As a consequence of a recent decree fixing the minimum gold backing at 50%, the Central Reserve Bank can now issue 27,559,000 soles more, bringing the note issue up to 77,570,000 soles.

Testimonial Dinner Tendered to President John L. Merrill by Colombian American Chamber of Commerce.

A testimonial dinner was tendered on May 26 by the Colombian American Chamber of Commerce to its President, John L. Merrill, in celebration of the Chamber's fifth anniversary, at the Metropolitan Club, Fifth Avenue and 60th Street, New York. Mr. Merrill is President of the All America Cables Co. and also President of the Pan American Society. He was presented with an illuminated scroll by H. L. Jones, Vice-President of the Chamber, and Manager of the South American Department of the United States Steel Products Co.

H. G. Brock, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, was toastmaster, and with other members of the Chamber eulogized Mr. Merrill's service to the Chamber of Commerce and praised his fine background of understanding of the problems common to Colombia and the United States.

German Olano, Consul-General of Colombia in New York, read cables and telegrams in appreciation of Mr. Merrill from President Hoover, Dr. Olaya Herrera, President of the Republic of Colombia, Bogota, Hon. Fabio Lozano, Minister of Colombia, Washington, and Dr. Leo Rowe, Director of the Pan American Union, Washington.

Funds Voted by Congress to Aid in Establishment of Agricultural Credit Corporations of Material Assistance in Extending Credit to Farmers Through Intermediate Credit Banks—Annual Report of Federal Farm Loan Board.

Funds voted by Congress to aid in the establishment of agricultural credit corporations and handled by the Secretary of Agriculture were of material assistance in making credit from the 12 Federal Intermediate Credit banks available to farmers, according to the annual report of the Federal Farm Loan Board recently transmitted to Congress. It is pointed out that the Secretary, operating in drouth, storm or hail-stricken areas only, loaned \$1,421,035 to 936 individuals in 21 States for the purchase of stock in 50 agricultural credit corporations. Two States also enacted laws providing for the making of loans for the purpose of capitalizing agricultural credit corporations. The State of Arkansas, to Dec. 8 1931, had loaned \$874,355 for the purchase of stock in 60 agricultural credit corporations. Although similar provision was made by the State of Mississippi, the Board knows of no loans made by the State.

Congress recently again authorized the appropriation of \$10,000,000 to the Secretary of Agriculture to loan to individuals wishing Federal aid to establish agricultural credit corporations or to increase the capitalization of corporations now doing business. Such corporations are organized under State laws and the Secretary must be assured that they will be capably managed. A part of the capital must be furnished locally and the minimum paid-in capital is \$35,000. The Board's report says:

If the necessary initiative is taken in communities needing additional credit facilities, it should be possible to enlarge greatly the facilities through which farmers may obtain credit from the Federal Intermediate Credit banks.

Although many new agricultural credit corporations and livestock loan companies were organized and the capital of others was increased, the number and capacity of those now in operation in some sections apparently still is inadequate to take care of the normal short-term credit needs of farmers and livestock producers. During the past year the Federal Intermediate Credit banks discounted paper for approximately 450 institutions. Many of these are small corporations, serving only limited areas.

In view of the conditions prevailing among commercial banks in some sections the problem of developing supplementary credit institutions, such as agricultural credit corporations and livestock loan companies, is one which demands further consideration. In the past, one of the greatest difficulties has been the reluctance of capital to enter this field of investment. In communities where the greatest need for this service exists local capital has been scarce and outside capital generally was not attracted to this form of investment during the past year. In many cases where corporations have been organized the initiative was taken by local banks, business men and others who recognized the fact that if agricultural

operations in the community were to continue, additional credit facilities must be made available.

Offering of New Issue of \$30,000,000 3% Debentures of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks—Financing to Refund Higher-Rate Issues—Books Closed.

The first financing of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks since the enactment of an amendment to the Federal Reserve Bank Act making credit banks' debentures eligible collateral for 15-day loans by member Reserve banks at the Federal Reserve Bank, was announced June 1 by Charles R. Dunn, Fiscal Agent for the 12 institutions. The amount is larger than usual, consisting of \$30,000,000 collateral trust debentures dated June 15 1932 and due in three, six, nine and 12 months. The coupon rate of 3% is the lowest in many months and is regarded as reflecting the improved eligibility of the Credit Bank debentures under the bill signed by President Hoover on May 19. In April the banks offered \$25,000,000 of 4½s on a 4% basis, while the May financing consisted of approximately \$15,000,000 of 3½% debentures. The present issue of 3s were priced on application. Mr. Dunn, Fiscal Agent, announced the quick over-subscription of the \$30,000,000 issue. The books were closed within about an hour after the issue was put on the market. With the announcement of the \$30,000,000 offering it was stated:

Due to the condition of the money market, the banks are able to take advantage of the present condition and refund at a substantial saving the higher-rate debentures issued in January and February, as indicated in the present offering.

All offerings of the Intermediate Credit Banks have been quite successful and in no case has it been necessary to dispose of any part of the issues to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. All issues must be secured by at least a like face amount of cash or other obligations discounted or purchased or representing loans made in accordance with the provisions of the Act creating the banks in 1923.

The object of the Intermediate Credit Banks is to aid the co-operative marketing organizations of farmers through secured loans. These marketing groups will pay much less for their money under the amended Reserve Act. Heretofore they have paid as high as 9%. As the debentures have not until now been eligible for 15-day loans by member banks, they have had all the liquidity desired for them. Notwithstanding this, however, the various monthly offerings have been promptly taken.

The Credit Banks continue in a strong condition. The quarterly statement of the 12 institutions as of March 31 shows total assets of \$151,659,767, of which loans and discounts were \$110,607,593, and cash was \$5,108,901. Debentures outstanding were \$79,530,000 and rediscounts \$5,916,473 (which have since been retired). Capital stock, surplus and reserves aggregated \$64,177,449. As of May 17, there were \$88,500,000 of the banks' debentures outstanding, representing the entire indebtedness of the banks.

Items regarding the new legislation under which Credit Bank debentures are eligible collateral for 15-day loans by the Federal Reserve banks to member banks appeared in these columns May 21, page 3738, and May 28, page 3905.

Joint Stock Land Bank of St. Louis Suspends.

The following is from the "United States Daily" of June 2:

The St. Louis Joint Stock Land Bank located at St. Louis, Mo., failed on June 1 when it was unable to make interest payments due on that day on its outstanding bonds, according to information made available June 1 by the Federal Farm Loan Board.

At the time that it failed, the St. Louis bank had bonds outstanding to the amount of \$18,134,500, according to the information, and the bank was not affiliated with any other bank or banking institution. The directors of the St. Louis bank have determined to pay no part of the interest charges due June 1, according to the Farm Loan Board, and S. L. Cantley, of Owensville, Mo., former Commissioner of Finance of the State of Missouri, has been appointed receiver.

Richard Whitney of New York Stock Exchange Replies to Representative LaGuardia's Charges That He Misrepresented Facts at Hearing Before Senate Committee—Explains Views on British Stock Tax.

Denial of charges made by Representative LaGuardia (Rep.), of New York City, that he had "wilfully misrepresented" the facts in regard to the British tax on security transactions in his appearance before the Senate Committee on Finance, has been made by Richard Whitney, President of the New York Stock Exchange. The "United States Daily," reporting this, added:

Replies to Charges.

Mr. Whitney's statements, replying to the LaGuardia charges, were printed in "The Record" at the request of Senator Copeland (Dem.), of New York, who had obtained a copy of the Stock Exchange executive's letter to Representative Chindblom (Rep.), of Evanston, Ill., to whom the reply was sent. Senator Copeland told the Senate that he held no brief for the Stock Exchange, but that he was concerned with seeing "that a high-minded gentleman" of Mr. Whitney's type was given an opportunity to present his views.

Mr. LaGuardia's charges were made during a debate in the House last week, and reference was made to them by Senator Blaine (Rep.), of Wisconsin, in Senate debate, May 28.

Mr. Whitney's letter to Mr. Chindblom, dated May 25, follows in full text:

Dear Mr. Congressman: My attention has been called to the remarks made by Representative LaGuardia in the House of Representatives, Saturday, May 21 1932, in which he charged that I and other representatives of the Exchange had wilfully misrepresented the facts in regard to the British tax on security transactions, not only to the Ways and Means Committee of the House, but also to the Finance Committee of the Senate.

I also read with great interest your very prompt reply, in which you pointed out the basic difference between the American and English methods of taxation, and the fact that the English transfer tax applied only to a limited number of transactions in registered English securities.

Appearance at Hearing.

In view of Mr. LaGuardia's charges, I think you may be interested in knowing precisely what took place. On March 28 1932, during my absence from town, the Ways and Means Committee of the House hurriedly sent for representatives of the Exchange and of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to appear before the subcommittee of which Mr. Ragon was Chairman.

Two representatives of the Exchange and the economist of the Federal Reserve Bank proceeded immediately to Washington and appeared before the subcommittee on the evening of March 28. In the extended discussions which took place the question of the nature and size of foreign taxes on security transactions was brought up, and the representatives of the Exchange explained to the members of the Committee that there were three English taxes which affect security transactions.

English Levies Discussed.

The first of these is a tax upon the issuance of shares of British companies. This tax is normally 1%, in the case of registered shares, and 3% in the case of share warrants which are bearer instruments. The second tax is the so-called English transfer tax, which approximates 1%, but which is applicable only to registered English shares when they are transferred of record. It does not apply to share warrants or registered shares which pass by delivery when indorsed in blank.

It, therefore, does not apply to American stock certificates which are customarily delivered in the form of indorsed certificates. Furthermore, this tax is paid by the purchaser if he desires shares transferred into his own name. It is not like our so-called transfer tax paid by the seller of securities. The third tax is the English contract stamp tax, which is a true sales tax paid by the seller. It is not solely a security tax, but applies also to various commercial and financial transactions.

The American transfer tax is essentially a sales tax. It applies to all sales or agreements to sell or transfers of title with or without consideration. It is payable irrespective of whether the purchaser has the stock transferred of record or not. Therefore, in comparing our tax system with the English tax system, it was logical to compare our transfer tax with the British contract stamp tax and not with the British transfer tax, which, as I have said above, is of an entirely different nature.

Discussion Pointed Out.

I am advised that these various points were fully discussed before the subcommittee at the hearing on the evening of March 28, and that the analysis of the English tax system presented by the representatives of the Exchange was concurred in by the economist of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Clearly, therefore, Mr. LaGuardia's statement that a wilful misrepresentation was made by representatives of the Exchange is not true.

On April 15 1932 I appeared before the Committee on Finance of the Senate and made a statement in regard to the pending revenue bill. In the course of my statement I was asked by Senator Barkley if I would make a comparison between our American taxes on security transactions and English taxes. I explained that it was difficult to make a direct comparison because of the different nature of the British taxes and their method of distinguishing between bearer and registered certificates.

I pointed out that the English tax on transfers of record was heavy, while the tax on trading in certificates, which, of course, includes American stock sold in England, was light. There was no time to go into an elaborate discussion of the different methods of taxation, but I, nevertheless, pointed out that such differences existed when I was answering Senator Barkley. My remarks under this heading are reported on page 1220 of the Senate Finance Committee's hearings. Subsequently, and in response to Senator Barkley's request, I submitted to the Senate Finance Committee a table comparing the American taxes with certain foreign taxes on stock sales. The column of this table which referred to the English tax was correctly headed: "London contract tax (pound sterling = \$3.50)." thereby clearly indicating that I was comparing the London contract stamp tax with our American transfer tax.

Comparison Considered.

In the face of this record, I am at a loss to understand how Congressman LaGuardia can charge me with having made a wilful misrepresentation and a deliberate and wilful omission in order to deceive the Senate.

One of the questions under consideration by both the Ways and Means Committee of the House and the Senate Finance Committee was whether the proposed tax upon security transfers was so high that the volume of transactions would be reduced to a point where the yield of the tax to the Government would be lowered and the security business in this country practically annihilated. The comparison of the proposed American tax with existing foreign taxes was appropriate so as to see whether foreign experience justified the imposition of high taxes and also whether a possibility of evasion by having security transactions made abroad did not exist.

For such a purpose only the English tax which had a direct bearing upon the sale of securities had to be considered. The fact that the English have another and an entirely different tax which imposes a substantial burden upon investors who see fit to register their securities in their own names was entirely immaterial. Furthermore, the English contract stamp tax was the only one applicable to English transactions in American securities indorsed in blank.

Differences in Taxes.

From the point of view of studying the danger of evasion, the London contract stamp tax was the only one which had to be considered. As I have said above, the Exchange did not in any way misrepresent the facts. On the contrary, it presented them fully at the hearing before the subcommittee of the Committee on Ways and Means. I cannot help feeling that Congressman LaGuardia, in charging the Exchange with having misrepresented the facts, is attempting to confuse the issue.

The fact that the English tax upon transfers of record of English securities is called a transfer tax does not make it directly comparable with our transfer tax. Although the two taxes have the same name, they are essentially different, as must be clear to anybody who will take the trouble to study the matter.

I have written you thus at length because I feel that I am entitled, after the deliberate charges made by Congressman LaGuardia, to see that the true facts are presented.

Mr. Chindblom's Letter.

Mr. Chindblom's letter to Senator Colepand, dated May 30, follows in full text:

My dear Senator: In compliance with your request, I take pleasure in handing you herewith a copy of the letter dated the 25th instant to myself from Mr. Richard Whitney, President of the New York Stock Exchange, discussing the remarks made by Representative LaGuardia, and my reply thereto in the House of Representatives, Saturday, May 21 1932, with reference to statements alleged to have been made by Mr. Whitney and other representatives of the New York Stock Exchange in regard to the stock transfer taxes imposed by the Government of Great Britain. I have not had this letter inserted in the proceedings of the House.

Views of Mr. LaGuardia.

Declaring that the graduated stock transfer tax now in force in England is a source of revenue easily collectible in this country, Representative LaGuardia (Rep.), of New York City, in a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills, May 31, asked the Treasury to submit the true facts regarding such a tax to the Senate Committee on Finance in charge of the tax bill in the Senate. Mr. LaGuardia, in making the letter public, said: "It is strange that when certain officials are willing to tax the necessities of life they still resist, at the behest of stockbrokers, a stock transfer tax."

Matthew C. Brush Resigns as Director of Manhattan Company—Testified Before Senate Committee at Stock Market Inquiry.

From the New York "Times" of May 24 we quote the following:

Matthew C. Brush, President of the American International Corp., and also a stock market operator, who, testifying last month before the Senate Committee investigating the Stock Exchange, said that his large short sales had been entered into partly as a hedge against substantial bank stock investments, has resigned as a director of the Manhattan Co., holding company that controls the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co. The resignation became effective four or five weeks ago, officials of the Manhattan Co. said yesterday.

American International on Dec. 31 held 40,000 shares of Manhattan Co. stock, the largest bank stock investment held by the company. Mr. Brush, who is a director of about 50 corporations, was reputed at one time to hold a seat on more directorates than any other American business man. In his testimony in Washington he said he had at times been short of as many as 125,000 shares of stock.

Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston Investment Firm, Suspended by Boston Stock Exchange.

Suspension of the investment firm of Wise, Hobbs & Arnold with offices at 15 Congress Street, Boston, Mass., for inability to meet its obligations, was announced on Wednesday of this week, June 1, at the opening of the Boston Stock Exchange, by George A. Rich, Secretary of the Exchange. The firm was organized in 1919, taking over the business of Millet, Roe & Hagen. Its members are as follows: Arthur C. Wise (the Exchange member), Walter C. Hobbs, Robert Chauncey Seaver, Harry W. Crockett and Asa F. Clark. Pillsbury, Dana, Young & Moulton, are counsel for the company. The Boston "Transcript" of June 1, from which the foregoing is learned, added:

The firm had been active in distribution of stock of the Westfield Manufacturing Co., which company recently suspended common dividends.

Chicago Board of Trade Suspends Two Officials of Updike Grain Corp. From Trading—Chairman Stone of Federal Farm Board Reported "Interested" in Action.

Two officials of the Updike Grain Co., a subsidiary of the Farmers National Grain Corp., were suspended on May 25 from membership in the Chicago Board of Trade and the grain company itself was ordered deprived of corporate privileges in the Exchange's clearing house, said a dispatch on that date to the New York "Times" from which we also quote as follows:

The action, voted upon after a two-day session by the Board's directors, brought to a climax the long standing feud between the Board of Trade and the Federal Farm Board.

The officials hit are Fred J. Thatcher, President of the Updike Grain Co., and J. F. Florentine, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Thatcher is suspended from the Board for five years, and Mr. Florentine for two years. There is no appeal save to the directorate of the Board of Trade.

In withdrawing the corporate privileges of the Updike Grain Co., the directors specified that its action should be effective on June 11. The same date is set for the suspensions.

The charges against both Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Florentine and the Updike Co. were that they had violated rules of the Board. The principal action was based, it was said, on the semi-annual filing of statements. Both men, it was charged, had filed statements on June 1 and Dec. 1 1931, that they owned stock in the Updike company, whereas they owned no stock.

Statement From Board.

The Board of Trade issued to-night the following statement:

"The two officers were guilty of violating certain rules by making false affidavits to the effect that they were owners of stock in the Updike company when in reality this stock had been transferred and sold to the Farmers' National Grain Corp.

"The Farmers National registered two memberships on the Board of Trade. These memberships entitled them to the same privileges other members enjoy under the Board of Trade rules formulated during the past 80 years.

"Without notice, or without obtaining offer from competing corporations, the Farmers National purchased all of the stock of the Updike Grain Corp.,

Membership Suspended.

The co-operative therefore bought the Updike Grain Co., which was already a member of the clearing house. A few days ago, the Board of Trade expelled the Updike company from membership in the clearing house on charges of violation of rules of the exchange.

While the Updike case was pending, the Farmers National applied for membership in the clearing house. It was this application which was rejected by the Board of Trade, leading to the co-operative's complaint against the Board.

The Commission established by the Grain Futures Act met, May 28, and decided to hold a hearing. It served notice on the Board of Trade and its subsidiary clearing corporation to file answers by June 4 to the charges of the Farmers National, and set the hearing for June 8.

The Farmers National also was given notice to appear at the hearing and make a showing relative to its complaint. The Commission is composed of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Attorney General.

Dividend Payments of Standard Oil Group Again Show a Drop.

Cash dividend payments of the Standard Oil group of companies for the second quarter of 1932 will total \$46,308,873, according to a compilation by Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co., made on the basis of declarations of all but one of the smaller concerns. These payments compare with \$46,801,053 disbursed in the first quarter of 1932 and \$37,843,467 in the second quarter of 1931. It is further stated:

Disbursements of the group for the first six months of 1932 will total \$93,109,926, against \$120,945,264 in the corresponding period of last year, a decrease of \$27,835,338, or approximately 23%. Of the 34 issues listed in the Standard Oil dividend compilation, only one is not now on a dividend basis. In the second quarter Ohio Oil Co. resumed dividends on its common stock with a disbursement of 20 cents a share. Standard of Kentucky declared a dividend of 30 cents a share for this second quarter against 40 cents a share in the first. Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey has maintained its usual regular and extra dividend payments amounting to 50 cents a share quarterly.

An unusually good dividend record has also been maintained by the pipe line companies. Southern Pipe Line cut its quarterly dividend from 50 cents to 35 cents in the second quarter. Buckeye Pipe Line, Eureka, South West Pennsylvania and National Transit have continued regular quarterly payments.

Dividend disbursements by quarters follows:

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
First quarter	\$46,801,053	\$63,101,797	\$66,687,168	\$63,101,701	\$48,927,670
Second quarter	46,308,873	57,843,467	68,555,901	66,053,389	57,694,206
Third quarter	-----	51,263,688	68,271,015	65,426,981	50,068,102
Fourth quarter	-----	48,530,230	83,012,644	75,063,856	62,050,357
Full year	-----	\$220,739,182	\$286,526,728	\$269,645,927	\$218,740,335

New York Federal Reserve Bank Reports Increase in Member Bank Reserves and Liquidation of Bank Credit—Increase in Holdings of Government Securities.

In surveying the money market in May, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in its June 1 "Monthly Review," states that "member bank reserves increased further during the first half of May to a level about \$300,000,000 above minimum requirements, and thereafter remained at or near that level." The Bank adds:

The increase in reserves since March has restored more than half of the shrinkage of nearly \$500,000,000 which occurred during the latter part of 1931 and the first two months of 1932, accompanying rapid liquidation of member bank credit. The stoppage of the decline in reserves, and the subsequent rapid increase, may be attributed chiefly to Reserve bank purchases of Government securities, together with a return flow of more than \$200,000,000 of currency to the banks since early February. These two accessions of funds have enabled member banks to meet all demands on them including gold shipments, and to reduce their indebtedness at the Reserve banks by \$385,000,000 or almost 45%, and also to increase their reserves by about \$300,000,000. After this substantial increase in member bank reserves had been accomplished, Reserve bank purchases of Government securities were reduced somewhat in volume the latter part of May, but were sufficiently large to offset gold losses and other demands, so that the excess of reserves was maintained.

The recent increase has restored member bank reserves to the highest level since last October, when the volume of member bank credit was more than \$3,000,000,000 larger than at present. In the process of credit contraction or expansion, the release or absorption of member banks reserve is only about 1-10th of the change in the amount of credit outstanding. Thus far no material expansion of credit has been built upon the excess reserves acquired by member banks during the past two months, but the liquidation of credit appears to have been checked. The reporting member banks have increased their holdings of Government securities by about \$225,000,000 since early April, and have also increased their holdings of other securities somewhat, but these increases in investments have been slightly more than offset by further reductions in their loans.

In New York City the loans and investments of reporting member banks showed a net increase of \$163,000,000 between April 13 and May 25, due to a considerable increase in their investments. Their holdings of Government securities were increased \$192,000,000, and their investments in other securities \$92,000,000 during this period, but their security loans declined \$123,000,000, and their other loans showed little change. Outside of New York the decline in the loans and investments of reporting member banks continued, but has recently been at a less rapid rate than in previous months.

Proceedings Against Joseph A. Broderick, New York State Superintendent of Banks, Result in Verdict of "Not Guilty"—Charges Grew Out of Failure of Bank of United States—Testimony of Governor Harrison of Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

A verdict of "not guilty" was reached on May 28 by the jury in the proceedings against Joseph A. Broderick, New

York State Superintendent of Banks, tried on charges of neglect of duty in failing to close the Bank of United States earlier than he did. The present, the second trial of Superintendent Broderick, was brought under way in New York City on April 6, and reference thereto was made in these columns May 21, page 3743. The previous proceedings, as indicated in our issue of Feb. 26, page 1487, were declared a mistrial. On March 26 New York Supreme Court Justice John Ford denied the change of venue asked for by the Superintendent. The verdict of the jury was reached on May 28, after deliberating more than 15 hours. From the New York "Evening Post" of May 28 we quote as follows:

The jurors, worn after eight weeks of trial and the long final day, delivered their verdict before Judge George L. Donnellan in General Sessions at 3:35 a. m. A small crowd, close friends of Mr. Broderick's and employees of the State Department of Banking chiefly, applauded vigorously and pressed around the silent superintendent with congratulations.

Mr. Broderick, who had waited for the verdict in his office in the State Building, was apparently unwilling to trust his voice. His face crimson, he shook hands with the jury, posed for two haggard newspaper photographers and left the building for his home. In his behalf his counsel, Martin Conboy, issued the following statement:

"Mr. Broderick is grateful for the vindication which is represented by the verdict."

No decision has been reached on the disposition of three other indictments against Mr. Broderick charging that he conspired with officers of the bank to keep a knowledge of its true condition from the directors, that he failed to notify the directors himself, and that he failed to examine it regularly. It was learned to-day that the course to be followed in relation to those charges will not be determined until Max D. Steuer, Special Assistant District Attorney in charge of cases growing out of the Bank of United States failure, has talked it over with District Attorney Thomas C. T. Crain, which probably will be next week.

Faces Other Indictments.

Except for meal periods and its one trip to the courtroom late in the afternoon for rereading of testimony and clarification of the charge, the jury spent the entire time after receiving the case in the jury room. The panel went to dinner at 7:03 p. m. and returned about two hours later. What the nature of their deliberations had been or what ballots had been taken they declined to discuss.

The long trial was featured by the appearance as witnesses of such public figures as Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lieutenant-Governor Herbert H. Lehman, former Governor Alfred E. Smith and Charles S. Whitman. Most of their testimony was as to the character of the defendant, but the Governor and the Lieutenant-Governor also gave factual testimony concerning their activities in aid of Mr. Broderick in his last minute efforts to save the tottering bank and protect its tens of thousands of depositors.

In the last dramatic days of the trial Mr. Broderick told his own story from the witness stand. He told of more than a dozen mergers which failed, some of which were carried virtually to the point of consummation.

His account of days and sleepless nights of activity to avert the crash, substantiated by bankers and Federal Reserve officials, obviously made a strong impression on the jury.

Mr. Steuer did not question this recital, basing his case entirely on the state of the bank long before the last feverish efforts to effect a merger. He contended that the reports of bank examiners had shown Mr. Broderick that the bank was in such shape that it should be closed and that the Superintendent delayed to "save the bodies" of Bernard K. Marcus and Saul Singer, the senior officers.

It was announced May 28 that the disposition of the three indictments pending against Superintendent Broderick would be decided this week at a conference between District Attorney Crain and Max D. Steuer, special prosecutor. As to the pending charges the New York "Times" of May 29 said:

One indictment charges Mr. Broderick with violation of the law requiring examination of banks every six months. Another charges he failed to inform the directors of the Bank of United States individually of an examiner's adverse report. The third indictment charges conspiracy and names also former officers of the bank, Bernard K. Marcus, Saul Singer, C. Stanley Mitchell and Simon H. Kugel.

From the "Times" of May 29 we also take the following:

Mr. Crain and Mr. Steuer declined to comment yesterday on the verdict, which the jury reached after deliberation of more than 12 hours. Mr. Broderick expressed himself as "very grateful" and announced he would rest for three or four days.

Crain Praises Steuer.

Mr. Crain in announcing the conference made public a letter he sent to Mr. Steuer yesterday. It reads as follows:

My dear Friend:
I feel sure you must know how deeply I appreciate the invaluable help you have been to the people of the State and to me as District Attorney in the difficult and important criminal prosecutions growing out of the methods of management adopted by those in control of the Bank of United States and the character of supervision of that institution by the Superintendent of Banks and his subordinates.

The broadmindedness and fairmindedness which you have shown in the preliminary inquiries before the grand jury and in the trials following the indictments have been as noteworthy and commendable as your ability, zeal and fearlessness in the trial of the cases.

That in the midst of your professional engagements as a leader of the New York bar you should have volunteered without pecuniary compensation to enter upon so arduous and protracted a public service showed a consciousness of professional obligation and a patriotic spirit of public service which, so far as I am concerned, shall not go unnoticed.

The friendship which for years I have felt for you has been strengthened by our close and pleasant associations, and in the name of the depositors and stockholders of the mismanaged bank and of the people of the State, I thank you.

Very sincerely yours,
THOMAS C. CRAIN.

State to Be Asker to Pay.

Friends of Mr. Broderick said yesterday steps would be taken to have the State reimburse him for the cost of defending himself as a public official on charges of which he was not found guilty. This procedure, it was said,

was customary in cases of this sort, and a bill will be introduced in the next Legislature to reimburse Mr. Broderick. The cost of the defense is expected to be in excess of \$100,000. Counsel fees to Martin Conboy and John Kirkland Clark, the stenographic record, which during the eight weeks' trial amounted to about \$200 a day, and incidental expenses, it was pointed out, will easily bring the bill up to more than \$100,000. Should Mr. Broderick be tried on the other indictments and acquitted, the cost to the State will be much greater.

Among the many who congratulated Mr. Broderick yesterday on the outcome of the trial was Governor Roosevelt. The Governor appointed Mr. Broderick as Banking Superintendent and appeared at the trial as a character witness.

Several hundred telegrams and telephone messages were received at the Banking Department offices in the State Building, 80 Centre Street. The messages were from officials, business acquaintances, bankers and others.

Mr. Steuer was not present when John J. McNally, the foreman, announced the verdict. Mr. Conboy and Mr. Clark were in the court room, as were twosome or more friends and associates of Mr. Broderick.

Judge Donnellan thanked the jurors and congratulated them for their conscientious work. In excusing them from further duty the judge announced that each would receive \$300 extra compensation for time lost during the trial.

On May 23 attorneys for Superintendent Broderick moved that the charges against Mr. Broderick be dismissed on the ground that the prosecution had not made out a prima facie case. The New York "Herald Tribune" of May 24 also said:

It was also argued that by permitting the case to go before the jury the executive branch of the Government was subjected to review by the judicial branch, thus making the latter paramount.

Judge Donnellan denied the motion, holding that while he had ruled that the Superintendent of Banks had wide discretion in the exercise of his duties, it was a question of fact to be decided by the jury as to whether the Superintendent's delay in the closing of the institution constituted a willful neglect of duty.

Martin Conboy thereupon began his summation of the defense before the jury, which he is expected to complete this morning. It appeared likely that the case would be placed in the jury's hands by to-morrow.

Judge Donnellan, in denying the motion for dismissal, said that in his judgment the case came within the purview of Section 1857 of the Penal Code. This section reads: "Where any duty is or shall be enjoined by law upon any public officer, or upon any person holding a public trust or employment, every willful omission to perform such duty, where no special provision shall have been made for the punishment of such delinquency, is punishable as a misdemeanor."

Mr. Conboy, in opening his summation, characterized Mr. Broderick's trial as "the pillorying of an official who has given unselfish and unstinted service."

One of those who testified during the trial in behalf of Superintendent Broderick was George L. Harrison, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, who on May 20 told of co-operating with Mr. Broderick in the Superintendent's efforts to save the Bank of United States, from July 1930 until Dec. 11 1930, when the institution was closed. The "Times" of May 21 said:

He Suggested Merger.

Governor Harrison told of his own efforts to merge the Bank of United States. It was he, he testified, who evolved the idea of the merger of the Bank of United States, the Manufacturers' Trust Co. and the Public National Bank, in July 1930, a plan which later included the International Trust Co. As late as November 1930, he said, he told officials of the Manufacturers' and Public banks that he was convinced the merger would be beneficial to all the institutions concerned.

The merger idea, he said, was an outgrowth of an attempt to induce the Manufacturers' and the Public to join the Clearing House Association to stop their competition for thrift accounts. Membership in the Clearing House would have forced them to reduce their interest rates on these accounts. The two banks demurred, he said, saying that if they joined the Clearing House and cut their interest rates all their thrift account business would go to the Bank of United States. To counter this, he testified, he suggested the three-bank merger and the plan progressed so satisfactorily that he left for Europe early in November 1930, confident the deal would go through.

While in Europe he received a cable from Mr. Broderick informing him of the collapse of negotiations, whereupon he hurried back to New York and worked with the Superintendent in the vain attempt to save the Bank of United States. Mr. Conboy sought to put in evidence the cable Mr. Broderick sent the witness. Mr. Steuer objected.

Calls Broderick Guilty in Loss.

"That cablegram will not return one cent of the money of the depositors of the Bank of United States," he shouted.

"No money was taken from the Bank of United States," snapped Mr. Conboy.

"No, only millions," continued Mr. Steuer, raising his voice still higher.

"Well, Mr. Broderick didn't take any of it," pointed out Mr. Conboy.

"Broderick, by the neglect of his duty, is just as guilty as any one else," cried the prosecutor. At this point Judge Donnellan intervened.

House Passes Steagall Bill for Guarantee of Deposits in National Banks—Measure Amending National Bank and Federal Reserve Acts Would Form \$1,000,000,000 Fund.

The bill of Representative Steagall, amending the National Bank Act and the Federal Reserve Act, and to provide a guaranty fund for depositors in banks, was passed by the House of Representatives on May 27. The bill was passed without a record vote. According to Associated Press accounts from Washington May 27, the bill goes to the Senate with one major change from its original text, although Representative Louis T. McFadden of Pennsylvania, ranking Republican on the Banking Committee, said, "It is striking the worst blow ever administered the Federal Reserve System." He insisted that "not a single member

of the Administration approves it," said the Associated Press, which added:

Henry B. Steagall, of Alabama, Chairman of the Committee, contended, however, the measure assuring depositors they would get their money back even though their banks failed is "essential and indispensable toward restoration of confidence and a revival of business in the United States."

The one major change affected conditions for the participation of State banks in the guaranty fund. Originally, Mr. Steagall proposed that they be required to meet stipulations set by a new Federal bank liquidating board and then pay twice as much for admission as National or Federal Reserve member banks. An amendment by Representative Harold McGugin, Republican, of Kansas, was accepted by Mr. Steagall, however, to permit admission of State banks provided they provide certificates of soundness from the State regulating authority. They would pay the same fees as Reserve member banks.

Provisions of the bill were summarized as follows in the Associated Press dispatches May 27:

The bill proposes the establishment of a \$1,000,000,000 fund to guarantee deposits, obtainable in this manner:

\$150,000,000 from the Treasury, representing the amount the Treasury has received in franchise taxes.

A \$150,000,000 contribution from the \$300,000,000 surplus of Reserve banks.

A \$100,000,000 assessment upon Reserve member banks; an additional assessment of \$100,000,000 a year, if necessary, upon Reserve member banks.

Loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to total \$500,000,000, if that much is needed.

If a bank which joined the guaranty fund failed, the Federal liquidating board would be required, within 90 days, to pay to depositors not less than 50% of their deposits if they did not exceed \$1,000, and not less than 25% if they did. Within six months a second installment would be paid, covering the balance of \$1,000 accounts and 25% on all others. The larger accounts would be paid in two more six-month installments of 25%.

The bill also would—

Prevent organization hereafter of National banks having a minimum capital stock of less than \$50,000.

Prohibit the payment of dividends by National banks except upon the basis of the surplus.

Require Federal Reserve banks to give immediate credit on checks drawn against them by members, but permit charging the current interest rate until the checks were collected.

Provide that stockholders in National banks can be held responsible for double liability one year, instead of 60 days, after a transfer of their stock.

Authorize the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to issue such securities as may be necessary to provide all, or part of, the \$500,000,000; require that the corporation's loans shall be made to the liquidating board without security.

From the Washington dispatch May 27 to the New York "Times" we take the following:

The liquidating board will be composed of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Comptroller of the Currency and three individuals appointed by the President with the consent of the Senate. Only one of these civilians may be of the same political faith as the President.

To Take Over Insolvent Banks.

The board is authorized to take over any insolvent bank and to make the first payment to depositors within 90 days of the closing date; the remainder would be paid off in three installments of six months.

The final vote on the bill provoked considerable comment. Representative McFadden of Pennsylvania, former chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, moved to recommit the bill and strike out the guarantee features. He also wanted a roll-call.

His motion to recommit was rejected, 89 to 38, and on the demand for a roll-call only 38 stood instead of the required 57.

Representative Bacon of New York opposed the "procedure." He said he wanted to go on record against the bill.

The members enjoyed a laugh at their own expense during the afternoon when it was called to the attention of the House that "after all this talk of economy, here we are creating another commission."

Representative Johnson of Washington moved that the \$10,000 salary for the members of the board be reduced to \$9,000, and the maximum for other employees be reduced from \$10,000 to \$8,000. Both were hilariously adopted.

Stating that the House also adopted an amendment making the terms of the members of the Board six years instead of four as proposed by the Banking and Currency Committee, the "United States Daily" of May 28 said in part:

Guaranty Fund Retained.

Representative McFadden made successive efforts to strike out provisions in the bill pertaining to the guaranty fund in the Committee of the Whole, once being beaten by viva voce vote and again by a vote of 96 ayes to 129 nays.

Representative Patman (Dem.), of Texarkana, Tex., sought ineffectively to strike out the provision that there shall be paid into the guaranty fund by the Treasury an amount equal to the entire sums heretofore paid by the United States as franchise tax by the Federal Reserve banks, approximately \$147,000,000, he said.

Representative Williamson (Rep.), of Rapid City, S. Dak., in an amendment which was adopted revised the language of Section 3 relating to liability of shareholders in the banks. A number of perfecting amendments were agreed to.

The bill as passed requires National banks to have a minimum capital of \$50,000 but associations formed to succeed to the business of an existing bank in cities of 6,000 population or less may, in the discretion of the Comptroller of the Currency, be organized with capital of not less than \$25,000 and no association shall be organized without an initial surplus of 10% of its capital stock.

Showing of Earnings.

It amends the Federal Reserve Act by requiring Federal Reserve banks to pay one-half of net earnings to member banks to be prorated on a basis of capital stock held by member banks in Federal Reserve banks and the other half of net earnings to a fund for the guarantee of deposits. It requires Federal Reserve banks to give immediate credit to member banks upon checks received.

It provides that member banks shall not be permitted to pay interest on deposits at a greater rate than 4%, as to any deposit after enactment of the bill. It would prevent member banks from paying any dividend until their surplus amounts to 25% of its paid-in capital, after which 6% dividends would be permitted.

Liability Provision Opposed.

When the Steagall bill was brought up, Representative Cox (Dem.), of Camilla, Ga., moved to strike out Section 3, which amends existing law by eliminating the provision that renders shareholders of National banking associations liable to assessments in amounts equal to the amount invested in such shares.

The Committee view in reporting the bill was that this assessment, while intended to operate as an additional protection for deposits, is in actual practice of little practical value and that the removal of the liability would encourage the organization of banks in communities where banking facilities have been destroyed without depriving depositors of any very substantial protection.

Mr. Cox said the section as reported would relieve National banks or stockholders of National banks that may be organized after enactment of the bill of any liability on stocks. His objection to it, he said, is that it gives preferential treatment to owners of National bank stock whereas in most of the States the banking laws contain a provision imposing double liability on stock.

"If this particular section of the bill should be adopted," he said, "it would have the effect, first, of bringing about a hurried reorganization of National banks in order that stockholders may be relieved of the liability which is now imposed on them by existing law."

New Provision Proposed.

"My amendment proposes to strike out this provision and leave the owners of stock in Federal, State and National banks upon the same footing as they are now. The Banking and Currency Committee now has agreed to my amendment. The effect of the bill's provision would be to kill off all interest in the stock of State banks, because no one can own such stocks without being subject to the double liability clause of the law."

Representative Williamson (Rep.), of Rapid City, S. D., offered a preferential amendment to strike out Section 3 and insert a new Section 3 as follows:

"Section 3 Section 5151 Revised Statutes, and Section 23 Federal Reserve Act (relating to liability of shareholders of National banking associations) (U. S. C. Title XII, Section 6264) are amended by striking out the words in the second paragraph 'sixty days' and inserting in lieu thereof 'one year.'"

"The present law does away with the double liability of stockholders after 60 days, that is, the liability only continues for 60 days after transfer of the stock," Mr. Williamson explained, "and I want to extend that liability for one year. The purpose of my amendment is: Inside stockholders who know that a bank is apt to be closed, in a great many cases transfer their stock to dummies, and the result is we have realized very little upon the double liability from stockholders of closed National banks. If you will extend that liability for one year I think we can very greatly enlarge the recoveries that have been made in past years."

Liability Change Approved.

"I know of one case where not a single stockholder was able to respond to anything," Representative McKeown (Dem.), of Ada, Okla., said.

"That is a very common thing," replied Mr. Williamson.

"I will state to the gentleman," Mr. Cox interrupted, "that in practice they are able to reach cases where the stock had been transferred for more than 12 months prior to the failure of the bank. In other words, if they could show that a stockholder had notice of the insolvency of a bank the 60-day period would not give relief against liability."

"That is quite true, of course," Mr. Williamson said, "but, as a matter of fact, the past history of National banks shows that we have only collected about 16% of the double liability of stockholders, which shows a very bad situation. I am very confident that a great many of those who have transferred their stock with some knowledge that a bank was going to fail would be called upon to respond if the period was made one year."

The Williamson substitute amendment was adopted.

Guarantee Fund Opposed.

Representative McFadden moved to strike out the entire Section 5, which section as reported proposed to amend the Federal Reserve Act by requiring Federal Reserve banks to pay one-half of their net earnings to member banks to be pro-rated on a basis of capital stock held by member banks in Federal Reserve banks and the other half of the net earnings to a fund for guarantee of deposits.

Mr. McFadden said this is the first of the bill's provisions for guarantee of bank deposits and that he proposed to offer amendment to strike out other provisions in the bill that pertain to guarantee to deposits in banks. Representative Stevenson (Dem.), of Cheraw, S. C., a member of the Committee, opposed the McFadden motion.

"This is an amendment to strike out the provision for maintenance of the guarantee fund," Mr. Stevenson warned.

Mr. McFadden's amendment was rejected by a teller vote of 96 ayes to 129 nays.

Representative Patman (Dem.), of Texarkana, Texas, then offered an amendment providing that a charge of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% be made to member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the privilege of issuing notes, but this amendment was defeated by a standing vote of 10 ayes to 125 nays.

Action on Other Proposals.

The Committee approved an amendment offered by Representative Dies (Dem.), of Orange, Texas, perfecting the language of the section which provides for the method of investigations and hearings when the Comptroller of the Currency finds that the continued service of any officer or director of any National bank is detrimental to the safe operation of such bank. The amendment was adopted by viva voce vote.

The House then voted down by 10 ayes to 49 nays an amendment offered by Representative Cochran (Dem.), of St. Louis, Mo., which would have provided that the employees in the offices of the board shall be classified under civil service.

Mr. McFadden offered an amendment to strike out the section creating the board which would administer the guarantee fund.

Two preferential amendments, offered by Representative Johnson (Rep.), of Hoquiam, Wash., however, were first adopted. One reduced the salary provided for members of the board from \$10,000 to \$9,000 per year, and the other reduced the salary provided for any other officer, agent, attorney, examiner or employee of the board from not to exceed \$10,000 to not to exceed \$8,000.

The House also adopted a preferential amendment offered by Representative Stafford (Rep.), of Milwaukee, Wis., increasing the terms of members of the board from 4 to 6 years. Mr. McFadden's amendment then was defeated by a viva voce vote.

General debate on the measure was completed on May 26, when reading of the bill for amendment was begun. On that day an amendment adopted was that to permit banks in localities where the population is not more than 6,000 to be organized with a capital of less than \$25,000. From the "United States Daily" of May 27 we take the following:

Equal Status for All Banks.

Numerous members, during general debate, criticized the section of the bill requiring a non-member bank desiring to participate in the liquidating fund to pay into the fund an initial assessment equal to twice the amount paid in by a member bank of the Federal Reserve System.

Views of Federal Officials.

Representative Andrew (Rep.), of Gloucester, Mass., opposing the bill, said that, in looking through the hearings, he found that no Government officials had approved the measure. The Secretary of the Treasury was not called before the Committee, he said, nor was any member of the Federal Reserve Board, except the Comptroller of the Currency, John W. Pole, ex-officio member of the Board, who opposed the proposition.

He also stated that no member of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation had been called before the Committee on the bill that no "bankers occupying positions of importance" were called, and that only two presidents of State banking associations testified.

Advocating the measure, Representative Gavagan (Dem.), of New York City, said the only reason he could imagine that any banker would oppose the proposal would be because such banker does not want stricter banking regulations, as the bill provides. He said enactment of the measure would be a "boon to prosperity."

Need of Decentralization.

Representative Hancock (Dem.), of Oxford, N. C., said the ultimate effect of the bill would be further to concentrate the banking system, when what is really needed is decentralization. He contended that the measure would be injurious to State banks and to the advantage of banks which are members of the Federal Reserve System, and would mean the eventual destruction of between 7,000 and 9,000 banks. The bill, he said, will attract money into the commercial field, which has a surplus of money now, and will take it out of the savings field, where it is needed.

"This bill puts a premium on bad banking policies and incompetency in the management of banks," Mr. Hancock declared. "It penalizes initiative and individualism, and will mean the ultimate concentration of banking powers in Washington."

"If you think the banking business should be taken over by the Government, vote for this bill; but if you do not want that to happen, then vote down the measure."

Representative Stevenson (Dem.), of Cheraw, S. C., ranking majority member of the committee in charge of the bill, told the House that a committee amendment would be offered to strike out the provision requiring that State banks desiring to participate in the guaranty fund must contribute to the liquidation fund twice the assessment paid by member banks of the Federal Reserve System. This, he said, will put State banks on the same level with member banks.

The opponents of the measure, he stated, seemed to be concerned over the welfare of the banks, while it is the desire of the Committee to do something for the benefit of the people who have money in the banks; that is the purpose of this bill, he added.

Stricter banking laws are needed, Mr. Stevenson told the House, so that banks practicing unethical methods will be put out of business. He said that is one purpose of the bill. Confidence will be restored by assuring the people of the country that when they put their money in a bank they can get it back.

Representative Hogg (Rep.), of Point Pleasant, W. Va., Patman (Dem.), of Texarkana, Tex., and White (Rep.), of Toledo, Ohio, were others who spoke in opposition. Representative Goldsborough (Dem.), of Denton, Md., spoke in favor of the measure.

Representative LaGuardia (Dem.), of New York City, advocating the bill, said:

"We are going to have insurance of deposits and put the full credit of the United States back of the system. We are going to have a proper system of banking inspection so as to make failures almost impossible."

Representative Steagall (Dem.), of Ozark, Ala., in charge of the bill, said the banks of the country are solvent, but the trouble is the lack of confidence of many depositors. Mr. Steagall indicated that the bill will be amended to let State banks come into the guaranty fund system to be set up, on payment of the same fees as the Reserve System banks.

Representative Busby (Dem.), of Houston, Miss., favored a sound system of protection of bank deposits.

Representative Tierney (Dem.), of Greenwich, Conn., in opposition, said if the bill is passed "we will face another crisis."

Representative Michener (Rep.), of Adrian, Mich., said he believed the time will come for some kind of guaranty bank deposit system, but whether this bill is the proper one is not certain.

Representative Williamson (Rep.), of Rapid City, S. Dak., pointed out what, he said, are certain dangerous details in the proposal.

Representative McFadden (Rep.) of Canton, Pa., former Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, said bank deposits should be protected, but the legislation should deal with causes and not effects. The cause of lack of confidence in the banks, he said, is that the people have been exploited by the bankers and that the Federal Reserve Board has been mismanaged.

Representative White (Rep.), of Toledo, Ohio, opposing, said the bill rewards the man who gambles in banking and puts the price of the remedy on those banks that carry through and manage sanely.

An item regarding the bill appeared in our issue of April 23.

The following is the text of the bill as it passed the House May 27:

An Act to amend the National Banking Act and the Federal Reserve Act, and to provide a guaranty fund for depositors in banks.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I.

Section 1. The first sentence of Section 5138 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., Supp. V, Title 12, Section 51), is amended by striking out "and except that such associations with a capital of not less than \$25,000 may, with the sanction of the Secretary of the Treasury, be organized in any place the population of which does not exceed three thousand inhabitants" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and except that associations formed for the purpose of succeeding to the business of an existing bank in any such place where the population does not exceed six thousand may, in the discretion of the Comptroller of the Currency, be organized with a less capital than \$50,000 but not less than \$25,000."

Section 2. (a) Section 5138 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., Suppl. V, Title 12, Section 51), is amended by adding the following new sentence: "No association shall be organized unless with a surplus (hereinafter called initial surplus) of not less than an amount equal to 10% of its capital stock."

(b) Section 5168 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., Title 12, Section 26) is amended to read as follows:

"Section 5168. Whenever a certificate is transmitted to the Comptroller of the Currency, as provided in this title, and the association transmitting the same notifies the Comptroller that at least 50% of its capital stock and that at least 50% of its initial surplus has been duly paid in, and that such association has complied with all the provisions of this title required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking, the Comptroller shall examine into the conditions of such association, ascertain especially the amount of money paid in on account of its capital and on account of its initial surplus, the name and place of residence of each of its directors, and the amount of the capital stock of which each is the owner in good faith, and generally whether such association has complied with all the provisions of this title required to entitle it to engage in the business of banking; and shall cause to be made and attested by the oaths of a majority of the directors, and by the president or cashier of the association, a statement of all the facts necessary to enable the Comptroller to determine whether the association is lawfully entitled to commence the business of banking."

(c) The first proviso of Section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the consolidation of National banking associations," approved Nov. 7 1918 (U. S. C., Title 12, Section 33), is amended to read as follows: "Provided, That the capital stock and initial surplus of such consolidated association shall be not less than that required under existing law for the organization of a National bank in the place in which it is located."

(d) That portion of the second sentence of Section 3 of such Act of 1918, as amended (U. S. C., Supp. V, Title 12, Section 34a), before the semi-colon in such sentence is amended to read as follows: "The capital stock and initial surplus of such consolidated association shall not be less than that required under existing law for the organization of a National banking association in the place in which such consolidated association is located."

(e) Section 5154 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., Title 12, Section 35), is amended by adding after the first proviso the following: " : Provided, That the initial surplus of such association shall be not less than that required under existing law for the organization of a National banking association in the place in which such association is located."

(f) Section 5140 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., Title 12, Section 53) is amended to read as follows:

"Section 5140. At least 50% of the capital stock and at least 50% of the initial surplus of every association shall be paid in before it shall be authorized to commence business, and the remainder of the capital stock and initial surplus shall be paid in installments of at least 10% each, on the whole amount of the capital and initial surplus, as frequently as one installment at the end of each succeeding month from the time it shall be authorized by the Comptroller of the Currency to commence business; and the payment of each installment shall be certified to the comptroller under oath by the president or cashier of the association."

(g) The first two sentences of Section 5141 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., Title 12, Section 54) are amended to read as follows: "Whenever any shareholder, or his assignee, fails to pay any installment on the stock or on the initial surplus when the same is required by the preceding section to be paid, the directors of such association may sell the stock of such delinquent shareholder at public auction, having given three weeks' previous notice thereof in a newspaper published and of general circulation in the city or county where the association is located, or, if no newspaper is published in said city or county, then in a newspaper published nearest thereto, to any person who will pay the highest price therefor, to be not less than the amount then due thereon (including amounts due from such shareholder with respect to initial surplus), with the expenses of advertisement and sale; and the excess, if any, shall be paid to the delinquent shareholder. If no bidder can be found who will pay for such stock the amount due thereon (including amounts due from such shareholder with respect to initial surplus) to the association, and the cost of advertisement and sale, the amount previously paid shall be forfeited to the association, and such stock shall be sold as the directors may order within six months from the time of such forfeiture and if not sold it shall be canceled and deducted from the capital stock of the association."

(h) The first two sentences of Section 5205 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., Title 12, Section 55), are amended to read as follows: "Every association which shall have failed to pay up its capital stock or initial surplus, as required by law, and every association whose capital stock shall have become impaired by losses or otherwise, shall, within three months after receiving notice thereof from the Comptroller of the Currency, pay the deficiency in the capital stock and initial surplus, by assessment upon the shareholders pro rata for the amount of capital stock held by each; and the Treasurer of the United States shall withhold the interest upon all bonds held by him in trust for any such association, upon notification from the Comptroller of the Currency, until otherwise notified by him. If any such association shall fail to pay up its capital stock and initial surplus, and shall refuse to go into liquidation, as provided by law, for three months after receiving notice from the comptroller, a receiver may be appointed to close up the business of the association, according to the provisions of Section 5234."

(i) That part of Section 5143 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., Title 12, Section 59), before the semi-colon is amended to read as follows: "Any association formed under this title may, by the vote of shareholders owning two-thirds of its capital stock, reduce its capital and surplus to any sum not below the amount required by existing law to authorize the formation of associations."

Section 3. Section 5151 of the Revised Statutes and Section 23 of the Federal Reserve Act (relating to liability of shareholders of National banking associations) (U. S. C., Title 12, Sections 63, 64) are amended by striking out the words in the second paragraph "sixty days" and inserting in lieu thereof "one year."

Sections 4. The provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall apply only to National banking associations organized after the date of enactment of this Act, and the provisions of law amended by such sections shall apply to all other National banking associations as if such sections had not been enacted.

Section 5. (a) The second sentence of the first paragraph of Section 7 of the Federal Reserve Act (U. S. C., Title 12, Section 289) is amended to read as follows: "After the aforesaid dividend claims have been fully met 10% of the net earnings of such bank shall be paid into the surplus. One-half of the remainder of the net earnings shall be paid into the Federal guaranty fund for depositors in member banks of the Federal Reserve System, and the remaining one-half shall be paid to the member banks of the Federal Reserve System, of which amount each such bank shall be paid an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount of such remaining one-half as the paid-in capital stock owned by stockholders in such member bank bears to the total paid-in capital stock owned by all stockholders in all member banks of such Federal Reserve bank."

(b) The first sentence of the second paragraph of Section 7 of the Federal Reserve Act is repealed.

(c) The second sentence of the second paragraph of Section 7 of the Federal Reserve Act is amended to read as follows: "Should a Federal Reserve bank be dissolved or go into liquidation, any surplus remaining,

after the payment of all debts, dividend requirements as hereinbefore provided, and the par value of the stock, shall, in the discretion of the Secretary, be used to supplement the gold reserve held against outstanding United States notes, or shall be applied to the reduction of the outstanding bonded indebtedness of the United States under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury."

Section 6. The first paragraph of Section 13, as amended, of the Federal Reserve Act (U. S. C., Title 12, Section 342) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"Upon application of a sending bank, a Federal Reserve bank shall give immediate credit on checks and drafts received from such bank for collection, but the Federal Reserve bank may charge on such credit an amount of interest calculated at the current rediscount rate from the time of receipt of such item to the time of collection thereof, or with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, may establish a time schedule for the calculation of such period."

Section 7. No member bank of the Federal Reserve System shall pay interest at a greater rate than 4% per annum with respect to any deposit made in such bank after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Section 8. After the date of the enactment of this Act, no member bank of the Federal Reserve System shall (1) pay any dividend until its surplus equals more than 25% of the amount of its paid-in capital stock, (2) pay any dividend at a rate in excess of 6% per annum if its surplus equals more than 25% of the amount of its paid-in capital stock but no more than 50% of such amount, or (3) pay any dividend at a rate in excess of 8% per annum if its surplus equals more than 50% of the amount of its paid-in capital stock but not more than 100% of such amount. Whenever the surplus of any such bank equals more than 100% of the amount of its paid-in capital stock, such bank may pay any dividend rate thereon which will not reduce such surplus to 100% or less of the amount of its paid-in capital stock.

Section 9. Whenever the Comptroller of the Currency finds that the continued service of any officer or director of any National bank is detrimental to the safe operation of such bank, he shall so certify to the Federal Bank Liquidating Board, and attach to such certification a detailed statement of facts upon which the Comptroller of the Currency bases his finding. A copy of such certification and attached statement shall be furnished at the same time to any such officer or director. Not less than 30 days after such certification such board shall hold a hearing of which such officer or director shall have reasonable notice, and at which he shall have the right to be heard and be represented by counsel. If the Comptroller of the Currency shall prove his finding, the board shall by order notify the bank of which such officer or director is an officer or director that it has sustained the finding of the Comptroller of the Currency and that such bank is required to immediately remove such officer or director or to furnish the board with such assurances as the board may require that such officer or director will desist from the conduct, acts, or omissions which the board has found is detrimental to the safe operation of such bank. If such bank shall fail to immediately furnish the board with such assurances as may be required by the board, such bank shall thereupon take such action as may be necessary to remove such officer or director.

TITLE 11.

Section 201. There is hereby established a board to be known as the Federal Bank Liquidating Board (hereinafter called the board), which shall consist of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Comptroller of the Currency, and three citizens of the United States appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Not more than one of the appointive members of the board shall be of the same political party as the President. The appointive members of the board shall hold their offices for a term of six years, except that the members first appointed shall hold office respectively for two, four, and six years, as designated by the President, and that a member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the term of the member whom he succeeds. Each appointive member shall receive a salary of \$9,000 per annum, payable monthly. The appointive members of the board shall be ineligible, during the time they are in office and for one year thereafter, to hold any office, position, or employment in any member bank of the Federal Reserve System or in or on the Federal Reserve Board. The board shall elect its own chairman and other officers, and is authorized to employ and fix the compensation of such officers, attorneys, agents, examiners, and employees of the board as it deems necessary, but the compensation of no such officer, attorney, agent, examiner, or employee shall be at a rate in excess of \$8,000 per annum. The Secretary of the Treasury and the Comptroller of the Currency shall receive no compensation for service as members of the board. All expenses of the board shall be paid out of the fund by the board, under rules and regulations prescribed by the board. Before the board shall sell the assets of any failed bank at private sale the same shall be appraised and the price received shall not be less than two-thirds of the appraisement.

Section 202. (a) There is hereby established a fund to be known as the Federal guaranty fund for depositors in member banks of the Federal Reserve System (called the "fund" in this title). There shall be paid into such fund by the United States Treasury an amount equal to the entire sums heretofore paid to the United States as franchise tax by the Federal Reserve banks. The board shall, as soon as practicable after the enactment of this Act, require each Federal Reserve Bank to pay into the fund an amount which bears the same ratio to \$150,000,000 as the surplus of such bank on Dec. 31 1931, bears to the total surplus of all Federal Reserve banks on Dec. 31 1931. The board shall also require the payment into the fund by the member banks of the Federal Reserve System of such amount (not to exceed \$100,000,000) as may be fixed by the board, of which each such bank shall pay an amount which bears the same ratio to the sum fixed by the board as the average deposits of such bank during the preceding calendar year bear to the average deposits of all member banks during the preceding calendar year.

(b) At any time after 12 months after the payment of sums required to be paid under sub-section (a), if, in the judgment of the board, the sums in the fund are inadequate to carry out the provisions of this title, the board is authorized to require the member banks of the Federal Reserve System to pay annually into the fund the whole or any part of \$100,000,000. Each bank shall pay an amount which bears the same ratio to \$100,000,000 (or such part thereof as may be fixed by the board) as the average deposits of such bank during the preceding calendar year bear to the average deposits of all member banks during the preceding calendar year.

(c) Sums payable by a Federal Reserve Bank or by a member bank under this section shall be subject to call in whole or in part by the board at such times and in such amounts as may be fixed by the board, except that amounts assessed against member banks shall be payable in installments of not more than 25% of the assessment.

(d) If at any time there are in the funds sums in excess of \$500,000,000, if, in the judgment of the board such excess sums are not necessary to carry out the provisions of this title, the board shall refund to each bank contributing to the last annual contribution to the fund an amount which bears the same ratio to such excess as the last annual contribution of such bank bears to the entire last annual contribution of all banks.

(e) Sums in the fund shall be invested only in such interest-bearing direct obligations of the Government of the United States as the board determines, or non-interest-bearing deposits in member banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Section 203. Whenever, after the enactment of this Act, a National bank which has contributed to the fund has, by vote of its directors or by order of the Comptroller of the Currency, been closed, or has, in the judgment of the Comptroller of the Currency, become insolvent, the Comptroller of the Currency shall so certify to the board, which shall proceed to take over and wind up such bank in the manner provided by existing law, except as modified by this title, and, for such purposes, the board shall have the same powers and duties and be subject to the same limitations as apply to the Comptroller of the Currency in taking over and winding up National banks under existing law. Within 30 days after receipt of such certificate of insolvency by the board a committee consisting of one person appointed by the board, one appointed by the owners of a majority of the stock of such bank, and one appointed by the depositors of more than 50% of the amount of outstanding deposits in such bank, shall make an estimate of the value of the assets of such bank, and the amount of the liabilities of such bank and a statement of the amount of the outstanding deposit of each depositor in such bank. A majority of the committee shall control its acts.

Section 204. Upon approval by the board of the estimate and report of the committee, on the basis of such estimate, or, if modified by the board, on the basis of such modified estimate (but not later than 90 days after certification of insolvency), the board shall pay to each depositor whose outstanding deposit is \$1,000 or less, not less than 50% of such deposit, and to each depositor whose outstanding deposit exceeds \$1,000, not less than 25% of such depositor's outstanding deposit, or \$500, whichever is the greater. Within six months after the first payment, the board shall pay to each depositor whose outstanding deposit is \$1,000 or less the difference between the amount of his deposit and the amount paid under the next preceding sentence. Within six months after payment has been made under the preceding sentence all depositors the amount of whose deposits are still unpaid shall be paid not less than 25% of such deposits, and within six months thereafter the amounts of all depositors' deposits shall be paid in full. When the board shall have paid off the depositors it shall be subrogated to all the rights of the depositors against the assets and all parties liable to such depositors.

Section 205. The board or the liquidating agent appointed by the board, if expressly granted such authority by the board, shall have power to borrow money secured by the assets of any insolvent National bank for the purpose of making payments to depositors or other creditors. Funds borrowed under the preceding sentence shall be used only for the purpose of paying depositors and creditors of the bank against the assets of which the funds are borrowed.

Section 206. In the case of the insolvency of a member bank of the Federal Reserve System which is not a National bank, the board shall request the receiver or liquidating agent of such bank to submit to the board a report and estimate containing the same matter as that required in the case of a report and estimate of the committee provided for in Section 203. For the purposes of this section, the board shall have power, at any time, by its own examiners or otherwise, to make such examinations of any such insolvent bank as the board deems necessary. Upon approval of such report and estimate the board shall proceed to pay to the receiver or liquidating agent amounts equal to the amounts which would have been paid to depositors under Section 204 in the case of a National bank. The sums paid by the board under this section shall be paid at the times and in the amounts provided by Section 204, but such sums shall be paid to the receiver or liquidating agent in trust for the depositors.

Section 207. If any member bank of the Federal Reserve System fails to comply with the provisions of this title, or any regulation made by the board under this title, the Federal Reserve Board shall, after hearing, require such bank to surrender its stock in the Federal Reserve Bank and to forfeit all rights and privileges of membership. In any case of the failure of a National bank to comply with the provisions of this title, such bank shall, in addition, forfeit all the rights, privileges, and franchises granted to it under the National Bank Act, and the Federal Reserve Act.

Section 208. Any bank which is not a member of the Federal Reserve System may contribute to the fund and upon insolvency of such bank, the provisions of Section 206 shall apply with respect to payments of the depositors of such banks. The board shall not permit any such bank to contribute to such fund except that such bank presents a certificate from the duly constituted State examining authorities that such bank is in a sound financial condition. As a condition to the privilege of any such bank contributing to the fund, the board may demand that any such bank shall semi-annually or annually submit to the board a certificate of the duly constituted State examining authorities that such bank is in a sound financial condition.

Each such bank shall pay into the fund an initial contribution the amount paid under Section 202 by a member bank of the same deposits and such annual contributions as thereafter be required and in the same amount as the contributions which are to be made under Section 202 by a member bank. Sums payable by any bank under this section shall be subject to call in whole or in part at such times and in such amounts as may be fixed by the board except that amount assessed against such banks shall be payable in installments of not more than 25% of the assessment. At any time such bank fails to furnish certificate from the duly constituted State examining authorities that such bank is in a sound financial condition, the board may require such bank to withdraw from participation from the benefits of the fund or to go into liquidation and receive the benefits of such participation. Upon withdrawal from participation, the board shall pay such bank an amount which bears the same ratio to the amount paid by such bank under the last annual contribution as the number of months remaining in the year since the time such contribution was required bears to 12.

Section 209. (a) Until Jan. 22 1934, the board is authorized to borrow of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation such sums as the board may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this title. The board may be indebted to the corporation up to a maximum of \$500,000,000 at any one time.

(b) The Reconstruction Finance Corporation shall make such loans to the board as from time to time may be applied for by the board, and applications by the board shall be preferred above all other applications and shall be expedited in every way possible. No security shall be required for any such loan, but each such loan shall bear such rate of interest as may be agreed upon by the board and the corporation. Each such loan shall provide for the repayment by the board of the amount loaned by installment payments. The board is authorized to repay such loans out of sums received under Section 202. All such loans shall be payable in full not later than Jan. 22 1942.

(c) For the purposes of this section, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation shall issue such notes, debentures, bonds, and other obligations as may be necessary. Such notes, debentures, bonds, and other obligations

shall be issued under the provisions and subject to the limitations of Section 9 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act.

Section 210. The board is authorized and directed to make such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.

Section 211. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives May 27 1932.

Senate Banking Committee Displaces Goldsborough Dollar Stabilization Bill and Substitutes Therefore New Glass Bill for Issue of Currency Based on Government Bonds.

As a substitute for the Goldsborough bill (directing the Federal Reserve System to act in stabilizing the purchasing power of the dollar) the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on June 1 ordered favorably reported the new banking bill of Senator Carter Glass designed to make all Government bonds eligible for the issuance of currency. The last-named bill was referred to in our issue of May 28, page 3912. According to Associated Press dispatches from Washington June 1, Chairman Norbeck (Republican) of South Dakota said the new bill would "permit the issuance of probably a billion dollars more of currency." He added it was thought the substitute plan would "bring about a quicker expansion (of the currency) than the Goldsborough bill." The Associated Press added:

Senator Norbeck said virtually no opposition developed in the Committee to the plan proposed by Senator Glass, a former Democratic Secretary of the Treasury. It was reported immediately to the Senate.

"A discussion in the Committee," Mr. Norbeck said, "led to the view that inflation might be a very good thing, but that inflation as provided in the Goldsborough bill might not be the best way."

The measure sponsored by Representative Goldsborough (Dem.) Md., which passed the House, would direct the Federal Reserve Board to stabilize the purchasing power of the dollar at the 1921-1929 level by continuing its open market operations.

Mr. Norbeck said the Committee believed the "inflation" should be diffused over the country in the manner provided by the Glass plan.

"The argument is," he said, "that some 7,000 or 8,000 banks can get some expansion this way without depending on the New York bankers."

The Glass amendment provides, Mr. Norbeck explained, "that national banks may secure currency on their (Government) bond holdings to the extent of their capital."

Mr. Norbeck said he favored the Goldsborough bill, but voted for the substitute when it became apparent that the Committee favored the latter.

The vote on the Glass plan was not announced.

A few minutes later Mr. Glass submitted the Committee's report on the substitute bill to the Senate.

The bill of Senator Glass would make all United States Government bonds available for temporary currency inflation to the extent of \$1,108,000,000. From a dispatch June 1 from Washington to the New York "Times" we quote as follows:

Mr. Glass later said that he did not believe his, or any other "legislative device" was necessary for such an end at this time, but that he had offered the plan in order to stop the Goldsborough bill, which he opposes.

The Virginia Senator's plan contemplates making all Government bonds eligible as a basis for currency issues by national banks in the same way the Panama Canal 2% bonds are now employed. Any national bank holding \$100,000 of Government bonds could obtain \$95,000 in currency. The privilege would be limited to five years from the time Congress approved the proposal.

Support for the Goldsborough bill was faint in the Banking and Currency Committee. Only Senators Blaine and Fletcher vocally sponsored that measure, although Chairman Norbeck said he would have voted for it if a ballot had been demanded.

As it was, the Goldsborough bill more or less automatically slid into a pigeonhole when the Committee agreed to substitute the Glass scheme. The vote to report out the Glass bill was nearly unanimous.

Mr. Glass's distrust of the Goldsborough plan is equalled by his criticism of the Federal Reserve Board's present bond-buying program. Advocating his "temporary inflation" scheme, he said to-day he would much rather allow the heads of the 7,600 national banks to seek new currency issues when they thought the credit of their communities demanded it than to permit a comparatively small board in the East to try to cure the situation by bond purchases.

As for the Goldsborough bill, Mr. Glass said last week he would not vote to give "any seven men created" the power that would be bestowed under that measure.

The new Glass plan which was substituted for the body of the Goldsborough bill reads as follows:

That notwithstanding any provisions of law prohibiting bonds of the United States from bearing the circulation privilege for a period of five years from the date of enactment of this act all outstanding bonds of the United States heretofore issued or issued during such period shall be receivable by the Treasury of the United States as security for the issuance of circulating notes to national banking associations, and upon the deposit with the Treasurer of the United States by a national banking association of any such bonds, such association shall be entitled to receive circulating notes in the same manner and to the same extent and subject to the same conditions and limitations now provided by law in the case of 2% gold bonds of the United States bearing the circulation privilege.

Except that the limitation contained in Section 9 of the act of July 12 1882 as amended, with respect to the amount of lawful money which may be deposited with the Treasurer of the United States by national banking associations for the purpose of withdrawing bonds held as security for their circulating notes shall not apply to the bonds of the United States to which the circulation privilege is extended by this act and which are held as security for such notes.

Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to modify, amend or repeal any law relating to bonds of the United States which now bear the circulation privilege.

Section 2.—As used in this act the words "bonds" shall not include notes, certificates or bills issued by the United States.

Section 3.—There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Amend the title so as to read "A bill to provide for the issuance of additional circulating notes to national banking associations, and to extend the circulation privilege to certain bonds of the United States."

Senator Glass said in an interview that he did not believe resort to the measure would be necessary, especially since the national banks had not availed themselves of anything like all of their circulation privilege.

"I dissent from the view that there is any need of artificial inflation of the credits or currency of the country," he said, "but nevertheless, if there is to be any more inflation it should be brought about by a simple method which everybody may understand and not by the roundabout process which is being vainly tried by the Federal Reserve authorities.

"In short, I think there should be 'diffusive' inflation rather than so-called 'controlled' inflation by the central authorities, who imagine that this expansion, beginning in the big money centers, will trickle down to the smaller communities throughout the country.

"The bill which was overwhelmingly reported from the Banking and Currency Committee authorizes the use for a period of five years of all United States bonds for national circulation purposes.

"In existing circumstances, only the 2% bonds, aggregating some \$740,000,000, enjoy the circulation privilege, whereas in the total capitalization of the national banks of the country there is \$1,600,000,000 in round numbers, which latter sum indicates the amount of circulation that national banks might issue if they had a bond basis for this purpose. This basis the bill reported would give.

"The outstanding circulation of national banks is now only \$624,000,000, or about \$114,000,000 short of the permissible amount. Should the bill reported become law, the 7,600 national banks making use of the United States bonds in their respective portfolios, could expand their circulation to the extent of \$1,108,000,000.

"It was found that the holdings of United States bonds by the banks were equitably distributed in the 12 Federal Reserve districts and that thus the permissible expansion of currency would be widely distributed.

"Of course, none of this national bank currency would be issued unless there should be a demand for it in the respective communities, and the expectation would be that currency thus issued would be retired as the demand for credits should be abated or cease.

"I distinctly disavow the belief that any of these legislative devices is necessary at this time. I simply offered the bill in question as a substitute for the Goldborough bill, which I regard with the utmost aversion."

Senator Walcott, who is credited with representing the administration in fiscal subjects, said to-night that the Glass bill would permit new currency issues of \$994,000,000, but, like Mr. Glass, he asserted that there would be no inflation unless it was actually needed.

There was a surmise that Mr. Walcott consulted the White House regarding the bill, but he threw cold water on the suggestion.

"The national banks now have authority to issue \$114,000,000 in currency and the fact that this has not been issued is evidence that it is not needed," Senator Walcott said.

"The Glass bill, allowing national banks, as at present, to issue up to 100% of their capital would give authority to them to issue \$994,000,000 in addition to the \$624,000,000 now outstanding.

"It should be emphasized that this would not take place unless it was needed. I do not believe there is a demand at the present time for this additional expansion.

"It is true that such an authority as is conferred by Senator Glass's proposal would cause some inflation and that the authority to create such an expansion of currency would be well scattered or distributed throughout the country among 7,600 national banks which hold United States bonds in their portfolios, which they would be enabled to use."

Agreement Reached by Conferees on Tax Bill Following Its Passage This Week by Senate—1922 Income Tax Rate Written Into Bill—One Cent Tax Levy on Gasoline—Manufacturers Sales Tax Rejected.

Passed by the Senate in the early morning of June 1 by a vote of 72 to 11, (it had passed the House on April 1 by a vote of 327 to 64), the new revenue bill, calling for increased income and corporation taxes, new excise taxes, &c., was sent to conference on June 1, and agreement on the differences between the House and Senate bills was reached by the conferees on June 2, at 10:30 p. m. yesterday (June 3), it was announced that the conference report was submitted to both the House and Senate, and quick action on the bill as agreed to in conference was expected. Associated Press dispatches from Washington last night said:

The House conferees accepted the Senate income tax rates; the two cent tax on bank checks, the tax to be collected by banks; the Senate gasoline tax of one cent a gallon; the oil import tax of one-half a cent per gallon, exempting asphalt used in public roads construction; and the Senate tariffs on lumber and copper.

A compromise on the corporation tax was reached. The flat rate on corporations was placed at 13 3/4%, with a tax of 14 1/2% levied on consolidated and affiliated corporation returns.

The House conferees agreed to the Senate's levy of 3% on electrical energy with an amendment making it apply to domestic and commercial consumers, but exempting industrial consumption of electricity.

Electrical energy under the amendment, produced by municipally operated electric plants, also is taxed.

A compromise also was reached on the stock transfer levies. The conferees agreed to the Senate tax of four cents on each share in transactions of \$20 or less, but levied a five cent tax on all transfers in excess of \$20.

The 5% levies on soap, mouth wash and tooth paste were approved. Representative Crisp explained that the Senate rate on coal imports was approved with an amendment providing that no tariff be levied on coal imported from Canada.

Also, under the Senate copper tariff provision, an amendment was inserted to exempt 15,000 tons of the ore used for flushing purposes.

The income tax rates are 4% on the first \$4,000 of net income and 8% on income above \$4,000. A surtax begins at 1% on incomes in excess of \$6,000 and graduates upward to 5% of the excess above \$1,000,000.

The present law imposes a normal tax of 1 1/2% on the first \$4,000 and 5% in excess of \$8,000. The present surtax begins at 1% on incomes in excess of \$10,000 and graduates upward to 20% on the excess above \$100,000.

The exemption for a married man is \$2,500 on net income up to and including \$5,000 a year, and \$2,000 on net income in excess of \$5,000. The single persons' exemption is fixed at \$1,000.

The revised bill carries the new high postal rates beginning with three cent letter postage. Inheritance and gift tax rates were unchanged.

Among excise taxes retained in the bill were those on lubricating oils, toilet goods, furs, automobiles, trucks and parts, jewelry, yachts, motor-

boats, radios and phonographs, mechanical refrigerators, sporting goods, matches, candy, chewing gum and soft drinks, and many of the miscellaneous levies.

Mr. Crisp announced that Representative Rainey, Democrat, of Illinois declined to sign the conference report because he was opposed to the Senate duty on lumber, but that the conferees were in "entire agreement."

Shortly after its presentation in the House the conference report was submitted to the Senate by Senator Smoot, Republican, of Utah.

Although the annual congressional baseball game is scheduled for tomorrow, Mr. Crisp voiced a hope "the House will meet early and stay in session until we get through with the bill."

As to the action to expedite consideration of the bill in conference the "United States Daily" reported the Congressional proceedings June 1 as follows:

Message over to the House by the Senate immediately upon the convening of the House, the House within six minutes disposed of the question of conference and by unanimous consent disagreed to the Senate amendments and agreed to conference with the Senate for adjustment of differences between the two Houses.

The conferees on the part of the House are: Representatives Collier (Dem.), of Vicksburg, Miss.; Crisp (Dem.), of Americus, Ga.; Rainey (Dem.), of Carrollton, Ill. (also majority leader of the House); Hawley (Rep.), of Salem, Ore. and Treadway (Rep.), of Stockbridge, Mass.

Conferees of Senate.

The Senate conferees are:

Senators Smoot (Rep.), of Utah, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Reed (Rep.), of Pennsylvania; Harrison (Dem.), of Mississippi; King (Dem.), of Utah and Watson (Rep.), of Indiana, all members of the Committee.

The House gave unanimous consent to conference after the power of the Committee on Rules had been invoked to meet the emergency in the event unanimous consent was refused. Speaker Garner got in touch with its members while the Rules Committee was conducting a hearing; at a later Executive Committee meeting the Committee agreed to a favorable report on the rule immediately contingent upon refusal of unanimous consent.

"Mr. Speaker, the Senate passed last night the tax bill," Representative Crisp for the Ways and Means Committee, told the House. "In my judgment there is nothing as important for the country as the speedy enactment of that tax bill to balance the budget.

Need of Early Action.

"There can be, in my judgment no economic recovery or increased employment until the country and the world knows that the United States is going to collect as much revenue as it spends, and that it is on a sound economical basis and that the American dollar will be maintained. This Congress, in my judgment, can do nothing more important than to expedite in every possible way the enactment of this tax bill into law.

Effects on Market.

"Following the passage of the tax bill last night," said Representative Blanton (Dem.), of Abilene, Tex., "the gentleman has noted that the market began to climb upward this morning."

"Yes, and I was delighted," said Mr. Crisp.

"In spite of some provisions in it," said Mr. Blanton.

"Regardless of the market, which does not put men to work," interjected Representative LaGuardia (Rep.), of New York City, "may I ask if the House will have an opportunity to pass on the provisions in the House bill which provide for a stock transfer tax?"

"I much prefer to go to conference unhampered," Mr. Crisp replied. "Of course, the conferees will be charged with the duty of trying to compose the differences existing between the two Houses. We can not inject new matter. The conferees must compromise; that is, give and take."

"It is my hope," Mr. Crisp continued, "that the conferees as speedily as possible can reach a complete agreement on everything and come in with a complete bill. Therefore, I can not promise that I am going to bring back to the House any amendment in that bill, because I hope the conferees may be able to adjust all matters.

"I hope we can get unanimous consent to place the bill in conference without any strings tied to the conferees to bring back any amendment. If the request is not agreed to, the Committee on Rules is coming in with a rule to put the bill into conference."

The House then sent the bill to conference.

Representative Britten (Rep.), of Chicago, Ill., announced, that he has introduced a resolution designed to provide for a special rule to make in order a sales tax amendment to the tax bill.

As the Senate passed the bill by the final vote of 72 to 11 at 12:25 a. m., June 1 (1:25 a. m. daylight saving time) the measure, it was noted, in the "United States Daily," was figured by experts of the Committee on Finance to be capable of producing approximately \$1,238,000,000, as compared with an estimated yield of \$1,031,000,000 as it was passed by the House April 1 and of \$1,009,000,000 as its consideration began in the Senate, May 13. The "Daily" of June 2 also said:

The final day's consideration of the bill, including the President's declarations concerning a balanced budget through the tax bill and necessary economies, resulted in numerous additions to the levies that it originally had carried and, taken in connection with economies which the Senate special economy committee since has announced, make possible a balancing of the Government income and its expenditures.

It was estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills, before the final drive for revenue got under way, that the measure fell \$285,000,000 short of accomplishing the purpose desired.

From the Washington dispatch June 1 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" we quote:

Dissenting Senators.

The 11 Senators voting against the bill were—Democrats: Black, Bulow, Costigan, Glass, Gore, Hawes, Smith and Trammell; Republicans: Blaine and Norbeck; Shipstead, Farm Laborite.

Senator Tydings voted "present" on the ground that he did not believe the measure would balance the budget. This brought from Senator Reed (Rep., Pa.), the declaration that assurances had been given by the Secretary of the Treasury that if the Congress will stand by the economy program the budget would be balanced.

The last minute indorsement by President Hoover of the disputed manufacturers' sales tax, was rejected by the Senate on June 1, it was noted in Associated Press advices on June 1 from Washington, which also said:

The 1.75% manufacturers' sales levy was advanced late in the night by Senator Walsh (Dem., Mass.), and voted down, 53 to 27.

The Senate did respond with determination to Administration appeals advanced personally by the President and Secretary Mills for an 11th-hour addition of \$285,000,000 in new revenue to make sure the Government will pay its own way next year.

It voted further increases in the income rates, a one cent-a-gallon levy on gasoline and a 3% tax on gross receipts of electric power companies. These changes were estimated to yield \$280,000,000 and bring the total of the measure up to the \$1,115,000,000 asked by the administration.

Detailing the final day's action on the bill, (May 31-June 1) the New York "Times" in its dispatch from Washington on that day said in part:

President Urges Quick Action.

Viewing the present crisis as calling for the supreme effort of his office, President Hoover decided suddenly yesterday morning that he would visit the Senate in person to urge speed on the budget-balancing program. Accordingly, he went to the Senate, and 12 hours after his visit that body had completed and adopted the tax bill.

Senate Moves Quickly into Action.

From the moment the Chief Executive ended the slow, hardly audible reading of his message, the Senate went into action. The Finance Committee, which in reality had started action two hours before upon learning of the Presidential visit, went back into session. Before the lunch hour the Committee was back at the door of the Senate with amendments sufficient to raise the revenues required of the tax bill.

While the President specifically endorsed the manufacturers' sales tax, the Senate rejected the suggestion.

An alternative plan, suggested by Secretary Mills to raise the funds by which the bill was deficient, was accepted, however, and every faction was apparently satisfied with the compromise to-night.

The Presidential visit came as an absolute surprise to Democratic leaders who had visited the White House Monday night. They had left the Executive Mansion with the understanding that the Senate would go ahead with the tax bill along the lines already laid. They felt that the deficiency in the bill, which Secretary Mills said was growing, could be made up in conference committee from the various provisions passed by the Senate and House.

The surprise of the minority leaders did not affect their co-operation, however. They were in the thick of it all day. The proposal to stay on the job to-day until the tax bill was completed, "if it takes all night," was made by Senator Harrison after he had heard the President's appeal.

Secretary Mills was on Capitol Hill virtually three hours before the President reached there. He appeared before an emergency meeting of the Finance Committee to explain that the tax bill, as it stood yesterday morning, was still virtually \$285,000,000 short of filling its place in the budget-balancing program.

The Secretary agreed to the Connally amendment restoring the 1922 income tax rates. While he waited in the corridors, the Committee went into the Senate—meeting at 10 a. m.—and asked for a vote on the Connally rates. They were adopted, 86 to 3, thus affording \$70,000,000 more revenue for the bill.

Secretary Mills next proposed the general manufacturers' sales tax. He did not know it at that time, but the Committee was soon to vote, 12 to 8, against this proposal. He suggested as an alternative a 1 cent Federal tax on gasoline and readjustment of the amusement tax to provide a 10% levy on all admissions above 10 cents.

The Committee recessed to hear the President's message. A few minutes afterward it reconvened and the sales tax was defeated, the gasoline tax was adopted and a former Treasury suggestion for a 5% levy on domestic consumption of electricity and gas was written into the bill.

3% on Power Receipts.

While the program was not to be the final will of the Senate, the Finance Committee's supplemental suggestions furnished the power which set the legislative machine going. The Senate adopted without record vote the gasoline tax, but substituted for the electricity and gas levy a tax of 3% on the gross receipts of power companies from the distribution of electric energy. This amendment, proposed by Senator Howell, in effect placed a sales tax on electricity sold by private companies. The gasoline tax is a manufacturers' tax to be paid at the refinery.

By adoption of the Connally amendment, the gasoline tax and the electricity distribution levy, the Senate added \$275,000,000 to the bill. While \$10,000,000 short of the request of Secretary Mills, the function of the tax bill in balancing the budget in the fiscal year 1933 was estimated to have been fulfilled. Secretary Mills said in private that the Connally amendment probably would produce around \$100,000,000 instead of \$70,000,000, as he estimated at the outset.

Adamant Against Sales Tax.

It was apparent soon after the President's visit that the Senate would not accept the sales tax. Fifty-nine Senators had signed a "round robin" to stand against it "in the pending bill," and a check-up of those Senators showed that not a one of them had changed his position.

Sales Tax Vote in Committee.

The vote by which the Finance Committee rejected the general manufacturers' sales tax was 12 to 8, as follows:

For the tax.—Watson, Reed, Shortridge, Keyes, Bingham, Metcalf and Smoot, Republicans, and Walsh of Massachusetts, Democrat.

Against the tax.—Couzens, La Follette, Thomas of Idaho and Jones, Republicans; Harrison, King, Gore, George, Barkley, Connally, Costigan and Hull, Democrats.

Not to be outdone by the Committee's vote the sales tax proponents brought a test on the floor. They insisted on putting the members on record regarding this levy, and some of the members insisted just as earnestly to be put on record against it.

The course of the alternative plan was relatively easy, though only half successful. Introduction of the electricity and gas tax found the Senate already in a discussion over taxing the private power companies.

Senator Smoot offered the new consumption tax as a substitute for the Howell amendment. The Committee had agreed to it by a good majority. Senators raised the objection that it was a tax only on "domestic" consumption and not on commercial consumption. Others raised the objection that it was a levy directly on the consumer.

After nearly two hours of debate the Committee amendment was voted down, 45 to 40. Senator Reed immediately reoffered it, with the addition of "commercial" users. Not even this change was satisfactory, however, and the revised amendment was defeated, 47 to 35.

The vote on the Howell amendment followed quickly. It was adopted 61 to 19.

The gasoline tax was approved without record vote. Senator Thomas of Oklahoma offered a proposal to make up the \$150,000,000 sought by the gasoline tax by having the Reconstruction Finance Corporation issue

and sell \$150,000,000 worth of its debentures and repay the cash into the Treasury. His amendment was defeated, 80 to 8.

Taxes approved by the Senate when it quit Monday (May 30) were estimated to raise \$963,500,000. Secretary Mills to-day said that the yield would not be more than \$840,000,000, a drop of \$23,500,000. With the new taxes voted to-day the yield of the completed bill, according to Mr. Mills' estimate, was increased to \$1,115,000,000, or within \$10,000,000 of the amount it had been estimated would be necessary to obtain to balance the budget, even after the shrinkage under earlier estimates was considered.

Elsewhere we give the address before the Senate of President Hoover and the statement of Secretary Mills to the Finance Committee. In his efforts to hasten action on pending legislation, and more particularly the tax bill, President Hoover cut short on (Sunday night) May 29 his Memorial Day week-end at Rapidan Camp, unexpectedly returning to the White House to which he summoned Republican Senate leaders for a conference. The New York "Times" observed:

The conversation, which began at 8:30 p. m. was attended by Senator Watson, Republican floor leader; Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee; Mr. Reed of Pennsylvania, who has been championing a revival of the sales tax, and Senator Moses of New Hampshire, President pro tem of the Senate.

Others there were Vice-President Currier, Senator McNary of Oregon, who is the assistant floor leader of the Senate; Secretary Mills, Under-Secretary Ballantine and several experts from the Treasury Department.

Confer for Two Hours.

On his arrival at the White House at 6 p. m. the President went to his office and immediately sent for a stenographer. He also summoned Secretary Mills, who conferred with him until 8:30 o'clock, when the other participants who had been summoned began to arrive.

The general conference lasted two hours and the sales tax was the chief subject under discussion, with the President being urged on some sides to make a statement or send a special message to Congress on the subject.

On May 30 President Hoover called Democratic members of the Senate Finance and Economy Committees into conference at the White House at night in an effort to reach an agreement that would move the Government's fiscal program ahead at a still faster pace. The New York "Times" said:

There remained more than \$200,000,000 in items enacted by the House which had not been included in the Senate bill, and it was the belief of the Democratic leaders that the new revenue necessary to balance the budget would come out of shuffling these two measures.

It was impressed upon them by Secretary Mills, Charles G. Dawes, President of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and Owen D. Young, who also attended the conference, that probably \$200,000,000 above the Senate bill would have to be supplied.

In the "Times" Washington account, May 29 it was stated:

The first item to be acted upon in the Senate to-morrow will probably be the provision for decreasing the stock transfer tax from the rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, as passed by the House, to a flat 4 cents a share. Senator Dill offered an amendment Saturday raising the rate in the Senate bill to $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%; this was left pending for a vote to-morrow.

Other items yet to be voted upon are the 2 cents tax on bond transfers, estimated to yield \$5,000,000, and the levy on oil transportation by pipe lines, expected to produce about \$6,000,000. The stock transfer tax as framed by the Finance Committee is expected to raise \$22,000,000 additional for the fiscal year 1933.

The same paper reporting the Senate action May 30 said:

A safe majority withstood all attempts of members to increase the stock transfer tax. The flat rate of 4 cents a share, as recommended by the Treasury, was adopted in place of the House provision for a levy of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of the value involved. Senator Dill offered an amendment to make the tax $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%, which was defeated 44 to 37, and Senator Wheeler was turned down 47 to 32 on his proposal to raise the levy to 6 cents a share.

The Senate refused to go along with the Finance Committee in exempting loans of stock from the 4% tax. Under the persuasion that such a tax would be, in effect, a levy upon shares used to cover short sales, the Senate voted, 40 to 37, to strike out this exemption, upon motion of Senator Walsh of Montana.

The La Guardia amendment, written into the House bill as a result of threats to move the New York Stock Exchange to Canada, also was stricken out. The vote was 54 to 26 in favor of the Committee amendment which eliminated it.

The section provided that the stock tax should be paid the United States Treasury whenever a concession of this country was involved in any way, as seller, buyer or agent, in any stock transaction, regardless of where the trade might be consummated.

A tax on oil pipe line transportation of oil and gasoline, amounting to 3% of the transportation charges, also was adopted. The House had adopted a charge of 8%.

The Finance Committee's proposed reduction of the bond transfer levy from $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% as passed by the House to 4 cents for \$100 par value, was approved without record vote.

The bill was either right at the finish line or in for a prolonged muddle when the Senate recessed at 7:20 p. m. Practically all the Committee amendments had been approved and motions to reconsider were pending largely on the outcome of the vote on the Connally amendment to-morrow.

The Senate reaffirmed during the day its previous approval of the "stock losses limitation" section, providing that stock losses may be deducted from taxable income only to the extent of gains in similar transactions during the same calendar year.

The Senate amended the House provision so as to allow losses on securities held for more than two years, or so-called "capital assets," to be handled as under the present law.

Anti-Bonus Proposals Approved.

The body also approved the two Gore amendments designed to discourage the payment of large salaries and bonuses. One of these provided that, on any compensation above \$75,000 a year received by any officer, director or employee of a corporation, the excess should be taxed at the rate of 80%. The other would disallow the excess above \$75,000, paid to any individual, as an ordinary expense item in the corporation's income tax return.

As we stated in our item on the tax bill last week (page 3914) Senator David I. Walsh (Dem.), of Massachusetts, introduced on May 27 his sales tax amendment in revised form, estimating that it would produce \$325,000,000 in revenue and make it possible to eliminate many of the objectionable excise and nuisance taxes. As we indicate above, the sales tax amendment was rejected this week. The New York "Herald Tribune" in its dispatch from Washington, May 27, said:

To-night some of the sales tax advocates, including Senator David A. Reed (Rep.) of Pennsylvania, claimed a majority, but Senator James E. Watson, Republican floor leader, said they lacked four votes of enough to carry their proposal, and they still were working vigorously for converts and negotiating for a combination to put through the Walsh plan and the Connally amendment for increased income and surtax rates.

Other developments of the day on the tax bill were: Increases in first-class and second-class mail rates were adopted, promising addition of \$160,000,000 to the revenue. The Finance Committee was upheld by 43 to 32 in increasing the second-class rates.

The Finance Committee taxes on furs were upheld, and a motion by Senator John J. Blaine, insurgent Republican of Wisconsin, to exempt cheaper furs and fur garments was defeated by 49 to 26.

The House provision for revaluation of depreciated estates was stricken from the bill on the ground that it would have cost the Federal Government \$40,000,000 and the States nearly four times as much.

The Howell amendment to exempt checks up to \$5 was beaten on a tie vote and the Committee provision was upheld, thus adding \$95,000,000 revenue to bill.

The Finance Committee was sustained, 72 to 3, in striking out the House provision for the re-valuation of depreciated estates. Senators Copeland and Robert F. Wagner (Dems.) of New York, and George H. Moses (Rep.) of New Hampshire, alone opposed the Committee's action.

On May 29 the "Times" reported the following from Washington:

The sales-tax flurry deflected the Senate from any further action to-day on the tax bill. In all, \$33,000,000 in tax items contained in the measure remain to be voted upon, but the only one considered to-day was the levy on stock transfers, to which Senator Dill proposed an amendment that would raise the rate to $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the value involved instead of the flat basis of four cents a share as carried in the bill. The House adopted a tax of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%.

Details of the provisions carried in the tax bill as passed by the Senate will be found in another item in this issue of our paper. The passage of the tax bill by the House on April 1 was noted in our issue of April 9, page 2639.

Statement of Secretary of Treasury Mills to Senate Committee Urging Adoption of Manufacturers' Excise Tax as Proposed by Senator Walsh—1922 Income Tax Rates Also Recommended.

On May 31 Secretary of the Treasury Mills in a statement before the Senate Finance Committee called attention to the fact that the tax bill, as then before the Senate, "would bring in but \$840,000,000, as compared with the \$965,000,000 estimated under the old figures." "Thus," he said, "there is a shortage of revenue between the amount originally estimated by the Treasury as necessary and the yield of the bill as it now stands of \$285,000,000." To bridge the gap Secretary Mills recommended turning to the manufacturers' excise tax along the lines of Senator Walsh's pending amendment. This amendment, however, failed of enactment in the bill as it passed the Senate. Secretary Mills further recommended the adoption of the so-called Connally income tax rates, representing a return to the 1922 income tax rates. These rates are embodied in the bill as it passed the Senate. The following is the statement made by Secretary Mills to the Senate Finance Committee:

Events during the last two months, and more particularly the last few weeks, necessitate taking into account a changed situation as affecting the estimates of old and new revenue made by the Treasury Department in February.

The estimates were predicated on a prompt enactment of a revenue bill furnishing a basis for, first, a stabilization of economic conditions and then a gradual rise. Instead, there has been a marked contraction of economic activity and a further fall in commodity and security prices, so that not only has the date of recovery been postponed but recovery starts from a lower level. This is bound to have an adverse effect on prospective revenue.

The Treasury recommended in February \$1,125,000,000 in new taxes. That is the amount needed to-day.

The bill now before the Senate, even with the Finance Committee items still to be voted on, will bring in but \$840,000,000 as compared with the \$965,000,000 estimated under the old figures.

Thus there is a shortage of revenue between the amount originally estimated by the Treasury as necessary and the yield of the bill as it now stands of \$285,000,000. The difference is due to a reduction by the Congress in new taxes amounting to \$160,000,000—of which about \$100,000,000 was agreed to by the Treasury in its eagerness for prompt action—and \$125,000,000 is accounted for by changed conditions.

In other words, assuming that the expenditure figures are reduced below those submitted in the budget message by not less than \$350,000,000, \$285,000,000 of additional revenue is needed to-day to balance the budget.

In order to bridge this gap, I unqualifiedly recommend turning to the manufacturers' excise tax along the lines of Senator Walsh's pending amendment. While the Treasury Department has hitherto refrained from recommending this tax, I had occasion to give it close study during its consideration by the Ways and Means Committee, and I unhesitatingly endorse it to-day as the most effective means of balancing the budget and giving assurance of yielding the needed revenue.

I further recommend the adoption of the so-called Connally income tax amendment, which means a return to the 1922 income tax rates, which I

have hitherto opposed, but the necessity of balancing the budget is so great that objections which up to the present time justified opposition to a particular tax can in this emergency no longer be considered valid.

If the Senate is unwilling to follow what I deem to be the wise course, I suggest as a possible alternate program:

- (1) the Connally amendment, yielding approximately \$70,000,000;
- (2) a gasoline tax of 1 cent, yielding approximately \$150,000,000, and
- (3) restoration of the exemption on admissions to 10 cents, which will yield \$55,000,000 more than is now provided for; or a total of \$275,000,000.

"Round Robin" of Fifty-Five Senators Against Sales Tax in Pending Bill.

Stating that an extraordinary situation developed in the Senate on May 30 when a round robin, signed by 55 Senators, in opposition to the sales tax, was made public, a dispatch on that date to the New York "Herald Tribune" said:

Senator Pat Harrison, Democrat, of Mississippi, and Senator Robert M. La Follette, insurgent Republican, of Wisconsin, who had circulated petitions against the sales tax, put into the record the names of the signers. Their purpose was definitely to head off the proponents of the sales tax amendment to the revenue bill proposed by Senator David I. Walsh, Democrat, of Massachusetts.

Petition and Its Signers.

The petition follows:

"In order to expedite the passage of a revenue bill to balance the budget and to prevent unnecessary prolongation of debate thereon, the undersigned now declare that they will at this time vote against any and every form of a general sales tax, on the pending bill."

The signers were:

Democrats, 35—Robinson, (Ark.), Harrison, George, Glass, Long, Bulkley, Barkley, Thomas (Okla.), Bulow, Bratton, Gore, Connally, Byrnes, King, Smith, Wheeler, Kendrick, Sheppard, Cohen, Walsh (Mont.), Hayden, Dill, Mrs. Caraway, Trammell, McGill, Fletcher, Neely, Lewis, Stephens, Black (Ala.), Bankhead, Ashurst, Hull, McKellar, Costigan.

Republicans, 19—La Follette, Blaine, Frasier, Howell, Couzens, Borah, Norris, Cutting, Nye, Norbeck, Brookhart, Thomas (Idaho), McNary, Johnson, Capper, Jones, Oddie, Steiwer, Hatfield.

Farmer-Labor, 1—Shipstead.

No Signers from East.

The 55 signers give the opponents of the tax a majority of seven in a Senate membership of 96.

They represent States in the Far West, Middle West and South and it was a subject of comment that there were no protestants from the Atlantic seaboard or other great manufacturing centres.

British Praise President Hoover—Senate's Action on Tax Bill Causes Profound Relief in London.

The following London cablegram June 2 is from the New York "Times":

The United States Senate's passage of the tax bill came as a profound relief to Great Britain. Stocks bounded upward in all departments of the London Exchange yesterday, and there was an immediate rise in the dollar rate.

It was felt that the danger of a flight from the dollar had been averted, and that with a speedy agreement by the House of Representatives a turning point in the American crisis will have been reached. But it is President Hoover, not the Senate, who is winning unstinted praise in London for the victory of the tax bill.

"The President may or may not be re-elected," comments "The Express," "but history cannot deny that his courageous attitude toward the American financial crisis has given the force of normal, honest American citizenship a chance really to make itself heard.

"The fantastic prosperity of the United States had weakened the moral fibre of her people. They were not prepared for sacrifice except on the part of the other fellow. They realize now that there is no other way and are as ready for self-discipline and sacrifice as the people of Britain when they were faced with last year's crisis."

The same parallel is drawn in "The Post," which asserts the United States was "wallowing in a financial morass as deep as that which brought down the late Socialist Government here." Giving President Hoover credit for having faced the situation, the paper adds:

"Fortunately for democracy, the American Senate has given the same answer as the British Commons. It has resolved to balance the budget. It was no more than it was here an easy task."

Higher Rates for Income Tax in Revenue Bill Voted by Senate—Amendment of Senator Connally Calling for 1922 Rates Adopted.

The Senate on May 31 passed an amendment to the income tax provisions of the pending revenue bill introduced by Senator Connally (Dem.) of Texas. Under this amendment the 1922 income tax rates were written into the bill. From the "United States Daily" of June 1 we quote as follows:

Under the amendment the normal rates are increased to 4% on the first \$4,000 and to 8% on the remainder. The maximum surtax rate is increased to 55%. The amendment also reduces to \$2,000 the personal exemption of married persons having a net income of \$5,000 or more and removes entirely the earned income credit.

Under the present law, the normal rate is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % on the first \$4,000; 3% on the next \$4,000; and 5% on the excess. The bill as approved by the House increased those rates to 2, 4 and 7%, respectively. The Senate Finance Committee made a further increase to 3, 6 and 9%.

Under the present law, the maximum surtax is 20%. The House increased that maximum to 40%, and the Senate Finance Committee to 45%.

The amendment follows in full text.

On page 9, strike out lines 19 to 25, both inclusive (relating to rates of normal tax on individuals), and insert in lieu thereof the following.

(The lines stricken out were those imposing a normal tax of 3% on the first \$4,000; 6% on the next \$4,000; and 9% on the remainder.)

"(a) 4% of the first \$4,000 of the amount of the net income in excess of the credits against net income provided in Section 25; and

"(b) 8% of the remainder of such excess amount."

On page 10, strike out lines 5 to 25, both inclusive, all of pages 11, 12, 13, and 14, and lines 1, 2, and 3 on page 15 (relating to surtax rates on individuals), and insert in lieu thereof the following.

"Upon a net income of \$6,000 there shall be no surtax; upon net incomes in excess of \$6,000 and not in excess of \$10,000, 1% of such excess.

"\$40 upon net incomes of \$10,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$10,000 and not in excess of \$12,000, 2% in addition of such excess.

"\$80 upon net incomes of \$12,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$12,000 and not in excess of \$14,000, 3% in addition of such excess.

"\$140 upon net incomes of \$14,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$14,000 and not in excess of \$16,000, 4% in addition of such excess.

"\$220 upon net incomes of \$16,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$16,000 and not in excess of \$18,000, 5% in addition of such excess.

"\$320 upon net incomes of \$18,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$18,000 and not in excess of \$20,000, 6% in addition of such excess.

"\$440 upon net incomes of \$20,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$20,000 and not in excess of \$22,000, 8% in addition of such excess.

"\$600 upon net incomes of \$22,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$22,000 and not in excess of \$24,000, 9% in addition of such excess.

"\$780 upon net incomes of \$24,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$24,000 and not in excess of \$26,000, 10% in addition of such excess.

"\$980 upon net incomes of \$26,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$26,000 and not in excess of \$28,000, 11% in addition of such excess.

"\$1,200 upon net incomes of \$28,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$28,000 and not in excess of \$30,000, 12% in addition of such excess.

"\$1,440 upon net incomes of \$30,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$30,000 and not in excess of \$32,000, 13% in addition of such excess.

"\$1,700 upon net incomes of \$32,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$32,000, and not in excess of \$36,000, 15% in addition of such excess.

"\$2,300 upon net incomes of \$36,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$36,000 and not in excess of \$38,000, 16% in addition of such excess.

"\$2,620 upon net incomes of \$38,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$38,000 and not in excess of \$40,000, 17% in addition of such excess.

"\$2,960 upon net incomes of \$40,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$40,000 and not in excess of \$42,000, 18% in addition of such excess.

"\$3,320 upon net incomes of \$42,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$42,000 and not in excess of \$44,000, 19% in addition of such excess.

"\$3,700 upon net incomes of \$44,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$44,000 and not in excess of \$46,000, 20% in addition of such excess.

"\$4,100 upon net incomes of \$46,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$46,000 and not in excess of \$48,000, 21% in addition of such excess.

"\$4,520 upon net incomes of \$48,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$48,000 and not in excess of \$50,000, 22% in addition of such excess.

"\$4,960 upon net incomes of \$50,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$50,000 and not in excess of \$52,000, 23% in addition of such excess.

"\$5,420 upon net incomes of \$52,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$52,000 and not in excess of \$54,000, 24% in addition of such excess.

"\$5,900 upon net incomes of \$54,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$54,000 and not in excess of \$56,000, 25% in addition of such excess.

"\$6,400 upon net incomes of \$56,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$56,000 and not in excess of \$58,000, 26% in addition of such excess.

"\$6,920 upon net incomes of \$58,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$58,000 and not in excess of \$60,000, 27% in addition of such excess.

"\$7,460 upon net incomes of \$60,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$60,000 and not in excess of \$62,000, 28% in addition of such excess.

"\$8,020 upon net incomes of \$62,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$62,000 and not in excess of \$64,000, 29% in addition of such excess.

"\$8,600 upon net incomes of \$64,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$64,000 and not in excess of \$66,000, 30% in addition of such excess.

"\$9,200 upon net incomes of \$66,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$66,000 and not in excess of \$68,000, 31% in addition of such excess.

"\$9,820 upon net incomes of \$68,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$68,000 and not in excess of \$70,000, 32% in addition of such excess.

"\$10,460 upon net incomes of \$70,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$70,000 and not in excess of \$72,000, 33% in addition of such excess.

"\$11,120 upon net incomes of \$72,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$72,000 and not in excess of \$74,000, 34% in addition of such excess.

"\$11,800 upon net incomes of \$74,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$74,000 and not in excess of \$76,000, 35% in addition of such excess.

"\$12,500 upon net incomes of \$76,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$76,000 and not in excess of \$78,000, 36% in addition of such excess.

"\$13,220 upon net incomes of \$78,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$78,000 and not in excess of \$80,000, 37% in addition of such excess.

"\$13,960 upon net incomes of \$80,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$80,000 and not in excess of \$82,000, 38% in addition of such excess.

"\$14,720 upon net incomes of \$82,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$82,000 and not in excess of \$84,000, 39% in addition of such excess.

"\$15,500 upon net incomes of \$84,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$84,000 and not in excess of \$86,000, 40% in addition of such excess.

"\$16,300 upon net incomes of \$86,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$86,000 and not in excess of \$88,000, 41% in addition of such excess.

"\$17,120 upon net incomes of \$88,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$88,000 and not in excess of \$90,000, 42% in addition of such excess.

"\$17,960 upon net incomes of \$90,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$90,000 and not in excess of \$92,000, 43% in addition of such excess.

"\$18,820 upon net incomes of \$92,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$92,000 and not in excess of \$94,000, 44% in addition of such excess.

"\$19,700 upon net incomes of \$94,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$94,000 and not in excess of \$96,000, 45% in addition of such excess.

"\$20,600 upon net incomes of \$96,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$96,000 and not in excess of \$98,000, 46% in addition of such excess.

"\$21,520 upon net incomes of \$98,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$98,000 and not in excess of \$100,000, 47% in addition of such excess.

"\$22,460 upon net incomes of \$100,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$100,000 and not in excess of \$150,000, 48% in addition of such excess.

"\$46,460 upon net incomes of \$150,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$150,000 and not in excess of \$200,000, 49% in addition of such excess.

"\$70,960 upon net incomes of \$200,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$200,000 and not in excess of \$300,000, 50% in addition of such excess.

"\$120,960 upon net incomes of \$300,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$300,000 and not in excess of \$400,000, 51% in addition of such excess.

"\$171,960 upon net incomes of \$400,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$400,000 and not in excess of \$500,000, 52% in addition of such excess.

"\$223,960 upon net incomes of \$500,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$500,000 and not in excess of \$750,000, 53% in addition of such excess.

"\$356,460 upon net incomes of \$750,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$750,000 and not in excess of \$1,000,000, 54% in addition of such excess.

"\$491,460 upon net incomes of \$1,000,000; and upon net incomes in excess of \$1,000,000, 55% in addition of such excess."

On page 36, strike out lines 16 to 23, both inclusive, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(c) In the case of a single person, a personal exemption of \$1,000; or in the case of the head of a family or a married person living with husband or wife, a personal exemption of \$2,500, unless the net income is in excess of \$5,000, in which case the personal exemption shall be \$2,000. A hus-

band and wife living together shall receive but one personal exemption. The amount of such personal exemption shall be \$2,500, unless the aggregate net income of such husband and wife is in excess of \$5,000, in which case the amount of such personal exemption shall be \$2,000. If such husband and wife make separate returns, the personal exemption may be taken by either or divided between them. In no case shall the reduction of the personal exemption from \$2,500 to \$2,000 operate to increase the tax which would be payable if the exemption were \$2,500 by more than the amount of the net income in excess of \$5,000."

On page 37, strike out lines 14 to 24, both inclusive, and all of page 38 (being the earned-income provisions).

President Hoover in Address Before Senate Urges Speedy Action on Tax Bill and Other Legislation—Balancing of Budget Cited As Necessary to Stabilize Dollar—Sees Fears Abroad Exaggerated—Increased Loans to State Governments by Reconstruction Finance Corporation Proposed.

Appearing personally before the Senate on May 31, President Hoover warned that "the long-continued delay in the passage of legislation providing for such reduction in expenses and such addition to revenues as would balance the budget . . . have given rise to doubt and anxiety as to the ability of our Government to meet its responsibilities." "These fears and doubts have been foolishly exaggerated in foreign countries," said the President, who added that "they do not realize that, slow as our processes may be, we are determined and have the resources to place the finances of the United States on an unassailable basis."

The President pointed out that "the immediate result has been to create an entirely unjustified run upon the American dollar from foreign countries, and within the last few days, despite our national wealth and resources and our unparalleled gold reserves, our dollar stands at a discount in the markets of the world for the first time in half a century." The President went on to say: "This can be and must be immediately corrected or the reaction upon our economic situation will be such as to cause great losses to our people and will still further retard recovery."

According to President Hoover, "we have three major duties in legislation in order to accomplish our fundamental purposes:

1. Drastic reduction of expenditures;
2. Passage of adequate revenue legislation, the combination of which with reductions will unquestionably beyond all manner of doubt declare to the world the balancing of the Federal budget and the stabilizing of the American dollar;
3. Passage of adequate relief legislation to assure the country against distress and to aid in employment pending the next session of Congress.

The President declared that "in the matter of tax legislation we must face the plain and unpalatable fact that due to the degeneration in the economy situation during the last month the estimates of fertility of taxes which have been made from time to time, based upon the then current prospects of business, must be readjusted to take account of the decreasing business activity and shrinking values."

He stated that "I have not and do not favor a general sales tax." He added: "In order, however, to solve our problem and give assurance to the country and the world of the impregnability of the American dollar and that we are ready to meet our emergencies at any sacrifice, I have now come to favor an extension for a limited period of the many special excise taxes to a more general manufacturers' excise tax and will support the Congress if it should be adopted." The President also told the Senate that "after consultation with some of the party leaders on both sides" he "favored authorization to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to loan up to \$300,000,000 to State governments where they are unable to finance themselves in provision of relief to distress."

The President further said:

Such loans should be made by purchase of State bonds by the Corporation; but where States are unable to issue bonds, then loans should be made upon application of State authorities, and if they are not regulated by the issuance of bonds within a period of 12 to 18 months they should become a charge upon the Federal aid funds, to which such States may be entitled.

In order to aid unemployment and to avoid wasteful expansion of public works I have favored authority to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to increase its issues of securities to the maximum of \$3,000,000,000 in order that it may extend its services both in aid to employment and agriculture on a wide scale.

In conclusion, the President said:

I come before you in sympathy with the difficulties which the problem presents and in a sincere spirit of helpfulness. I ask of you to accept such a basis of practical adjustment essential to the welfare of our people.

In your hands at this moment is the answer to the question whether democracy has the capacity to act speedily enough to save itself in emergency.

The nation urgently needs unity. It needs solidarity before the world in demonstrating that America has the courage to look its difficulties in the face and the capacity and resolution to meet them.

We give herewith in full President Hoover's address to the Senate:

An emergency has developed in the last few days which it is my duty to lay before the Senate.

The continued downward movement in the economic life of the country has been particularly accelerated during the past few days, and it relates in part definitely to the financial program of the Government.

There can be no doubt that superimposed upon other causes the long-continued delays in the passage of legislation providing for such reduction in expenses and such addition to revenues as would balance the budget, together with proposals of projects which would greatly increase governmental expenditures, have given rise to doubt and anxiety as to the ability of our Government to meet its responsibilities.

Fears Exaggerated in Foreign Countries.

These fears and doubts have been foolishly exaggerated in foreign countries. They know from bitter experience that the course of unbalanced budgets is the road of ruin. They do not realize that, slow as our processes may be, we are determined and have the resources to place the finances of the United States on an unassailable basis.

Dollar At Discount in World Markets.

The immediate result has been to create an entirely unjustified run upon the American dollar from foreign countries, and within the past few days, despite our national wealth and resources and our unparalleled gold reserves, our dollar stands at a discount in the markets of the world for the first time in half a century. This can be and must be immediately corrected, or the reaction upon our economic situation will be such as to cause great losses to our people and will still further retard recovery.

Diminished Activity in United States.

Nor is the confusion in public mind and the rising feeling of doubt and fear confined to foreign countries. It reflects itself directly in diminished economic activity and increased unemployment within our own borders and among our own citizens. There is this further stress upon already diminished and strained economic life of the country.

No one has a more sympathetic realization than I of the difficulties and complexities of the problem with which the Congress is confronted. The decrease in revenues due to the depression by upward of \$1,700,000,000 and the consequent necessity to reduce Government expenditures, the sacrifice such reduction calls for from many groups and sections, the further sacrifice called for in the distribution of the remaining burden by the imposition of new taxes all constitute a problem which naturally arouses wide divergence of sectional interest and personal views.

Yet if we are to secure a just distribution of these sacrifices in such fashion as to establish confidence in the integrity of the Government we must secure an adjustment of these views to quick and prompt national action, directed at one sole purpose, that is to unfetter the rehabilitation of industry, agriculture and unemployment.

The time has come when we must all make sacrifice of some parts of our particular views and bring these dangers and degenerations to halt by expeditious action.

Three Major Duties in Legislation.

In the stress of this emergency I have conferred with members of both parties of the Senate as to methods by which the strains and stresses could be overcome and the gigantic resources and energies of our people released from the fetters in which they are held.

I have felt in the stress of this emergency a grave responsibility rests upon me not only to present the situation to the Senate but to make suggestions as to the basis of adjustment between these views which I hope will lead to early action. And I am addressing myself to the Senate on this occasion as the major questions under consideration are now before this body.

We have three major duties in legislation in order to accomplish our fundamental purposes:

1. Drastic reduction of expenditures.
2. Passage of adequate revenue legislation, the combination of which with reductions will unquestionably beyond all manner of doubt declare to the world the balancing of the Federal budget and the stabilizing of the American dollar.
3. Passage of adequate relief legislation to assure the country against distress and to aid in employment pending the next session of Congress.

It is essential that when we ask our citizens to undertake the burdens of increased taxation we must give to them evidence of reduction of every expenditure not absolutely vital to the immediate conduct of the Government. The Executive budget of last December provided for a reduction of expenditures in the next fiscal year over the then estimated expenditures of the current year by about \$370,000,000.

Efforts to Bring About Reduction in Appropriations.

I have recommended to the Congress from time to time the necessity for passage of legislation which would give authority for further important reductions in expenditures not possible for consideration by either the Executive or the Committees of Congress without such legislation.

An earnest non-partisan effort was made to secure these purposes in a national economy bill in the House, but it largely failed. That subject is under review by the bi-partisan committee appointed from the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and I am informed it has tentatively agreed upon a recommendation which would aggregate savings of \$250,000,000, together with a number of undetermined further possibilities.

I am not informed as to details of these recommendations, although I learn that my own suggestions in many instances have not been accepted. But I do know that the Committee has made honest and earnest effort to reach a just reduction in expenditures, and I trust, therefore, that, despite any of our individual views or the sacrifice of any group, we can unite in support and expeditious adoption of the Committee's conclusions.

In addition to the economies which may be brought about through the economy bill, the direct reductions of the appropriations committees should increase this figure to at least \$400,000,000, not including certain postponements to later deficiency bills.

As this sum forms the basis of calculations as to increased taxes necessary, it is essential that, no matter what the details may be, that amount of reduction must be obtained or taxes must be increased to compensate.

If this minimum of \$400,000,000 is attained by Congressional action, together with the \$369,000,000 effected through executive budget, except for amounts already budgeted for public works in aid of unemployment and increased costs of veterans, we will have reduced expenditures of this Government to the lowest point since 1916.

Tax Legislation.

In the matter of tax legislation, we must face the plain and unpalatable fact that, due to the degeneration in the economic situation during the past month, the estimates of fertility of taxes which have been made from time to time, based upon the then current prospects of business, must be readjusted to take account of the decreasing business activity and shrinking values.

The Finance Committee has been advised that the setbacks of the past month now make it evident that, if we are to have absolute assurance of the needed income with breadth of base which would make a certainty of the collections, we must face additional taxes to those now proposed by the Senate Finance Committee.

I recognize the complaint that estimates of the taxes required and reductions of expenses needed have been repeatedly increased, but, on the other hand, it should be borne in mind that, if tax and economy legislation recommended from time to time since last December had been promptly enacted, there would have been less degeneration and stagnation in the country. But it is unprofitable to argue any such questions. We must face the situation as it exists to-day.

In the course of the six months during which the revenue bill has been considered in the House and Senate practically every form of tax has been suggested at one time or another; many have found their way into the bill, later to be rejected.

The total amount Congress originally set out to obtain has been gradually whittled down, either by actual reductions or degeneration of the situation, while needs have increased.

If we examine the major sources of possible increases in taxes now proposed and the nature of taxes already voted, it may well be that the income taxes have already been raised to the point of diminishing returns through avoidance which will ensue by the use of tax-exempt securities and are already so high as to approach the danger point in retardation of enterprise.

It is advisable that more relief should be given to earned incomes. Nor will further increase in income tax, even including the proposals of Senator Connally, cover the gap in our revenues or provide against any failure to reduce expenses to the full amount I have stated.

General Sales Tax Not Favored.

The Senate has already imposed a multitude of specific manufacturers' excise taxes on special industries. Some of them appear discriminatory and uncertain in their productivity.

I have not and do not favor a general sales tax. It has not been proposed by the Treasury. A sales tax is not, however, to be confused with an extension of the special manufacturers' excise taxes to a general manufacturers' excise tax with exemptions of food and clothing.

This is an entirely different tax from the so-called sales tax and cannot be pyramided.

Even this general manufacturers' excise tax has not been proposed by the Treasury, although at the time such a tax was unanimously recommended by the Ways and Means Committee of the House, representing both political parties and their leaders in the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Treasury accepted it in the hope that immediate passage of the bill would result.

Would Support General Manufacturers' Excise Tax.

In order, however, to solve our problem and give assurance to the country and the world of the impregnability of the American dollar and that we are ready to meet our emergencies at any sacrifice, I now have come to favor an extension for a limited period of the many special excise taxes to a more general manufacturers' excise tax and will support the Congress if it should be adopted.

Whether this be the course or not, some further emergency tax sources should be incorporated in the pending bill.

Relief Program and Loans to State Governments by Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Our third problem is that of relief. The sharp degeneration has its many reflexes in distress and hardship upon our people. I hold that the maintenance of the sense of individual and personal responsibility of men to their neighbors and the proper separation of functions of the Federal and local governments requires the maintenance of the fundamental principle that the obligation of distress rests upon the individuals, upon the communities and upon the States.

In order, however, that there may be no failure on the part of any State to meet its obligation in this direction, I have, after consultation with some of the party leaders on both sides, favored authorization to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to loan up to \$300,000,000 to State Governments where they are unable to finance themselves in provision of relief to distress.

Such loans should be made by purchase of State bonds by the Corporation, but, where States are unable to issue bonds, then loans should be made upon application of State authorities, and, if they are not regularized by the issuance of bonds within a period of 12 to 18 months, they should become a charge upon the Federal aid funds to which such States may be entitled.

In order to aid unemployment and to avoid wasteful expansion of public works I have favored an authority to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to increase its issues of its securities to the maximum of \$3,000,000,000 in order that it may extend its services both in aid to employment and agriculture on a wide scale.

Under the methods proposed, the Corporation is to be

(a) Authorized to buy bonds from political subdivisions or public bodies to aid in construction of income-producing or self-liquidating projects;

(b) To make loans to established enterprise upon adequate security for advancement of sound projects that will increase employment, but safeguarded by requirement that some portion of outside capital is also provided;

(c) To divert a portion of the unexpended authorizations of agricultural loans through the Secretary of Agriculture to finance the exports of agricultural products;

(d) To make loans to industries upon security of agricultural commodities to assure the carrying of normal stocks of these commodities and thus by stabilizing their loan value to steady their price levels;

(e) To make loans to the Federal Farm Board to enable extension of finance of farm co-operatives.

I have not been able to favor the expansion of public works beyond the program already proposed in the budget. I have for many years advocated speeding up of public works as relief to unemployment in times of depression.

Since the beginning of this depression, in consonance with this view, the Federal Government will have expended in excess of \$1,500,000,000 in construction and maintenance of one kind or another, as against a normal program of perhaps \$650,000,000 for a similar period.

Budget for Next Year.

The budget for next year calls for over \$550,000,000, or double our usual outlay. If we shall now increase these programs, we shall need instantly to increase taxes still further. We have already forced every project for which we have justification with any regard to the taxpayer and the avoidance of sheer waste. It is not my desire on this occasion to argue the comparative merits of extending such a program and that of financing an even larger program of employment on productive works through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

We are indeed all desirous of serving our fellow-citizens who are in difficulty, and we must serve them in such a fashion that we do not increase the ranks of unemployed. I may emphasize that this alternative program avoids drain upon the taxpayer and, above all, if we are to balance our budget and balance it in such fashion that our people and the world may know it is balanced, we cannot make further appropriations in any direction beyond the amounts now before the Congress.

I am confident that if the Congress could find in these suggestions, which come from members of both parties, a ground for adjustment of legislation on those dominant particulars and could bring it into immediate action, it would yield not only relief to the country but would re-establish that confidence which we so sorely need.

The natural wealth of this country is unimpaired and the inherent abilities of our people to meet their problems are being restrained by failure of the Government to act. Time is of the essence. Every day's delay makes new wounds and extends them.

I come before you in sympathy with the difficulties which the problem presents and in a sincere spirit of helpfulness. I ask of you to accept such a basis of practical adjustment essential to the welfare of our people.

In your hands at this moment is the answer to the question whether democracy has the capacity to act speedily enough to save itself in emergency.

The nation urgently needs unity. It needs solidarity before the world in demonstrating that America has the courage to look its difficulties in the face and the capacity and resolution to meet them.

President Hoover's Address to Senate Not Broadcast Owing to No Sanction Therefor in Senate Rules.

Associated Press advices, May 31, from Washington, said:

A backstage feature of President Hoover's surprise address to the Senate to-day on the tax bill was an excited colloquy between the resolute sergeant-at-arms and a group of persistent young radio men who sought admission to broadcast the message.

Sergeant-at-arms David S. Barry won. He explained later that he had the backing of Vice-President Curtis in his contention that there was insufficient time to rig up the apparatus and that the paraphernalia might get in the President's way.

Mr. Barry added that there was no provision in the Senate's ancient rules permitting broadcasting. On the only other occasion it has been allowed, President Hoover's inauguration, a special action of the Rules Committee was required, he said.

Appeal to Nation of President Hoover for Re-Establishing of Confidence and Balancing of Budget.

Supplementing his message to Congress on May 5, on need of balancing the budget and restoring confidence, President Hoover on May 6 issued the following appeal to the Nation:

The issue before the country is the re-establishment of confidence and speed toward recovery by ending these delays in balancing the budget through immediate passage of revenue measures and reduction of Government expenditures. It is not a partisan issue. This was one of the most important steps of the non-partisan program for restoring stability proposed by me and patriotically accepted by leaders of both political parties last December. Effective programs, projects, estimates and possibilities for both economy and revenue have been presented and are known in every detail.

This is not a controversy between the President and Congress or its members. It is an issue of the people against delays and destructive legislation which impair the credit of the United States. It is also an issue between the people and the locust swarm of lobbyists who haunt the halls of Congress seeking selfish privilege for special groups and sections of the country, misleading members as to the real views of the people by showers of propaganda.

What is urgently required is immediate action upon and conclusion of these questions. This is a serious hour which demands that all elements of the Government and the people rise with stern courage above partisanship to meet the needs of our Nation's life.

The President's message to Congress was given in our issue of May 7, page 3382.

President Hoover Declares Garner Relief Bill "Most Gigantic Pork Barrel Ever Proposed to Congress."

In a statement issued May 27 President Hoover voiced his opposition to the Garner unemployment relief bill entailing an appropriation of \$2,100,000,000 and embracing a Federal bond issue for public works of \$1,000,000,000. The President described the bill as "the most gigantic pork barrel ever proposed to the American Congress, and declared it to be "an unexampled raid on the public Treasury." Indicating that the appropriation called for "makes balancing of the budget hopeless," the President asserted that "an unbalanced budget means the loss of confidence of our own people and of other nations in the credit and stability of the Government and that the consequences are national demoralization and the loss of ten times as many jobs as would be created by this program even if it could be physically put into action." The President's statement is given herewith:

The urgent question to-day is the prompt balancing of the budget. When that is accomplished I propose to support adequate measures for relief of distress and unemployment.

In the meantime it is essential that there should be an understanding of the character of the draft bill made public yesterday in the House of Representatives for this purpose. That draft bill supports some proposals we have already made in aid to unemployment through the use of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make loans for projects which have been in abeyance and which proposal makes no drain on the taxpayer. But in addition it proposes to expend about \$900,000,000 for Federal public works.

I believe the American people will grasp the economic fact that such action would require appropriations to be made to the Federal departments, thus creating a deficit in the budget that could only be met with more

taxes and more Federal bond issues. That makes balancing of the budget hopeless.

The country also understands that an unbalanced budget means the loss of confidence of our own people and of other nations in the credit and stability of the Government, and that the consequences are national demoralization and the loss of ten times as many jobs as would be created by this program, even if it could be physically put into action.

An examination of only one group of these proposals—that is, proposed authorizations for new post offices—shows a list of about 2,300 such buildings, at a total cost of about \$150,000,000. The Postoffice Department informs me that the interest and upkeep of these buildings would amount to \$14,000,000 per annum, whereas the upkeep and rent of buildings at present in use amounts to less than \$3,000,000. Many of the other groups in this bill will no more stand the light of day than this example.

A total of over 3,500 projects of various kinds are proposed in this bill, scattered into every quarter of the United States. Many of these projects have heretofore been discredited by Congress because of useless extravagance involved. Many were originally authorized as justified only in the long-distant future. I do not believe that 20% could be brought to the stage of employment for a year. I am advised by the engineers that the amount of labor required to complete a group of \$400,000,000 of these works would amount to only 100,000 men for one year, because they are in large degree mechanical jobs.

This is not unemployment relief. It is the most gigantic pork barrel ever proposed to the American Congress. It is an unexampled raid on the public treasury.

Detailed lists of all these projects have been broadcast to every part of the country during the past twenty-four hours, to the cities, towns, villages and sections who would receive a portion of this pork barrel. It is apparently expected that the cupidity of these towns and sections will demand that their Congressmen and Senators vote for this bill or threaten to penalize them if they fail to join in this squandering of money.

I just do not believe that such lack of intelligence or cupidity exists amongst the people of our United States. If that shall prove true, then this is not the United States that had the intelligence to frame the Constitution of this Republic, which fought the War of the Revolution, or the Civil War, or the World War, that it might be forged into the greatest nation of the world, the whole foundations of which are common sense, honesty, character and idealism.

Our nation was not founded on the pork barrel, and it has not become great by political log-rolling. I hope that those many members of Congress of both parties who, I know, will oppose this bill will receive the definite support of the people in their districts in resisting it.

Representative Garner, in Answer to President Hoover's Criticism of Relief Bill.

Asserting that his unemployment relief bill is not a "pork barrel" as declared by President Hoover, Speaker Garner of the House on May 30 stated that apparently the President's opposition "arises from the fact that expenditures under this program will not be centered in a few localities and that the relief and benefits arising therefrom will be widely disseminated." We quote as follows what Speaker Garner has to say in reply to the President:

President Hoover's opposition to the bill to relieve destitution, to broaden the lending powers of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and to create employment by authorizing and expediting a public works program was not unexpected. The House majority members did not expect to receive real co-operation from the President in any matter benefiting the masses and those who might be termed the middle class of American people.

Finance Agency Discussed.

When he submitted his Reconstruction Finance Corporation plan it was hailed by House minority party leaders as a panacea for all national ills. The majority party in the House, desirous of aiding a distressed people, accepted the recommendations of the President at their face value, and co-operated in passing the bill. If the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has aided materially in reducing unemployment or relieving human distress resulting from the prolonged depression I have failed to observe it.

Banks, railroads, insurance companies, and other financial institutions have received needed aid, but the benefits have not filtered down to the small business man or the smaller industries.

This act was approved Jan 22, more than four months ago. Unemployment has increased steadily during those four months, and it is now obvious that the relief to the masses, promised through this act by its sponsors, has failed to materialize, and will not materialize unless the restrictions are removed.

The President's allusion to the proposed public works program as a "pork barrel" comes with poor grace from one who demanded that Congress co-operate with him in passing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation act. It would be just as logical to refer to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation act as a "pork barrel" for the banks, insurance companies, railroads and financial institutions of the country. It is not a "pork barrel" nor can any other program which will extend aid in this period of distress be termed such.

It is true that the public works program covers every section of the United States—and that is what we want to do. There is no part of the country that has not felt the blight of the depression, and this program is proposed with a view of extending unemployment relief to every section as well as broadening the functions of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the purpose of extending aid to small business men, the smaller industries, and the States, counties and cities which have been unable to finance needed public works.

I realize as well as does the President that the necessity of balancing the budget is urgent, and I have consistently urged this since before Congress convened; but aid for the destitute, unemployment relief, and also aid for the small businessman and small industries are equally urgent. This relief bill does not interfere with the balancing of the budget. It provides the tax necessary to pay its own way, and will not add to the existing deficit.

The President appears to agree with that part of the program providing him with \$100,000,000 for relief of destitution and the proposal to broaden the base of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and centers his opposition upon the public works program. Apparently this opposition arises from the fact that expenditures under this program will not be centered in a few localities and that the relief and benefits arising therefrom will be widely disseminated.

The President's opposition to public works was not manifest during his campaign in 1928; in fact, at that time he was an ardent advocate of

public works to relieve unemployment. In his speech at Newark, N. J., on Sept. 17 1928, he said:

"In my speech of acceptance I outlined our national program of prospective public works, including the development of water resources, public roads and the construction of public buildings.

"In that speech I pointed out that these projects would require upward of \$1,000,000,000 within the next four years.

"I therefore recommended that, so far as practicable, this work should be carried on in such a way as to take up the slack of occasional unemployment."

Holds Need as Great Now.

In reference to the inland waterways program, he made this statement in his acceptance speech on Aug. 11 1928:

"Nature has endowed us with a great system of inland waterways. Their modernization will comprise a most substantial contribution to mid-West farm relief and to the development of twenty of our interior States.

"This modernization includes not only the great Mississippi system, with its joining of the Great Lakes and of the heart of mid-West agriculture to the Gulf, but also a shipway from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic.

"These improvements would mean so large an instrument in farmers' prices as to warrant their construction many times over. There is no more vital method of farm relief."

These statements illustrate the utter inconsistency of the President's present attitude.

There can be no question that the program of public works he so ardently advocated in 1928 is as necessary to-day as it was then and that the expenditure at this time will have a far-reaching influence in the restoration of normal conditions.

Proposed \$100,000,000 Pool to Make Sound Investments in Security Markets—New Corporation Being Formed—Announcement by T. W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co.

It was made known in a statement issued yesterday (June 3) by Thomas W. Lamont, in behalf of J. P. Morgan & Co. that "a corporation is in process of organization for the purpose of acquiring sound investments in the security markets. Funds for investment will be made available to the corporation through the sale of its debenture bonds," said the statement, which went on to say:

For such bonds initial subscriptions have already been received in the amount of \$100,000,000 from the following New York banking institutions:

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York.

The National City Bank of New York.

First National Bank of the City of New York.

Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

Bankers Trust Co.

Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.

Irving Trust Co.

Manufacturers Trust Co.

Bank of Manhattan Trust Co.

Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co.

The New York Trust Co.

Chemical Bank & Trust Co.

Bank of New York & Trust Co.

United States Trust Co. of New York.

Brooklyn Trust Co.

Public National Bank & Trust Co.

Commercial National Bank & Trust Co.

Marine Midland Trust Co. of New York.

And from Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. and Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

Messrs. Morgan will, in accordance with the request of the subscribing institutions and under the general direction of the Corporation's Board, act in the acquisition and handling of its investments.

Various banking institutions in leading centres outside New York City have already signified their intention of joining the group which is undertaking to subscribe for the debentures of the Corporation. The directors as initially constituted are as follows:

Mortimer N. Buckner, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the New York Trust Co.

George W. Davison, President, Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.

Walter E. Frew, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co.

Harvey D. Gibson, President, Manufacturers Trust Co.

F. Abbot Goodhue, President, Bank of Manhattan Trust Co.

H. P. Howell, President, Commercial National Bank & Trust Co.

Percy H. Johnston, President, Chemical Bank & Trust Co.

Thomas W. Lamont, J. P. Morgan & Co.

Charles E. Mitchell, Chairman, the National City Bank of New York.

Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Irving Trust Co.

William C. Potter, President, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Jackson E. Reynolds, President, First National Bank of the City of New York.

Albert A. Tilney, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Bankers Trust Co.

John C. Traphagen, President, Bank of New York & Trust Co.

Felix M. Warburg of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

George Whitney of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Governing Board, the Chase National Bank of the City of New York.

Announcement as to the official staff of the Corporation will be made later.

The Corporation purposes to make its initial purchases in the bond market. Its policy in acquiring investments must manifestly be based in large measure upon its confidence in final action by Congress in effectively balancing the budget, and thus manifesting its determination to maintain intact the Government's credit.

The New York "Sun" of last night said:

It is expected that the corporation will begin operations on Monday.

As in the case of the National Credit Corporation, formed by banks last October, the issue of debentures is mainly to allow extensive participation by National banks, which are limited as to their purchases of shares.

The investing corporation is being formed as a profit taking enterprise to employ idle bank reserves and its operations are expected to prove stimulating to bond prices, aiding in stabilizing the quotations for numerous sound obligations which, under circumstances recently prevailing, experienced extremely erratic markets. The prices at which many bonds of soundness are selling not only offer attractive yields but have possibilities of sharp appreciation in market value once more normal conditions return to the bond market.

The new corporation is expected to co-operate with the committee of twelve formed several weeks ago under the chairmanship of Owen D. Young, to which reference was made in these columns May 21, page 3751, and May 28, page 3917.

National Credit Corporation to Make Sixth Partial Payment to Subscribing Banks on June 13.

Notice was issued yesterday (June 3) by the National Credit Corporation that it has called for redemption and will on June 13 1932 be prepared to redeem and pay 10% of the original principal amount of each of its outstanding gold notes (being the amount of a sixth partial redemption), upon presentation of the same at the office of the New York Trust Co., agent of the loan. This will make a total of 55% returned to the subscribing banks. The New York "Sun" of last night (June 3) said:

This repayment will make a total of \$87,775,000 repaid to date of the \$135,000,000 originally subscribed. The repayment is in addition to about \$20,000,000 of bank loans also retired by the corporation. The corporation at one time had loans outstanding amounting to more than \$189,000,000.

The previous payment, in May, was noted in our issue of May 21, page 3756.

Pennsylvania RR. Loan of \$27,500,000 in Monthly Installments Approved by Inter-State Commerce Commission—Changes in Security Pledged Also Approved.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission on May 28, by supplemental report on an amended application of the Pennsylvania RR., modified its original report approving a loan of \$27,500,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to provide for advancement of the funds in five monthly installments, beginning June 1, instead of the entire amount on Oct. 1, as originally asked. The approval also removes the Commission's original requirement that the road supply itself with an equal amount of funds to be raised through the sale of securities through private banking and investment channels. The company first sought a total of \$55,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, proposing to supply an additional \$13,000,000 to make up the \$68,000,000 proposed to be spent on the electrification project during 1932. At the request of the Finance Corporation, the road filed an amended application with the Commission reducing the amount sought to \$27,500,000 and agreeing to provide an equal amount through the sale of its securities. The amended proposal was accepted by the Commission except in the matter of collateral security for the loan. The road again on May 24 amended its request and asked that the advances from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation be made on monthly installments beginning June 1, instead of in one payment on Oct. 1. This the Commission has approved.

The supplemental report of the Commission follows:

By our certificate of May 18 1932 in this proceeding, pursuant to the application of the Pennsylvania RR. filed March 10 1932 and amended May 12 1932, we conditionally approved a loan of \$27,500,000 to that company by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation under the provisions of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, said loan to be made available to the applicant on Oct. 1 1932.

On May 24 1932 the applicant further amended its application, requesting that the loan of \$27,500,000 be made available to it during 1932 in installments of \$5,000,000 on June 1, \$9,000,000 on July 1, \$4,500,000 on Aug. 1, \$4,000,000 on Sept. 1 and \$5,000,000 on Oct. 1, and proposing to substitute for certain of the bonds approved by us as security for the loan other bonds and stocks described hereinafter, or in our previous decision.

In its original application the applicant requested a loan of \$55,000,000 to be used to finance the construction of improvements described in our previous report. In its first amendment to the application the applicant asserted that it would endeavor to obtain funds for its immediate needs in the amount of \$27,500,000 through banking channels, provided the Corporation would immediately commit itself to a loan of an equal amount on Oct. 1 1932. In the amendment now before us the applicant recites the impracticability of obtaining at a reasonable cost the sum of \$27,500,000 at present through a public offering of securities. It undertakes, however, to raise this sum through banking and investment channels before the end of the current year, provided business and financial conditions permit it to do so upon reasonable terms.

Security.

The applicant now offers as security for the loan the following securities:

- (a) \$18,500,000, par value, of 7% guaranteed common capital stock of the Pittsburgh Fort Wayne & Chicago Ry.;
- (b) \$5,280,000 of the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR. general mortgage, series D, 5% bonds of 1931, guaranteed by the applicant;
- (c) \$1,706,000 of the New York Bay RR. first mortgage, series A, 5% bonds of 1932, subject to our approval of their issue, the bonds to carry the applicant's endorsed guaranty as to both principal and interest;
- (d) \$2,500,000, par value, of 5% guaranteed capital stock of the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR.

In our previous report in this proceeding items (a) and (b) were approved by us as part of the security for the loan therein conditionally approved.

As of Dec. 31 1930 the New York Bay RR. owned approximately 13 miles of road and 154 miles of all tracks. Its properties, extending from

a point east of Waverly, N. J., to Greenville transfer bridges, together with its franchises, are leased for 949 years and six months from Jan. 21 1921 to the applicant. As of Dec. 31 1931 its general balance sheet was as follows:

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Investment in road, incl. general expenditures—	\$21,923,428	Capital stock—	\$6,000,000
Investment in miscellaneous physical property	220,221	Funded debt (first mortgage bonds)	5,201,000
Due from State of New Jersey—	6,340	Pennsylvania RR. acc't.	10,572,055
Due from Pennsylvania RR. Co. in gen. acc't.—	101,353	Interest, matured unpd.	104,020
		Appropriated surplus—	5,817
		Profit and loss—	368,450
Total	\$22,251,342	Total	\$22,251,342

All of the stock and bonds of this company are owned by the applicant. The first mortgage 4% bonds, due in 1948, issued in the amount of \$5,201,000, have a first lien on the entire property of the company, both road and rolling stock, now owned or hereafter acquired. Under the applicant's plan of financing the loan, these bonds and the New York Bay company's debt to the applicant, which amounted to \$10,317,000 on the date of the amended application, will be canceled by the issuance to the applicant of \$11,706,000 of first mortgage series A 5% bonds of the New York Bay company, due in 1982, and \$3,811,250 par value of stock of the same company. The New York Bay company proposes to apply for our authorization under Section 20a of the Inter-State Commerce Act for authority to issue these securities.

The bonds to be issued will be guaranteed as to principal and interest by the applicant. Upon cancellation of the first mortgage bonds of 1948 and satisfaction of the mortgage, the new bonds will carry a first lien on the property of the New York Bay company. The applicant places a valuation of 82½ on the new bonds, based on an assumed yield of 6.13%.

Upon conclusion of the financing, the total capitalization of the New York Bay company will amount to \$21,517,250, consisting of capital stock in the amount of \$9,811,250 and bonds of \$11,706,000. The entire amount of these securities will be owned by the applicant.

Pursuant to Section 19a of the Inter-State Commerce Act we valued the property of the New York Bay company for rate-making purposes as of June 30 1918 at \$15,228,912. Since valuation date up to Dec. 31 1931 the company's recorded investment account has been increased \$8,456,055. If this be added to the value found as of valuation date, the total becomes \$23,684,967.

Conclusions.

Upon further consideration of the application, as amended, we conclude:

1. That the loan of \$27,500,000 to the applicant by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, heretofore approved by us, should be made available to the applicant on the following dates and in the amounts shown:

June 1 1932—	\$5,000,000
July 1 1932—	9,000,000
Aug. 1 1932—	4,500,000
Sept. 1 1932—	4,000,000
Oct. 1 1932—	5,000,000
Total	\$27,500,000

(2) That, conditioned upon our authorization under Section 20a of the Inter-State Commerce Act of the issuance of bonds of the New York Bay RR. Co., the applicant should be permitted to substitute for the \$11,744,000 principal amount of the bonds of the Philadelphia Baltimore & Washington RR. Co. heretofore approved by us as part security for the loan the following described securities:

(a) \$11,706,000 of The New York Bay RR. Co. first mortgage, series A, 5% guaranteed bonds of 1982; and
(b) \$2,500,000, par value, of the 5% guaranteed capital stock of The Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR. Co.

(3) That the applicant should be required to report, in writing, to the Corporation and to us, within 30 days from the date each advance upon the loan is made, of the expenditure of the proceeds thereof for the purpose for which the loan is authorized; and

(4) That the Corporation will be adequately secured under these conditions.

Mistrial Declared in Trial of Isidor J. Kresel, Former Counsel for Bank of United States of New York.

A mistrial was declared on May 31 in the trial of Isidor J. Kresel, former general counsel for the defunct Bank of United States (of New York City) by Justice Samuel J. Harris in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court. From the New York "Times" of June 1 we quote the following:

Mr. Kresel is accused of perjury in an indictment growing out of his grand jury testimony in February 1931, in the investigation which led to the indictment of Mr. Kresel and some of the other officers and directors of the bank in an \$8,000,000 loan transaction.

The jury was dismissed because of Mr. Kresel's revelation to the court, through his chief counsel, John W. Davis, of a visit one of the jurors, Joseph J. Cohen, made to the defendant's Summer home at Mamaroneck, N. Y., last Sunday, when he asked Mr. Kresel to aid him to obtain a loan from a bank. Cohen, who is a typewriter dealer and lives at 614 West 152d St., had been ordered taken into custody by the court when the sixth day of the trial was about to begin yesterday.

Held for a Hearing.

As Justice Harris was dismissing the 11 remaining jurors in the afternoon, Cohen was being arraigned before Magistrate Stern in the Tombs Court, on the same floor in the Criminal Courts Building in which the Kresel trial had been in progress, and was released in \$5,000 bail, pending a hearing on June 8, on a charge that he violated Section 74 of the penal law.

Mr. Kresel, in a statement which preceded questioning of Cohen in private by Justice Harris in the presence of Mr. Davis and James Garrett Wallace, Assistant District Attorney, in charge of the prosecution, made it clear that Cohen had not stipulated he would be influenced in his verdict through the requested aid. Cohen persisted, he said, in telling him of his financial difficulties after Mr. Kresel had warned him his conduct in coming to him was "highly improper." Subsequently, the indicted lawyer went on, when Cohen had told him he had been unable to pay his bills for six months or his rent for two months and had made mention of his wife and children, Mr. Kresel refused to give any aid "if my life and liberty depended on it."

Cohen denied to Justice Harris he had indicated to Mr. Kresel his part in a verdict would be influenced by possible compliance with his request by Mr. Kresel. When he was before the magistrate he entered a not guilty plea. His lawyer, William Biel, in urging bail be made not more than \$2,500, told the magistrate Cohen had been in business for 11 years, and always had borne an excellent reputation.

Doubt as to Action.

The delay of more than five hours in the declaration of the mistrial was said to be based on the uncertainty of the District Attorney's office as to

whether any offense, other than possible contempt of court, had been committed by Cohen. At the close of a conference with the prosecutor and the defense lawyers in the forenoon, when Justice Harris informed the remaining 11 jurors the trial would be held up because of Cohen's visit to the defendant, Mr. Wallace joined District Attorney Crain, Assistant District Attorney Harold W. Hastings and Assistant District Attorney Benvenaga of the Appeals Bureau in a three-hour conference in Mr. Crain's office. Detectives Sullivan and Innella of the prosecutor's office then were ordered to place Cohen under arrest.

Former Judge Mancuso Cleared of Last Indictment in City Trust Case—Isidore Siegeltuch, Who Pleaded Guilty, Fined.

The only remaining indictment against former General Sessions Judge Francis X. Mancuso in connection with the failure of the City Trust Co. was dismissed on June 1 by Supreme Court Justice William F. Bleakley, on motion of Special Prosecutor Hiram C. Todd. Three indictments were handed up early this year. The New York "Times," of June 2, in noting this, said:

Mr. Mancuso was acquitted in March on one charging perjury and a verdict of acquittal was directed by Justice Bleakley last month on another charging a misdemeanor.

In moving for dismissal of the remaining indictment, which also charged perjury, Mr. Todd said it covered largely the same allegations as the one on which Mr. Mancuso was acquitted and that there was no reason for the State to go to the heavy expense of another trial. The perjury acquittal came after a lengthy trial, but the misdemeanor indictment, charging participation in the fraudulent insolvency of the City Trust Co., was dismissed by Justice Bleakley under the statute of limitations.

After the dismissal of the remaining Mancuso indictment yesterday, Isidore Siegeltuch, who had pleaded guilty to participating as a director in the fraudulent insolvency of the bank, asked permission to change his plea to not guilty. The indictment to which he pleaded guilty was returned at the same time and in the same way as the Mancuso misdemeanor indictment which was dismissed under the statute of limitations. Justice Bleakley, however, held that it would be unfair to the State to allow Mr. Siegeltuch to change his plea and fined him \$250. The court then dismissed the grand jury which convened in January and returned the indictments.

An item relative to the dismissal of an indictment against former Judge Mancuso appeared in these columns May 28, page 3927.

Board of Directors Endorsed for Federation Bank & Trust Co. of New York.

The stockholders of the Federation Bank & Trust Co. of New York, meeting at the Hotel Pennsylvania on May 27, ratified the selection of a board of 15 directors for the re-organized bank when it re-opens some time in June. Eight of the directors represent capital and seven labor. From the New York "Times" it is learned:

The selection of 14 members of the board was announced last Wednesday [May 25]. These elected the last member, Joseph B. Ennis.

The list, as it will be presented in the formal petition for the re-opening to State Superintendent of Banks Joseph A. Broderick Tuesday or Wednesday, is as follows:

J. Homer Platten, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co.
Philip D. Reed, General Electric Co.
Alston Sargeant, Campbell Metal Window Co.
Charles J. Hardy, American Car & Foundry Co.
Jeremiah D. Maguire, Industries Development Co.
Joseph B. Ennis, American Locomotive Co.
Richard E. Dwight, Hughes, Schurman & Dwight, lawyers.
Louis A. Zahn, General Foods Co.
William Green, President American Federation of Labor.
Edward W. Canavan, President International Association of Musicians.
Edward W. Edwards, President New York State Allied Printing Trades.
John Sullivan, President New York State Federation of Labor.
John Gebhardt, President New York Building Trades Council.
John Mulholland, Vice-President Central Trades and Labor Council.
Frank Sullivan, New York State Federation of Labor.

It is expected that during the week the directors will qualify, and at a later meeting elect officers, who also will be submitted to Mr. Broderick for approval. The list of directors will be submitted to the Supreme Court by Mr. Broderick if he approves it.

It was announced at the meeting that more than \$2,000,000 in cash and pledges had been subscribed toward the re-opening of the bank. In answer to questions it was said it would take about 10 days to put through the necessary details for the re-opening of the bank.

Out of the 7,100 shares in the Federation Bank, more than 6,000 were represented at the meeting. Thanks were voted to Owen D. Young, who was active in obtaining the new capital; to Governor Roosevelt and others sponsoring the reorganized institution.

The Federation Bank was closed last October, with almost \$12,000,000 on deposit and about 30,000 depositors.

Plans for the re-opening of the bank were noted in our issue of May 28, page 3926.

Elmer G. Burland Appointed Vice-President of the Bancamerica-Blair Corporation.

Bancamerica-Blair Corp., New York, announced recently the election of Elmer G. Burland as Vice-President.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

A New York Stock Exchange membership was sold on May 31 for \$68,000, a decline of \$5,000 from the last previous sale, May 26, and a new low price since 1919.

Arrangements were made June 2 for the sale of a New York Curb Exchange membership at \$16,500, a decrease of \$2,500 from the last previous sale.

The membership of Henry W. Farnum in the New York Cotton Exchange was sold June 1 to E. J. Schwabach for another for \$10,000, the same price as in the last previous transaction. This is the lowest price in 15 years.

Following the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co. of New York, held June 2, F. Abbot Goodhue, President, announced the promotion of Paul Felix Warburg from Assistant Vice-President to Vice-President, and the appointment of John A. Mapes as Assistant Treasurer.

The New York agency of The Standard Bank of South Africa, Ltd., at 67 Wall Street, announced on June 1 receipt of the following cablegram from the Head Office in London, regarding the operations of this bank for the year ended March 31 1932:

The board of directors have resolved, subject to audit, to recommend to the shareholders a dividend payable in British currency for the half year ending March 31 last at the rate of 10% per annum, subject to income tax, making a total distribution of 11% for the year, to appropriate £75,000 to writing down bank premises and to add £100,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, carrying forward a balance of about £150,060. The bank's investments stand in our books at less than market value as at March 31 and all other usual and necessary provisions have been made.

In view of the conditions now prevailing the directors have decided to transfer £664,170 from the Reserve Fund to an Exchange Reserve Account to provide for any contingencies that may arise. This leaves the balance of the Reserve Fund at £2,500,000 while the Exchange Reserve Account stands at £664,170.

The following statement was issued at the close of the meeting of the directors of the Chase National Bank of New York on Jun 1:

The directors of the Chase National Bank at their meeting to-day declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share on the \$148,000,000 capital stock of the Bank. Since the par value of the stock is \$20, the dividend so declared is at the rate of 10% per annum. The new dividend compares with a dividend of 75 cents paid in the preceding quarter. The dividend is payable July 1 to stockholders of record June 10.

The net earnings from the operations of the bank during the year thus far have been running at the annual rate of \$4.05 a share, about double the rate represented in the dividend now declared. The reduction in the current dividend is for the purpose of increasing reserves to provide for write-downs resulting from prevailing business conditions.

The present dividend includes no distribution on account of the Chase Securities Corp.

Effective at the close of business May 18, the Liberty National Bank & Trust Co. in New York was placed in voluntary liquidation, having been absorbed by the Harriman National Bank & Trust Co. The Liberty National which has capital of \$2,250,000 had two branches. An item regarding the merger of the two banks appeared in our issue of April 9, page 2656.

The County Trust Co. of New York and the County Safe Deposit Co., both with head offices at 80-90 Eighth Ave., filed applications dated April 11 with the New York State Banking Department on May 26 requesting permission to change the location of their principle offices to 350 Fifth Ave. This is not a new location, but the one at present occupied by both the trust company and the safe deposit company as branch offices. The present head offices located at 80-90 Eighth Ave., will become branch offices of these institutions.

The New York State Banking Department on May 4 approved the proposal to increase in capital of the Bank of Sicily Trust Co., 487 Broadway, this city, from \$1,600,000 to \$1,800,000. The increase, which was effected by increasing the number of shares of stock from 80,000 to 90,000 at \$20 par value, was approved by the shareholders on April 20 1932. An item bearing on the calling of the meeting of the shareholders for their approval of the change appeared in our issue of April 16, page 2850.

A statement regarding the progress made in the liquidation of 10 community banks undertaken last year by the Manufacturers Trust Co. of New York has been issued as follows:

Many months before it could have been accomplished through the usual channels, the trust company's plan of liquidation made it possible to release about \$34,000,000 to the communities served by these banks.

Depositors and creditors of five of these banks—Lebanon National Bank (New York), Midtown Bank (New York), Midwood Trust Co. (Brooklyn), Brooklyn National Bank, and Bryant Park Bank (New York)—have been satisfied in full; and the liquidation of the assets of two of these banks was such that Manufacturers Trust Co. has been fully repaid its original advance, and the unliquidated assets have been returned to their stockholders' committees. The committee of Bryant Park Bank has been able to pay a liquidating stock dividend of \$6 a share; and the committee of Midtown Bank has unliquidated assets sufficient to justify a payment of \$1.50 a share.

Preferred deposits were paid in full, and a 50% payment has been made to creditors and general depositors of the five other banks—International-Madison Bank & Trust Co., Times Square Trust Co., American Union Bank, Globe Bank & Trust Co., and Bank of Europe Trust Co.

The plan of liquidation was devised by Harvey D. Gibson, Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of Manufacturers' Trust Co. He believed that it was a means of securing financial stability by keeping funds in circulation and by providing adequate banking facilities for the depositors and creditors involved in the closing of small banks.

Items regarding the liquidation of the five banks appeared in these columns Oct. 24 1931, page 2711; Oct. 31 1931, page 2866, and March 26 1932, page 2866.

The New York State Banking Department on May 25 approved the proposed increase in the number of shares of stock of the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo, Buffalo, N. Y., from 200,000 to 250,000, par value \$50 a share, thereby raising the capital from \$10,000,000 to \$12,500,000, to which reference was made in our May 14 issue, page 3581.

Joseph J. Barringer, formerly Vice-President and Treasurer of the Schenectady Trust Co. of Schenectady, N. Y., died at his home in that city on May 25 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Barringer, who was born in Schenectady 46 years ago, had been affiliated with the Schenectady Trust Co. for 29 years, beginning his banking career with the institution as a clerk at the age of 17. He retired several months ago because of ill health. He was a former director of the Schenectady Chamber of Commerce.

Robert Hugh Byrns, President of the Citizens' National Bank of Potsdam, N. Y., died at his home in that place on May 26. Mr. Byrns was born in Canton, N. Y., 51 years ago. Following his graduation from the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., he became a bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Canton. Soon after the establishment, in 1899, of the Citizens' National Bank at Potsdam Mr. Byrns entered its employ as a bookkeeper. Subsequently he was advanced to the cashiership of the institution, and upon the death of Dr. F. L. Dewey, former President, was made President, the office he held at his death.

Foster S. Woodbury, former Cashier of the Citizens' National Bank & Trust Co. of Hornell, N. Y., which closed recently, and a son of one of its founders, committed suicide on June 1 by inhaling carbon monoxide fumes from the exhaust of his automobile. The deceased banker, who was 40 years of age, was also Trust Officer and a director of the bank as well as Cashier. Associated Press advices from Hornell reporting Mr. Woodbury's death, furthermore said:

The institution was closed May 2 by vote of its directors and placed in the hands of National Bank Examiners. As a result of the examiners' work, the President, Frank E. Storms, and the teller, Samuel H. Norton, are under bond on Federal charges of embezzlement. Woodbury, However, was not named in any phase of the examiners' report.

With reference to the affairs of the Central Trust Co. of Cambridge, Mass., which was taken over by the Massachusetts State Banking Department on May 10 last, the Boston "News Bureau" of May 27 carried the following:

Directors of Central Trust Co., Cambridge, in charge of the State Bank Commissioner, have appointed a committee to prepare a plan of reorganization, subject to approval of the Commissioner. Later it would be presented to stockholders.

Further referring to the affairs of the Boston-Continental National Bank of Boston, Mass., which closed its doors on Dec. 17 1931, John B. Cunningham, receiver for the institution on May 26 started to receive proof of claims, according to the Boston "Transcript" of that date. Mr. Cunningham was reported as saying that this will not interfere with the work of the re-organization committee in its endeavor to reopen the bank. The "Transcript" went on to say:

The committee claims to be making satisfactory progress in its efforts and hopes to be able to reopen the bank before long. The plan contemplates using a new name and having the bank headed by a man who is well known in Boston banking circles, with an entirely new board of directors.

Our last reference to the closed institution appeared in the "Chronicle" of Mar. 12, page 1895.

It is learned from the Boston "Transcript" of June 1 that shareholders in the closed Federal National Bank of Boston have been called upon to pay an assessment of 100% of the par value of their holdings to assist in meeting the obligations of the institution. The total amount involve is \$2,005,585. Notice of the assessment was contained in a circular letter signed by J. W. Pole, Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C., and mailed to the individual stockholders. The paper mentioned continuing said:

The Comptroller calls upon the shareholders to pay the assessment on or before June 16, and directs Herbert Pearson, liquidator of the closed bank, to take all necessary procedure, by suit or otherwise, to enforce the individual liability of the shareholders. The par value of the shares is \$20. The Comptroller's letter is dated May 9.

Also contained in the circular is a memorandum from Mr. Pearson to the effect that 25% of the assessment will be accepted on June 16, if suitable guarantees as to the payment of the remainder are provided. The balance of the assessment may be paid in equal instalments July 16, Aug. 16 and Sept. 16.

The Federal National Bank, an institution with deposits of \$28,235,238 and five branch offices in Boston, closed its doors on Dec. 15 1931, as noted in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 19, page 4104. Reference was made to its affairs in our issue of Jan. 2 last, page 77.

On May 17 last, the Gloucester National Bank, Gloucester, Mass., capitalized at \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. It has been succeeded by the Gloucester National Bank of Gloucester.

William R. Harvey, formerly a Vice-President of the Aquidneck National Exchange Bank of Newport, R. I., and a prominent lawyer of that city, was chosen President of the institution by the directors on May 31 to succeed the late Peter King. The Providence "Journal" of June 1, in reporting his election, also said:

Mr. Harvey for several years was a member of the Old National Exchange Bank and when it merged with the Aquidneck National Bank he was elected Vice-President.

He is Chairman of the Newport school committee, President of Newport Hospital and a director in several organizations.

A member of the firm of Sheffield and Harvey, he is a graduate of Brown University and Harvard Law School.

Concerning the affairs of the Citizens' National Bank of Long Branch, N. J., a dispatch from that place on May 26 to the Newark "News" contained the following:

After two conferences, one with directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, an application was made yesterday to the Comptroller of the Currency's office at Washington for a new charter for the Citizens' National Bank, closed since Dec. 23 last. This was announced by Dr. William K. Campbell, one of the old directors.

It will be necessary to raise \$150,000 in new capital and surplus and to obtain consent of the depositors to regulate withdrawals over a moderate period. Dr. Campbell expressed confidence that an examination of the bank would be made within two weeks and that favorable action would be forthcoming.

That plans for the reopening of the Asbury Park & Ocean Grove Bank of Asbury Park, N. J., have been dropped is indicated in a dispatch from that place on May 26 to the Newark "News," which said:

Interpreting the State Banking Department's suggestions that liquidation of the closed Asbury Park & Ocean Grove Bank continue and that a new bank be established in Asbury Park as a refusal to permit reopening the institution, the depositors' protective committee to-day (May 26) decided to discontinue activities.

The decision came after a discussion marked by the resignation from the committee of William A. Markham, one of the original members. The committee, however, will act as a liaison agent between depositors of the bank and the State Department, it was announced.

This bank, which had deposits of \$10,032,000, was closed on Dec. 24 last, as noted in our Jan. 2 issue, page 80.

Effective March 3 1932, the Orbisonia National Bank at Orbisonia, Pa., with capital of \$25,000, went into voluntary liquidation. The institution was taken over by the First National Bank of Mount Union, Pa.

The First National Bank of Spring Grove, Pa., and the Peoples' National Bank of that place, both capitalized at \$50,000, were consolidated on May 28 under the title of the Spring Grove National Bank. The new institution is capitalized at \$100,000 and has a surplus fund of \$70,000.

The First National Bank of Princeton, West Va., capitalized at \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on March 19 1932. The institution was taken over by the Princeton Bank & Trust Co. of the same place.

Joseph R. Nutt resigned as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, on May 25, but will continue as a director of the trust company for a time at least. His letter of resignation to the Board of Directors, as printed in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of May 25, from which the foregoing is learned, follows:

"I ask you to relieve me of the duties of your Chairmanship, and if it is your pleasure I would like to leave my post on the thirteenth day of June next, as at that time I will have completed 31 years of continuous service as an officer of the Union Trust Co. and its predecessors. I desire now to retire permanently as a bank officer.

"My association with the directors, officers and employees over this long period of years has been exceedingly pleasant, the memory of which I shall always cherish.

"My largest investment is in Union Trust Co. stock, which I will continue to hold, and I assure you that the trust company will always have my wholehearted and loyal support. I will immediately respond to every call where I can assist in promoting the welfare of the bank, as my dearest wish is for its happy progress and great prosperity."

Outlining Mr. Nutt's career, the paper mentioned said in part:

Nutt started his banking career in Cleveland in June 1901 as Secretary and Treasurer of the Savings & Trust Co., located at 44 Euclid Avenue, about where the Central United National Bank now is. In 1903 the Citizens' Savings & Loan Co., organized in 1868, and the Savings & Trust Co. were united into the Citizens' Savings & Trust Co., and in January 1904 Nutt was elected Secretary of the combined companies. He was elected a Vice-President in 1913 and President in 1918, continuing as President of the Union Trust Co. through the merger of four downtown and two outlying banks in 1921.

Nutt became Chairman as well as President of the Union Trust Co. in 1929, when John Sherwin, Sr., resigned. He resigned the Presidency in March 1930, at which time Wilbur M. Baldwin was elected President.

Born in Uniontown, Pa., March 9 1869, Joseph Randolph Nutt was educated in the public schools and Madison Academy of Uniontown. He early moved to Akron, Ohio, where he purchased a jewelry business at receivers' sale. His far-sightedness and ability to get things done attracted the attention of some of the prominent rubber interests of Akron, who prevailed upon Nutt to organize the Central Savings & Trust Co. He succeeded the late D. Z. Norton as President of the old Citizens' Savings & Trust Co.

Deeply interested in traction affairs in the boom times of such public utilities Nutt was for some time a director of the Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co., which is now a part of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp.

He has been a close associate of the Van Sweringen brothers from the inception of their huge undertakings. He is Vice-President and director of the Nickel Plate RR., an officer of the Van Ess Co., director of the Allegheny Corp., a director of the White Motor Co., the F. E. Myers & Bro. Co., the Faultless Rubber Co., and the Quaker Oats Co.

That arrangements had been completed whereby the closed Union Trust Co. of Dayton, Ohio, will receive a loan of \$1,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was reported in a dispatch from that city on May 24, printed in the Chicago "Journal of Commerce," from which we quote further as follows:

Plans for reorganization and reopening of the bank have been approved by the Ohio Banking Department, and, providing the plan meets with unanimous approval of stockholders at the meeting this week, the institution will be opened shortly.

William G. Pickrel, Lieutenant-Governor and Chairman of the reorganization committee, stated that as a result of the loan depositors will receive 25% of their deposits instead of 10% as originally planned. In addition they will receive certificates of deposit for 25% and the remaining 50% will be represented in trust certificates issued by the bank. All accounts under \$50 will be paid in full.

Our last previous reference to the affairs of this bank, which was taken over by the Ohio State Banking Department on Oct. 31 1931, appeared in our May 14 issue, page 3583.

The Citizens' State Bank of Chicago, Ill., has been closed by the State Bank Examiner at the request of its directors, according to Chicago advices on May 26 to the "Wall Street Journal." This institution as of March 30 1932 showed combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$1,510,183 and deposits of \$4,302,197.

It is learned from the "Michigan Investor" of May 21 that D. Dwight Douglas and Mark A. Wilson resigned as Active Vice-Presidents of the Detroit Bankers Co. (large Detroit holding company) on May 17 at the same time that John Ballantyne resigned the Presidency of the company. It is not expected that their places will be filled, the paper mentioned stated. Mr. Ballantyne was succeeded as President by E. D. Stair, as noted in our May 21 issue, page 3770.

The "Michigan Investor" of May 21 stated that the Oceana County Savings Bank at Hart, Mich., which was closed in December, is expected to reopen about the middle of June as reorganization plans are almost completed. Ninety-seven per cent. of the depositors have signed the agreement, it was said.

Plans looking towards the re-opening of the Wayne Savings Bank of Wayne, Mich., under a depositors' agreement, are being perfected, according to the "Michigan Investor" of May 28, which furthermore said:

Many of the commercial and savings depositors have already received their first dividend of 5%.

The Comptroller of the Currency on May 27 1932 issued a charter for a new bank at Oconomowoc, Wis., with a capital of \$75,000, under the title of the Oconomowoc National Bank. Grove E. Palmer is President of the institution and Frank Gross, Jr., Cashier.

N. F. Johnson has been appointed President of the State Bank of Cokato, Minn., to succeed the late C. R. Peterson, according to the "Commercial West" of May 28, which added that C. A. Swanson, Dr. J. T. Ahlstrom and Dr. O. L. Peterson had been added to the Board of Directors.

Depositors of the closed Dwight State Bank at Dwight, Neb., are receiving a 10% dividend on their claims, making a total of 45% to date, according to the "Commercial West" of May 28.

It is learned from the "Commercial West" of May 28, that depositors of the closed Merchants' State Bank of Winside, Neb., are receiving an initial dividend of 45%.

The Security National Bank of Independence, Kan., on May 17 last was placed in voluntary liquidation. The institution, which was capitalized at \$250,000, was absorbed by the Citizens-First National Bank of Independence, which subsequently, May 27, changed its title to the First National Bank in Independence.

With reference to the affairs of the Bosak State Bank of Scranton, Pa., Mayor Fred K. Derby of Scranton, acting in his official capacity as Chief Executive of the city, on May 31 called upon Dr. William D. Gordon, State Secretary of Banking for Pennsylvania, to institute proceedings to "compel the repayment of loans," alleged to have been made from the institution by its officers a short time before it was closed by the State Banking Department last September. Associated Press advices from Scranton, from which the above information is obtained, continuing said:

The Mayor, in a formal petition to Dr. Gordon, also requested the Banking Secretary to institute legal action to set aside conveyance of real estate alleged to have been executed by the officials and employees of the bank who secured the loans.

Action of the city in demanding that the State, which has been in control of the bank since it closed last September, take action is based on the fact that the city had \$35,747.61 of public funds on deposit in the institution when it closed.

It is charged by the city that "loans in large sums were made from the funds of the Bosak Bank to Michael Bosak (president of the bank), Edward Bosak (Vice-President) and other officers and directors of said bank, which were not properly secured, and some of which, at least, were made at a time when those who received such loans must have known that the bank was insolvent."

An inventory of the bank's assets filed with Court recently showed the following loans: Edward A. Bosak, Vice-President, \$113,250; Michael Bosak, President, \$95,000; Michael Bosak Jr., \$115,000; S. Bosak, wife of Michael Bosak, \$84,000.

When the bank closed it owed depositors \$3,907,050.24.

A proposed merger of the Bank of Lexington, at Lexington, N. C., and the Commercial & Savings Bank of that city, under the title of the Commercial Bank of Lexington, was approved by the respective stockholders of the institutions on May 20, according to a dispatch by the Associated Press from Lexington on May 20. The new institution will be capitalized at \$119,000, with combined surplus and undivided profits of approximately \$291,000. Officers, as named in the dispatch, are as follows: J. V. Moffitt, President; J. H. Greer and L. M. Grimes, Vice-Presidents, and James Adderton, Cashier.

That a new bank is to be organized in Durham, N. C., which will take over the assets of the First National Bank of Durham which closed Jan. 18 last, is indicated in the following dispatch from that place on May 30, appearing in the Raleigh "News & Observer":

Announcement was made to-day that Otto Wilde, representative of the Comptroller of the United States, has approved the proposal to organize a new bank to take over the assets of the defunct First National Bank here. The news was received with acclaim by depositors and stockholders.

Mr. Wilde has been here for 10 days conferring with the local committee interested in the organization of a new bank. and at a meeting of the group he made known his decision to render a favorable report.

The closing of the First National Bank of Durham, which had combined capital and surplus of \$1,000,000 and deposits of \$3,500,000, was reported in our Jan. 23 issue, page 627.

Supplementing our item of May 21 (page 3771) with reference to the recently opened Hibernia Bank, Portland, Ore., which replaces the Hibernia Commercial & Savings Bank, the new organization has combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$500,000; deposits of \$3,800,000; bonds (carried at present market) of \$1,300,000; cash of \$1,838,000, and loans (selected from the old bank) of \$1,135,000. The personnel of the institution is as follows: J. F. Daly, Chairman of the Board; D. B. Fuller, President; Lansing Stout, C. B. Sewall and Guy N. Hickok (and Cashier), Vice-Presidents; Fred I. Weber, Assistant Cashier; C. F. Reilly, Trust Officer.

Effective May 2 1932, the Citizens' National Bank of Baker City, Ore., went into voluntary liquidation. The institution, which was capitalized at \$100,000, was absorbed by the First National Bank of Baker City.

As of May 27 last, the Citizens Security National Bank of Everett, Wash., changed its name to the Security National Bank of Everett.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Except for the moderate upward movement toward the latter part of the session on Thursday, and during the early trading on Friday, the general trend of the stock market has been toward lower levels during the present week and new low records have been established by many of the active speculative favorites. Considerable liquidation has been apparent, and while there have been a number of rallies from time to time, they have not, as a rule, been maintained for any lengthy period. Amer. Tel. & Tel. was particularly weak on Wednesday and broke through to a new low record. On Thursday considerable pressure was in evidence during the early transactions, but this was quickly absorbed as the rally got under way. On Wednesday the directors of the Chase National Bank voted to pay a quarterly dividend of \$0.50 a share, thereby placing the stock on a \$2 annual basis instead of \$3 as paid during the first quarter and \$4 prior to that. For the first time since 1895, the Chicago Burlington & Quincy R.R. reduced its semi-annual dividend rate, which was cut on Thursday to \$3, the former rate having stood at \$10 for many years. Call money renewed at 2½% on Tuesday, and continued unchanged at that rate during the rest of the week.

Renewed selling waves following the cut in General Electric dividend forced prices downward during the abbreviated session on Saturday, and while a partial rally occurred during the last half of the morning the gains were not particularly noteworthy. Public utilities were weak, though they showed slight improvement before the close. Industrial shares also were generally off, though there were a number of individual issues that were slightly higher on the day. American Tel. & Tel. dropped below 91 for the first time, and new lows were recorded by such stocks as United Gas Improvement, Consolidated Gas and Public Service of New Jersey. The principal changes of the day were on the side of the decline and included among others American Can pref., 5 points to 100; Brooklyn Union Gas, 2 points to 40; Delaware & Hudson, 2 points to 44; Pan American Petroleum B, 2¼ points to 34, and Union Pacific, 4 points to 42. On Monday, May 30, the New York Stock Exchange, the Curb Market and all commodity markets were closed in observance of Decoration Day. The market slipped down to new low levels as trading was resumed on Tuesday after the two-day holiday. Practically every stock was lower than the preceding close, prices showing virtually no resistance to selling. One of the weakest spots in the list was American Stores which, at one time, was off about 5 points. Considerable distress selling was apparent from time to time and losses ranging from 2 to 4 or more points were recorded as the session closed. Other weak stocks were Allied Chemical & Dye, which dipped 3 points to 47¾; American Can pref., which fell back 4 points to 96; American Tel. & Tel., which receded 3½ points to 88¼; Bethlehem Steel, which declined 2½ points to 8; Bon Ami, which dropped to 35 with a loss of 6 points; Coca-Cola, which dipped to 89½, with a decline of 2¼ points; Columbian Carbon, which dropped 2½ points to 13½, and Consolidated Gas, which fell back 3¾ points to 36. Other outstanding changes were Corn Products, 2½ points to 27½; Woolworth, 2½ points to 23½; United States Steel, 1½ points to 25¾; Peoples Gas, 3 points to 54; Lambert & Co., 5 points to 25; General Cigar, 3 points to 20½; Drug, Inc., 4¼ points to 23; du Pont, 2½ points to 25¾; Eastman Kodak, 1¼ points to 39¾, and Norfolk & Western, 1¾ points to 62½.

The market was somewhat stronger during the early trading on Wednesday, but tumbled rapidly downward as the day advanced and cancelled most of the early gains. The overnight announcement that the Senate had passed the tax bill, together with a substantial amount of short covering was partly responsible for the early gains, but a fresh outburst of liquidation flooded the market and many of the leading shares lost from 2 to 6 or more points. Trading was fairly heavy, the turnover reaching approximately 1,500,000 shares. The changes on the side of the decline were Allied Chemical & Dye 1½ points to 48¾, American Tel. & Tel. 3 points to 85½, Bangor & Aroostook 3 points to 10, Brooklyn Union Gas 4½ points to 49¼, Consolidated Gas 2½ points to 33¾, Delaware & Hudson 4 points to 39, Drug, Inc. 2½ points to 25½, Reading Company 3 points to 12, Tide Water Oil pref. 4 points to 30, American Tobacco B 1½ points to 45 and Curtis Publishing Co. 2½ points to 12.

Stocks drifted downward during the morning trading on Thursday, but the market completely reversed itself after mid-session and moved briskly upward, closing with gains

ranging from 2 to 6 or more points. United States Steel led the upward swing and closed at 27½, with a net gain of 1½ points on the day. Public utilities, which sold off during the early trading, came back with modest gains. Oil shares displayed some improvement and railroad issues showed gains up to 2 or more points. Atchison was the outstanding feature of the latter group and closed the day with a gain of more than 3 points. Other strong stocks attracting considerable speculative attention were American Can, Auburn Auto, American Tobacco B and Amer. Tel. & Tel. The principal gains included Air Reduction, 2 points to 38, American Can, 3½ points to 38½, American Tobacco B, 3½ points to 48½, Brooklyn Union Gas, 3½ points to 50, Auburn Auto, 2¾ points to 34¾, McKeesport Tin Plate, 3¼ points to 31½, New York & Harlem, 2½ points to 90, Union Pacific, 2¼ points to 36½, Western Union, 1½ points to 18, and Safeway Stores, 3½ points to 41.

Stocks moved sharply upward during the early trading on Friday, but lost some of their morning gains as considerable profit taking appeared around mid-session. Tobacco stocks were in excellent demand and both industrials and public utilities attracted considerable speculative interest during the morning session. Some of the more active of the pivotal issues were inclined to lag behind, but for the most part the general list was stronger. Among the advances listed at the close of the market were American Can pref. 5 points to 100, American Tobacco pref. 3 points to 99, Brooklyn Union Gas 4½ points to 54½, Corn Products 2¼ points to 31, Detroit Edison 1½ points to 10½, Sun Oil Co. 2½ points to 27½, Norfolk & Western 2¾ points to 69¾, National Lead 2 points to 60¼, Electric Storage Battery 2 points to 16, Consolidated Gas 3 points to 37 and Auburn Auto 1¼ points to 36. The market turned irregular at the close and prices were under the best of the day as late profit taking eliminated part of the early advances.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended June 3 1932.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad and Miscell. Bonds.	State Municipal & For'n Bonds.	United States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Saturday	675,473	\$3,377,000	\$1,541,000	\$660,000	\$5,578,000
Monday	HOLI DAY.			HOLI DAY.	
Tuesday	1,475,520	5,916,000	3,386,000	2,825,600	12,127,600
Wednesday	1,841,508	7,739,000	3,088,000	2,854,700	13,681,700
Thursday	1,866,981	7,873,000	3,498,000	2,741,200	14,112,200
Friday	1,886,573	7,175,000	3,021,000	2,283,150	12,479,150
Total	7,746,055	\$32,080,000	\$14,534,000	\$11,364,650	\$57,978,650

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended June 3.		Jan 1 to June 3.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Stocks—No. of shares.	7,746,055	15,741,195	159,224,340	289,090,861
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$11,364,650	\$3,477,500	\$341,425,550	\$76,650,550
State & foreign bonds	14,534,000	18,128,000	327,016,500	334,331,600
Railroad & misc. bonds	32,080,000	40,807,000	650,619,300	800,559,000
Total	\$57,978,650	\$62,412,500	\$1,319,061,350	\$1,211,541,150

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended June 3 1932.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	23,101	\$22,000	27,232	\$11,000	344	\$6,800
Monday	HOLI DAY.		HOLI DAY.		HOLI DAY.	
Tuesday	31,529	9,000	44,491	11,500	713	9,000
Wednesday	45,514	26,500	62,557	17,400	2,079	10,000
Thursday	42,489	6,000	68,562		2,719	13,600
Friday	9,550	2,000	14,105		3,500	1,000
Total	152,183	\$65,500	216,947	\$39,900	9,345	\$40,400
Prev. wk. revised.	126,008	\$55,400	169,870	\$142,100	7,814	\$29,500

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

Trading on the Curb Exchange was influenced to some extent during the forepart of the week by the severe declines witnessed on Saturday in all of the Doherty issues following the announcement that the company had decided to omit all dividends. Liquidation on a large scale in Cities Service issues was immediately apparent, and the price of the common stock was forced downward about 2 points below its previous close. Swift & Co. and Swift International were down most of the week owing to dividend omissions by Swift & Co. Preferred stocks were, as a rule, the weak spots and bore the brunt of the declines during the greater part of the week. Fresh liquidation occurred in Singer Mfg. Co. on Tuesday and that stock at one time was off more than 5 points. Heavy losses were also sustained by New York Telephone pref. Toward the end of the week, particularly on Thursday and Friday, prices firmed up and while changes in the industrial issues and specialties were somewhat mixed, many of the more active stocks cancelled a substantial part of their losses of the early part of the week. The changes for the week were about equally distributed between advance

and decline. The gains included such issues as Electric Bond & Share, which advanced from 6 to 7; American Superpower, 1½ to 1½; United Light & Power "A", 1½ to 2½; Aluminium Co. of America, 22 to 24½; New Jersey Zinc, 18½ to 19½; American Gas & Elec., 15¾ to 19¼; American Light & Traction, 12½ to 12½, and Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 18 to 22¾. Stocks closing on the side of the decline included Niagara Hudson Power, which dropped from 3½ to 3¼; Pennroad Corp., 1¼ to 1½; Gulf Oil of Penn., 28½ to 26½; Humble Oil, 36¾ to 36¾; New York Tel. pref., 109½ to 101; Commonwealth Edison, 58¾ to 52; Deere & Co., 5 to 4½; Parker Rust Proof, 22¼ to 22; United Shoe Machy., 30 to 27½; Consolidated Gas of Baltimore, 44 to 42; Swift & Co., 9 to 8¾, and Atlas Utilities, 4½ to 4½.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 4132.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended June 3 1932.	Stocks (Number of Shares).	Bonds (Par Value).			
		Domestic.	Foreign Government.	Foreign Corporate.	Total.
Saturday	165,375	\$2,420,000	\$21,000	\$133,000	\$2,574,000
Monday	HOLI DAY.			HOLI DAY.	
Tuesday	205,935	3,045,000	63,000	336,000	3,444,000
Wednesday	248,864	3,358,000	80,000	382,000	3,720,000
Thursday	241,594	3,271,000	101,000	102,000	3,474,000
Friday	191,385	3,447,000	63,000	183,000	3,693,000
Total	1,053,153	\$15,541,000	\$328,000	\$1,036,000	\$16,905,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange.	Week Ended June 3.		Jan. 1 to June 3.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Stocks—No. of shares.	1,053,153	2,828,681	22,261,893	57,849,916
Bonds.				
Domestic	\$15,541,000	\$18,231,000	\$314,914,100	\$409,107,000
Foreign Government	328,000	791,000	12,334,000	12,525,000
Foreign corporate	1,036,000	837,000	31,662,000	18,295,000
Total	\$16,905,000	\$19,859,000	\$358,910,100	\$439,927,000

The official transactions of the Curb (which we were unable to secure last week) are as follows: stocks, Sat., 54,630; Mon., 138,280; Tues., 141,990; Wed., 195,750; Thurs., 254,990; Fri., 131,735. Bonds: Sat., \$1,552,000; Mon., \$1,970,000; Tues., \$2,505,000; Wed., \$2,903,000; Thurs., \$3,505,000; Fri., \$2,428,000.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings this week will again show a decrease as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ended to-day (Saturday, June 3), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 50.5% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$5,359,739,022, against \$10,817,347,900 for the same week in 1930. At this center there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 50.5%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ending June 4.	1932.	1931.	Per Cent.
New York	\$2,952,079,795	\$6,539,545,069	-54.9
Chicago	174,887,319	435,681,881	-59.9
Philadelphia	189,000,000	410,000,000	-53.9
Boston	161,000,000	389,000,000	-58.6
Kansas City	44,699,174	78,570,628	-43.1
St. Louis	57,500,000	104,600,000	-45.0
San Francisco	77,305,000	135,406,000	-42.9
Los Angeles	No longer will report clearings.		
Pittsburgh	60,604,341	130,275,454	-53.5
Detroit	50,688,683	120,681,216	-58.0
Cleveland	48,557,049	97,981,108	-50.4
Baltimore	44,610,447	83,521,915	-46.6
New Orleans	23,098,325	32,495,629	-28.9
Twelve cities, five days	\$3,884,030,134	\$8,557,108,900	-54.6
Other cities, five days	582,419,053	802,702,690	-27.4
Total all cities, five days	\$4,466,449,187	\$9,359,811,590	-52.3
All cities, one day	893,289,837	1,457,536,310	-38.8
Total all cities for week	\$5,359,739,022	\$10,817,347,900	-50.5

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 28. For that week there is a decrease of 32.9%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$4,433,274,602, against \$6,610,699,717 in the same week in 1931. Outside of this city there is a decrease of 29.0%, the bank clearings at this center recording a loss of 35.1%. 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 show a loss of 34.7%, in the Boston Reserve District of 44.2% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 26.1%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are smaller by 25.8%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 16.6% and in the

CLEARINGS—(Concluded.)

Table showing bond clearings for various cities (Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth Federal Reserve Districts) for the month of May, five months ended May 31, and week ended May 28, 1932 and 1931. Columns include city names, reserve district, and clearings in dollars with percentage changes.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR MAY, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 26.

Table showing Canadian bond clearings for various cities for the month of May, five months ended May 31, and week ended May 26, 1932 and 1931. Columns include city names, month of May, and clearings in dollars with percentage changes.

*Note.—These prices are computed from average yields on the basis of one "Ideal" bond (4 1/4% coupon, maturing in 31 years) and do not purport to show either the average level or the average movement of actual price quotations. They merely serve to illustrate in a more comprehensive way the relative levels and the relative movement of yield averages, the latter being the truer picture of the bond market.

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 18 1932:

GOLD.

On the 12th inst. the Bank of England reduced its official rate of discount from 3% to 2 1/4%.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £120,816,394 on the 11th inst. as compared with £120,816,341 on the previous Wednesday.

An interesting event of the week was the purchase by the Bank of England on the 14th inst. of £2,012,665 in bar gold. This is the first time since the suspension of the gold standard by this country in September of last year, that a purchase of gold of any consequence has been announced by the Bank.

It will be noticed from the figures given below that the imports of gold for April exceeded the exports by about £6,700,000. The purchase by the Bank of England may perhaps account for part of the surplus, while purchases by private "hoarders," which have been quite considerable, may represent a portion of the balance.

The gold available in the open market has been taken for the Continent and for a destination not disclosed.

Quotations during the week.

Table with columns: Date, Per Fine Ounce, Equivalent Value of £ Sterling. Rows for May 12-18 and Average.

The SS. Comorin which left Bombay on the 14th inst. carries gold to the value of about £666,000.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 9th inst. to mid-day on the 14th inst.:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports. Rows for various countries like British South Africa, United States of America, etc.

United Kingdom imports and exports of gold for the month of April last are appended:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports. Rows for Germany, Netherlands, France, etc.

SILVER.

The steady tone of the market was maintained during the past week. On the 12th inst. there was a rise of 5-16d. in both quotations to 17 3/8d. and 17 1/2d. for cash and two months' delivery respectively, owing to demand from China on a poorly supplied market.

Prices fluctuated subsequently, with some speculative re-selling. China both bought and sold, but the Indian Bazaars and America were more disposed to give support.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 9th inst. to mid-day on the 14th inst.:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports. Rows for France, Belgium, Australia, etc.

Quotations during the week:

Table with columns: IN LONDON, IN NEW YORK, Bar Silver per Ounce Standard, Cash, 2 Mos., Cents per Oz., 999 Fine. Rows for May 11-18 and Average.

The highest rate of exchange on New York recorded during the period from the 12th inst. to the 18th inst. was \$3.68 1/4 and the lowest \$3.64 1/2.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with columns: (In lacs of rupees.) May 7, April 30, April 22. Rows for Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion in India, etc.

The stocks in Shanghai on the 14th inst. consisted of about 67,800,000 ounces in sycee, 210,000,000 dollars and 4,560 silver bars, as compared with about 62,300,000 ounces in sycee, 202,500,000 dollars and 4,140 silver bars on the 7th inst.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

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

Table with columns: Sst., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., May 28, May 30, May 31, June 1, June 2, June 3. Rows for Silver, Gold, Consols, etc.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Table with columns: Silver in N. Y., per oz. -cts. 28, 28 1/4, 28 1/2, 27 3/4, 27 1/2.

PRICES ON BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Berlin Stock Exchange resumed trading on Friday, April 29 1932 after having been closed by Government decree since Sept. 18. Prices suffered heavy declines.

Table with columns: May 28, May 30, May 31, June 1, June 2, June 3. Rows for Reichsbank, Berliner Handels Gesellschaft, etc.

In the following we also give New York quotations for German and other foreign unlisted dollar bonds as of June 3:

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Rows for Anhalt 7s to 1946, Argentine 5%, 1945, \$100-pieces, etc.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:

Table listing shares and stocks for Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York, including items like 10 Fed. Pub. Serv. Corp., 50-100 Perfection Tire & Rubber Co., etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing shares and stocks for R. L. Day & Co., Boston, including items like 53 U.S. Tr. Co., 55 Mass. Bonding & Insur. Co., etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing shares and stocks for Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia, including items like 10 Phila. Nat. Bank, 8 Fishkill Nat. Bank, etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing shares and stocks for A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo, including items like 10 Zenda Gold Mines, 15 sbs. Thermodyne Radio, etc.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Main dividends table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various other companies.

Continuation of dividends table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Public Utilities (Continued), Banks & Trusts, Fire Insurance, and Miscellaneous.

We give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with columns: Names of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Concluded), Railroads (Steam), and Public Utilities.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various utility companies.

Table with 13 columns (Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan.Cty., Dallas, San Fran.) and multiple rows detailing resources and liabilities.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT.

Table with 13 columns (Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan.Cty., Dallas, San Fran.) and rows detailing Federal Reserve notes and collateral.

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

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the reporting member banks from which weekly returns are obtained.

Beginning with the statement of Jan. 9 1929, the loan figures exclude "Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement, and include all real estate mortgages and mortgage loans held by the bank.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF ALL REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN EACH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 25 1932 (In millions of dollars).

Table with 13 columns (Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan.Cty., Dallas, San Fran.) and rows detailing resources and liabilities by Federal Reserve District.

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 June 1 1932, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with columns for June 1 1932, May 25 1932, June 3 1931, and June 1 1932, May 25 1932, June 3 1931, detailing resources and liabilities for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 17 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents.

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 4101.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Main table of stock sales with columns for Stock Name, Shares, Range for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

STOCKS. Week Ended June 3. Range for Week. Range Since Jan. 1.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table of Treasury certificates with columns for Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, and various dates.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Table of bond prices with columns for Bond Name, Date, and Price.

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

Table of registered bond transactions with columns for Bond Name and Price.

Foreign Exchange.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3.69@3.69 1/2 for checks and 3.69 1/4 @ 3.69 3/4 for cables.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.94 1/2 @ 3.94 15-16 for short.

The week's range for exchange rates follows:

Table of exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 4102.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 4132.

CURRENT NOTICES.

- Field, Gloré & Co. have to-day moved their Chicago offices to quarters in the new Field Building at 123 South LaSalle St. Yarnall & Co., Philadelphia, announce to-day that John B. Thayer has been admitted to general partnership in their firm.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

PER SHARE Range for Year 1932 On basis of 100-share lots

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges for 1932 and 1931. Includes categories like Indus. & Miscell., Amer. Brake Shoe, and various utility and manufacturing stocks.

* Bid and asked prices: no sale on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday May 25, Monday May 30, Tuesday May 31, Wednesday June 1, Thursday June 2, Friday June 3) and rows for various stock prices per share.

Main table listing stocks on the New York Stock Exchange. Columns include 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1932', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931'. Rows list various companies like Briggs & Stratton, Brooklyn Union Gas, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend ‡ Ex-dividend and ex-rights

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday through Friday) and 'Sales for the Week'. It lists various stock prices and market activity.

Main table listing individual stocks under 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include stock names, share prices, and dates of transactions.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. * Ex-rights. b By...

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, and PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest) for 1932 and 1931. Includes various stock symbols and prices.

* High and asked prices: no sales on this day / Ex-dividend / Ex-right

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

Table with columns for High and Low Sale Prices, Sales for the Week, Stocks New York Stock Exchange, and Per Share Range for Year 1932 and Previous Year 1931. Includes sub-sections for Stock, Exchange, and Holiday.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on the day. Ex-dividend and ex-rights. Ex-dividend. Ex-rights.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

PER SHARE Range for Year 1932 On basis of 100-share lots

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931

Main table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges for 1932 and 1931. Includes sub-sections for 'Stock Exchange' and 'Closed Memorial Day Holiday'.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stock categories like Stock, Exchange, Closed, Memorial, Day, and Holiday.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stock categories such as Indus. & Miscell., Texas Pacific Land Trust, and others, with corresponding share counts.

PER SHARE Range for Year 1932 On basis of 100-share lots

Table showing price ranges for various stocks for the year 1932, categorized by lowest and highest prices.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931

Table showing price ranges for various stocks for the previous year (1931), categorized by lowest and highest prices.

Rid and asked prices: no sales on this day * Ex-dividend. † Ex-rights

On Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details. Includes sections for U.S. Government, Foreign Govt. & Municipals, and various international bonds.

* Cash sale. * At the exchange rate of \$4.8665 to the £ sterling a Deferred delivery

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended June 3. Table with columns: Bond Description, Price Friday June 3, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended June 3. Table with columns: Bond Description, Price Friday June 3, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

r Cash sale. a Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE. Week Ended June 3.' with columns for bond description, interest period, price, and range.

r Cash sale. a Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'INDUSTRIALS'. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range of Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other market data.

† Cash sale. † Due May. † Due August. † Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan 1, and Range Since Jan 1.

r Cash sale. a Deferred delivery. d Union Oil 5e series C 1935 sold on Jan 5 \$1,000 at 73 "deferred delivery

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroad, Miscellaneous, and Bonds.

* No par value. † Ex-dividend.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Bonds and various stock listings.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Cont'l Chicago Corp, Bonds, and various stock listings.

* No par value. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights

Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 2, both inclusive (June 3, holiday), compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Thursday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes various stock listings.

Table of stock transactions for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, 1914. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Toronto Curb.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Curb, May 28 to June 2, both inclusive (June 3, holiday), compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for Toronto Curb, May 28 to June 2, 1914. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, 1914. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock transactions for Baltimore Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, 1914. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for Baltimore Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, 1914. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, 1914. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Milwaukee Grain & Stock Exchange.—Following is the record of transactions at the Milwaukee Grain & Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for Milwaukee Grain & Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, 1914. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists.

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Allen Industries, City Ice & Fuel, etc.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Amer Laund Mach, Amer Rolling Mill, etc.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—See page 4107.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—See page 4107.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, May 28 to June 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Bank and Trust, First National Bank, etc.

* No par value.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market.—Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, May 28 to June 3, both inclusive, compiled from sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various securities like Admiralty Alaska Gold, Bananera, etc.

* No par value.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (May 28 1932) and ending the present Friday (June 3 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.

Large table with columns: Week Ended June 3, Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists a wide variety of stocks and securities.

Main table of bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Bonds (Continued), Foreign Government, and Bonds (Concluded).

* No par value. a Deferred delivery. i Correction. n Sold under the rule. r For cash. w1 When issued. z Ex-dividend. e See alphabetical list below for "Under the Rule" sales affecting the range for the year. Blackstone Valley Gas & El. 5s, 1939, May 19, \$1,000 at 102 1/2.

z See alphabetical list below for "Deferred Delivery" sales affecting the range for the year. Amer. Cities Pow. & Lt. class B, April 23, 100 at 1 1/2. Amer. Gas & Elec., pref., April 12, 100 at 68.

Public Utility Bonds.

Table of Public Utility Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and various bond descriptions like 'Am Com'th P 5 1/2s '53 M&N'.

Investment Trusts (Concluded).

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and descriptions like 'Public Service Trust Shares'.

Public Utility Stocks.

Table of Public Utility Stocks with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and descriptions like 'Alabama Power \$7 pref.'.

Industrial Stocks.

Table of Industrial Stocks with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and descriptions like 'Adams Mills \$7 pref.'.

Investment Trusts.

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions like 'Amer Brit & Cont \$6 pref.'.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

Table of Telephone and Telegraph Stocks with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions like 'Am Dist Tel of N J \$4'.

Chain Store Stocks.

Table of Chain Store Stocks with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions like 'Bohach (H C) Inc com.'.

z No par value. d Last reported marked. * Ex-stock dividend. r Dividend. v Ex-rights

Quotations for Unlisted Securities—Concluded—Page 2

Sugar Stocks.

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, Sugar Estates Oriente of 100, United Porto Rican com, Preferred.

Federal Land Bank Bonds.

Table with columns: 4s 1957 optional 1937, 4s 1958 optional 1938, 4 1/2s 1956 opt 1936, etc.

New York Bank Stocks.

Table with columns: Bank of Yorktown, Chase, City (National), Columbus Bank, Comm'l Nat Bank & Tr, etc.

Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Banca Comml Italiana Tr, Bank of Sicily Trust, Bank of New York & Tr, etc.

Chicago Bank Stocks.

Table with columns: Central Republic, Chic Bk of Commerce, Continental Ill Bk & Tr, etc.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds.

Table with columns: Adams Express 4s '47 J&D, American Meter 6s 1946, Amer Tobacco 4s 1931 F&A, etc.

Insurance Companies.

Table with columns: Aetna Casualty & Surety, Aetna Fire, Aetna Life, Agricultural, American Alliance, etc.

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.

Table with columns: Bond & Mortgage Guar, Empire Title & Guar, Guaranty Title & Mortgage, etc.

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table with columns: Alexander Indus 8% pref, American Airports Corp, Aviation Sec of New Engl, etc.

Quotations for Other Over-the-Counter Securities

Short Term Securities.

Table with columns: Aills-Chal Mfg 5s May 1937, Alum Co of Amer 5s May '52, Amer Metal 5 1/2s 1934 A&O, etc.

Water Bonds.

Table with columns: Alton Water 5s 1956, Ark Wat 1st 5s A 1956 A&O, Ashtabula W W 5s 1958 A&O, etc.

Railroad Equipments.

Table with columns: Atlantic Coast Line 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, Baltimore & Ohio 6s, etc.

Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds.

Table with columns: Bankers Nat Invest com A, Beneficial Indus Loan pref, Colonial Investors Shares, etc.

* No par value. a And dividend. d Last reported market. / Flat price. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Table listing various companies and their financial information, including names of companies, issue of chronicle, and when published.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—We give below the latest weekly returns of earnings for all roads making such reports:

Table showing latest gross earnings by weeks for various companies, including Name, Period Covered, Current Year, Previous Year, and Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class I roads in the country.

Table comparing monthly gross earnings and length of road for 1931 and 1930. Columns include Month, 1931, 1930, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), 1931, and 1930.

Table comparing monthly net earnings and inc./dec. for 1931 and 1930. Columns include Month, 1931, 1930, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Amount, and Per Cent.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.

Table showing net earnings monthly to latest dates for various companies like Ann Arbor, Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe, Panhandle & Santa Fe, Atlanta Birmingham & Coast, Atlanta & West Point, and Atlantic City.

Atlantic Coast Line—

Table for Atlantic Coast Line with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Baltimore & Ohio System—

Table for Baltimore & Ohio System with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Baltimore & Ohio—

Table for Baltimore & Ohio with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Bangor & Aroostook—

Table for Bangor & Aroostook with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Belt Ry. of Chicago—

Table for Belt Ry. of Chicago with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Bessemer & Lake Erie—

Table for Bessemer & Lake Erie with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Boston & Maine—

Table for Boston & Maine with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Burlington-Rock Island—

Table for Burlington-Rock Island with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Cambria & Indiana—

Table for Cambria & Indiana with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Canadian Pacific Lines in Maine—

Table for Canadian Pacific Lines in Maine with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Canadian Pacific Lines in Vermont—

Table for Canadian Pacific Lines in Vermont with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Central of Georgia—

Table for Central of Georgia with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Central RR of New Jersey—

Table for Central RR of New Jersey with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Charleston & Western Carolina—

Table for Charleston & Western Carolina with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Chicago Burlington & Quincy—

Table for Chicago Burlington & Quincy with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Chicago & Eastern Illinois—

Table for Chicago & Eastern Illinois with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Chicago Great Western—

Table for Chicago Great Western with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Chicago & Illinois Midland—

Table for Chicago & Illinois Midland with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville—

Table for Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Chicago Milwaukee St Paul & Pac—

Table for Chicago Milwaukee St Paul & Pac with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Chicago & North Western—

Table for Chicago & North Western with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Chicago R. I. & Pacific System—

Table for Chicago R. I. & Pacific System with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Chicago Rock Island & Pacif

Table for Chicago Rock Island & Pacif with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Chicago St Paul Minn & Omaha—

Table for Chicago St Paul Minn & Omaha with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Clinchfield—

Table for Clinchfield with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Colorado & Southern System—

Table for Colorado & Southern System with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Colorado & Southern—

Table for Colorado & Southern with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Columbus & Greenville—

Table for Columbus & Greenville with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Denver & Rio Grande—

Table for Denver & Rio Grande with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Denver & Salt Lake—

Table for Denver & Salt Lake with columns for years 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1—

Louisville & Nashville—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Louisville & Nashville.

Maine Central—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Maine Central.

Midland Valley—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Midland Valley.

Minn St Paul & Sault Ste Marie—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Minn St Paul & Sault Ste Marie.

Mississippi Central—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Mississippi Central.

Missouri-Kansas-Texas—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Missouri-Kansas-Texas.

Missouri Illinois—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Missouri Illinois.

Missouri & North Arkansas—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Missouri & North Arkansas.

Missouri Pacific—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Missouri Pacific.

Mobile & Ohio—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Mobile & Ohio.

Monongahela—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Monongahela.

Nashville Chattanooga & St Louis—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Nashville Chattanooga & St Louis.

Nevada Northern—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Nevada Northern.

Newburgh & South Shore—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Newburgh & South Shore.

New Orleans Great Northern—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for New Orleans Great Northern.

New Orleans Texas & Mexico System—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for New Orleans Texas & Mexico System.

Beaumont Sour Lake & Western—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Beaumont Sour Lake & Western.

St Louis Brownsville & Mexico—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for St Louis Brownsville & Mexico.

New York Central System—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for New York Central System.

Indiana Harbor Belt—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Indiana Harbor Belt.

New York Connecting—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for New York Connecting.

New York New Haven & Hartford—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for New York New Haven & Hartford.

New York Ontario & Western—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for New York Ontario & Western.

N Y Susquehanna & Western—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for N Y Susquehanna & Western.

Norfolk Southern—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Norfolk Southern.

Norfolk & Western—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Norfolk & Western.

Northern Pacific—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Northern Pacific.

Northwestern Pacific—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Northwestern Pacific.

Oklahoma City-Ada-Atoka—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Oklahoma City-Ada-Atoka.

Pennsylvania System—

Table with 4 columns (Year) and 4 rows (Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan 1) for Pennsylvania System.

Pennsylvania System—

Long Island— April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... 2,404,950 2,976,402 3,123,136 3,230,773

Pittsburgh & Shawmut—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... 60,316 81,036 108,988 116,639

Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... 87,728 105,510 143,965 156,616

Pittsburgh & West Virginia—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... 195,274 280,238 361,717 425,679

Reading Co—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$4,898,404 \$6,281,098 \$7,194,156 \$8,335,215

Richmond Frederick'g & Potomac—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$627,292 \$923,827 \$1,009,498 \$1,210,496

Rutland—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$334,665 \$409,478 \$442,729 \$540,817

St Louis San Francisco System—

St Louis-San Francisco Ry Co— April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... 3,475,971 4,849,794 6,078,078 6,630,805

St. Louis-San Francisco of Texas—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$70,162 \$100,386 \$139,908 \$166,387

Fort Worth & Rio Grande—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... 38,785 58,273 72,288 87,861

San Diego & Arizona—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$15,379 \$54,885 \$102,480 \$115,420

St Louis Southwestern Ry Lines—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$1,090,961 \$1,538,447 \$2,107,878 \$2,180,957

Southern Pacific System—

Southern Pacific Co— April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... 8,792,787 12,156,049 15,413,087 18,257,008

Southern Pacific SS Lines—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... 342,598 545,998 665,940 967,265

Texas & New Orleans—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$2,658,530 \$3,825,489 \$5,057,853 \$6,273,482

San Antonio Uvalde & Gulf—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$94,738 \$133,665 \$163,534 \$223,063

Southern Ry System—

Southern Ry Co— April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$6,454,699 \$9,148,460 \$11,089,611 \$12,710,648

Alabama Great Southern—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$355,934 \$568,315 \$740,562 \$917,478

Cin New Orleans & Texas Pacific—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$881,277 \$1,276,331 \$1,608,735 \$1,978,368

Georgia Southern & Florida—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$156,429 \$249,894 \$325,252 \$357,506

New Orleans & Northeastern—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$177,467 \$269,125 \$381,788 \$468,951

New Orleans Terminal—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$106,829 \$138,412 \$130,722 \$188,090

Northern Alabama—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$45,772 \$69,102 \$105,854 \$112,101

Spokane International—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$43,118 \$63,771 \$77,123 \$85,113

Spokane Portland & Seattle—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$356,444 \$498,251 \$647,264 \$728,639

Tennessee Central—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... 155,610 244,752 263,381 262,826

Terminal Ry Assn of St Louis—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$464,030 \$699,667 \$912,148 \$1,022,775

Texas Mexican—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$93,331 \$103,442 \$103,805 \$161,751

Texas & Pacific—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$1,780,232 \$2,825,337 \$3,398,389 \$3,807,600

Toledo Peoria & Western—

April— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross from railway... \$108,946 \$141,546 \$173,595 \$173,114

Toledo Terminal

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and sub-totals for April and From Jan 1.

Union Pacific System

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and sub-totals for April and From Jan 1.

Oregon Short Line

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and sub-totals for April and From Jan 1.

Ore-Washington Ry & Nav Co

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and sub-totals for April and From Jan 1.

St Joseph & Grand Island

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and sub-totals for April and From Jan 1.

Utah

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and sub-totals for April and From Jan 1.

Virginian

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and sub-totals for April and From Jan 1.

Wabash

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and sub-totals for April and From Jan 1.

Western Maryland

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and sub-totals for April and From Jan 1.

Western Pacific

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and sub-totals for April and From Jan 1.

Western Ry of Alabama

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and sub-totals for April and From Jan 1.

Wheeling & Lake Erie

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and sub-totals for April and From Jan 1.

Wichita Falls & Southern

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and sub-totals for April and From Jan 1.

Other Monthly Steam Railroad Reports.—In the following we show the monthly reports of STEAM railroad companies received this week as issued by the companies themselves, where they embrace more facts than are required in the reports to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, such as fixed charges, &c., or where they differ in some other respect from the reports of the Commission.

Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross earnings, Working expenses, Net profits, and sub-totals for 4 Mos. End. April 30 and Net profits.

Bangor & Aroostook RR. Co.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross operating revenues, Oper. exps. (incl. maint. & depreciation), Net rev. from oper., Tax accruals, Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Deducts. from gross inc., Total deductions, Net income, 4 Mos. End. April 30, Gross oper. revenues, Oper. exps. (incl. maint. & depreciation), Net revenue from oper., Tax accruals, Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Deducts. from gross inc., Total deductions, Net income.

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Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail revenue, Express revenue, Other revenue, Total ry. oper. rev., Railway oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoil. railway revenue, Total ry. oper. income, Equip. rents—deb. bal., Jt. facil. rents—deb. bal., Net ry. oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Rent for leased roads, Interest, Other deductions, Total deductions, Balance of income, 4 Mos. End. Apr. 30, Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail revenue, Express revenue, Other revenue, Total ry. oper. rev., Railway oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoil. railway revenue, Total ry. oper. income, Equip. rents—deb. bal., Jt. facil. rents—deb. bal., Net ry. oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Rent for leased roads, Interest, Other deductions, Total deductions, Balance of income.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 23 '32, p. 3086

Consolidated Railroads of Cuba.

Table with 4 columns: 1932-3 Mos., 1931, 1932-9 Mos., 1931. Rows for Net inc. after all exps. &c.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Sept. 19 '31, p. 1922

Cuba Northern Rys.

Table with 4 columns: 1932-3 Mos., 1931, 1932-9 Mos., 1931. Rows for Gross revenues, Expenses, Net inc. to surplus.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Sept. 19 '31, p. 1922

Cuba Railroad Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1932-3 Mos., 1931, 1932-9 Mos., 1931. Rows for Net inc. after all exp. &c.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Sept. 19 '31, p. 1922

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. Co.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net revenue, Net ry. oper. income, Available for interest, Interest on funded debt, Surplus, 4 Mos. End. April 30, Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net revenue, Net ry. oper. income, Available for interest, Interest on funded debt, Surplus.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 2 '32, p. 2509

Georgia & Florida RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Revenues & Income, Gross income, Deductions from income, Surplus applic. to int., Net ry. oper. income, Non-operating income.

Note.—The decrease in freight revenue for April 1932 and for the period this year was due to the nationwide business depression which caused drastic reduction in movement of practically all commodities.

Indiana Harbor Belt RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include 3 Months Ended March 31, Railway operating revenues, Net revenue from railway oper., Net railway operating income.

Louisiana & Arkansas Ry. Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross, Net operating income, Balance for interest, Interest charges.

Mahoning Coal RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include 3 Months Ended March 31, Income from lease of road, Total income, Taxes, Net income.

New York Central RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include 3 Months Ended March 31, Railway operating revenues, Net revenue from railway oper., Net railway operating income.

Pennsylvania RR. Regional System.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Revenues, Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, All other transportation, Incidentals, Joint facility—credit, Joint facility—debit, Ry. oper. revenues, Expenses.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Ry. oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible ry. revs., Ry. oper. income, Equip. rents—debit bal., Joint facility rents—debit balance, Net ry. oper. income.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include 3 Months Ended March 31, Railway operating revenues, Net revenue from railway oper., Net railway operating income, Gross income, Deductions from gross income, Net income.

Railway Express Agency, Inc.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Revenues & Income, Charges for transport'n, Total rev. & income, Deducts. from Revs. & Inc., Operating expenses, Express taxes, Interest & discount on funded debt, Other deductions, Total deductions, Rail Transportation Revenues.

Rutland RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include 3 Months Ended March 31, Railway operating revenues, Railway operating expenses, Net revenue from railway oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible railway revenues, Equipment and joint facility rents, Net railway operating income, Miscell. and non-operating income, Gross income, Deductions from gross income, Deficit.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Lines.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include Month of April, Net ry. oper. income, Non-opera. income, Gross income, Deduct from gross inc., Net income, 4 Mos. End. April 30, Net ry. oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deduct. from gross inc., Net income.

Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Ry.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930. Rows include 3 Months Ended March 31, Railway operating revenues, Railway operating expenses, Net revenue from railway oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible railway revenues, Equipment and joint facility rents, Net railway operating income, Miscell. and non-operating income, Gross income, Deductions from gross income, Net income, Per cent. to capital stock outstanding.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS COS.

American Public Service Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1932-3, 1931, 1932-12, 1931. Rows include Gross earnings of subs., Net of subs. for retire. & stock owned by American Public Service Co, Profit on sale of miscellaneous investments, Other earnings, Total, Int. & other deductions of American Public Service Co, Net for retire. & stocks of American Public Service Co.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1932. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exps., maint. & taxes, Gross income, Less—Int. & amortiz. of discount of subs., Preferred dividends of subsidiaries, Balance, Balance, Int. & amort. of disct. of American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc., Balance, Reserved for renewals, retires. & depletion, Net income, Preferred dividends, Available for common stock, Non-recurring income, Total available for common stock, Shares of common stock outstanding.

American La-France & Foamite Corp.

Table with financial data for American La-France & Foamite Corp. including Quar. End. Mar. 31, 1932-1933, and Net profit after depreciation.

Does not include net loss of \$93,594 for 1929 and net loss of \$129,471 in 1928, shown by commercial truck operations and charged to special reserve.

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Arundel Corp.

Table with financial data for Arundel Corp. including Period End. Apr. 30, 1932-1931, and Net profit after depreciation.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 6 '32, p. 1027

Associated Gas & Electric System.

Consolidated Statement of Earnings and Expenses of Properties Since Dates of Acquisition (Actual).

Table with financial data for Associated Gas & Electric System. Includes 12 Months Ended Mar. 31, 1932-1933, and Total gross operating revenue.

Note.—The above figures include the results of operations of substantially the same properties in both periods.

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Barcelona Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.

Table with financial data for Barcelona Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd. including Month of April, 1931-1932, and Gross earnings from operations.

Broad River Power Co.

Table with financial data for Broad River Power Co. including 12 Months Ended March 31, 1932-1933, and Total operating revenues.

Note.—The increase in operating expenses was largely due to expenditures, a substantial amount of which may be non-recurring, incident to the forced resumption of street railway operations by Columbia Ry., Gas & Electric Co., a subsidiary of Broad River Power Co.

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Brown Shoe Co., Inc.

Table with financial data for Brown Shoe Co., Inc. including 6 Mos. End. Apr. 30, 1932-1933, and Net sales.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Dec. 5 '31, p. 3783

Butterick Co.

Table with financial data for Butterick Co. including Quar. End. Mar. 31, 1932-1933, and Sales.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 9 '32, p. 2728

Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd.

Table with financial data for Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd. including Period End. Mar. 31, 1932-1933, and Gross revenue.

Note.—The corporation had a credit balance with International Paper & Power Co., at the time when United States funds went to a premium. The balance of this credit is being repaid by International Paper & Power Co. in United States funds and is being used to meet interest payments.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 4 '32, p. 4156

Canada Northern Power Corp., Ltd.

Table with financial data for Canada Northern Power Corp., Ltd. including Month of April, 1932-1933, and Gross earnings.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 12 '32, p. 1951

Central Vermont Public Service Corp.

Table with financial data for Central Vermont Public Service Corp. including Period End. Mar. 31, 1932-1933, and Gross operating revenues.

Chicago Yellow Cab Co., Inc.

Table with financial data for Chicago Yellow Cab Co., Inc. including Quarters End. Mar. 31, 1932-1933, and Net profits after depreciation.

Connecticut Power Co.

Table with financial data for Connecticut Power Co. including 3 Months Ended March 31, 1932-1933, and Gross earnings.

Consolidated Film Industries, Inc.

Table with financial data for Consolidated Film Industries, Inc. including Quar. End. Mar. 31, 1932-1933, and Net profit after depreciation.

Consolidated Gas Utilities Co.

Table with financial data for Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. including Earnings for 12 Months Ended April 30 1932, and Gross earnings.

Cuba Company.

Table with financial data for Cuba Company. including (And Subsidiary and Affiliated Companies) and Period End. Mar. 31, 1932-1933, and Gross revenues.

Diamond Match Co.

Table with financial data for Diamond Match Co. including Quarter Ended March 31, 1932-1933, and Operating income.

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East Kootenay Power Co.

Table with financial data for East Kootenay Power Co. including Month of April, 1932-1933, and Gross earnings.

Electric Power & Light Corp.

Table with financial data for Electric Power & Light Corp. including 12 Months Ended March 31, 1932-1933, and Operating revenues.

Note.—Earnings of United Gas Corp. and companies of which it has direct or indirect voting control other than those previously controlled by Electric Power & Light Corp. are included only from June 1 1930.

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New York State Rys.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross earnings, Balance after taxes, Total income, Net loss.

North West Utilities Co.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross earnings, Net of subs., Other earnings, Total earnings, Int. & other deductions.

Northern States Power Co. (Del.)

Table with 2 columns: Year (1932, 1931) and rows for Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, Interest charges, Balance, Preferred dividends, Retirement reserve, Common dividends, Surplus.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross income, Oper. exps., Bond int., Depreciation reserve, Net profit, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus.

Pacific Lighting Corp.

Table with 2 columns: Year (1932, 1931) and rows for Gross revenue, Operating expenses, Taxes, Bond interest, Depreciation, Amortization, Net profit, Dividends, Common divs., Available for dividends, Dividends on preferred stock, Cash dividends, Remainder to surplus, Earns. per share.

Patino Mines & Enterprises Consolidated, Inc.

Table with 2 columns: Year (1932, 1931) and rows for Income from mine operations, Production costs, Profit, Loss from RR. operation, Total income, Depreciation and depletion, Net loss.

Philadelphia Co.

Table with 2 columns: Year (1932, 1931) and rows for Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings including other income, Interest charges, Balance, Preferred dividends, Retirement reserve, Amortization, Common dividends, Surplus.

Public Service Co. of New Hampshire.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross operating revenues, Available for interest, Int. on long term debt, Other deductions, Net for retire. & divs.

Servel, Inc.

Table with 3 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930) and rows for Period End. April 30, Net loss after deprec., other chgs., Earns. per sh., Last complete annual report.

Scranton-Spring Brook Water Service Co.

Table with 2 columns: Year (1932, 1931) and rows for Water revenues, Gas revenue, Total revenue, Operating expense, Maintenance, General taxes, Contingency reserve, Net earnings from operation, Other income, Gross corporate income, Interest on mortgage debt, Interest on gold notes, Miscellaneous interest charges, Reserved for retirements, Federal income tax, Net income, a Dividends on preferred stock.

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co., Inc.

Table with 3 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930) and rows for Month of April, 4 Mos. End. Apr. 30, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1931, Telep. oper. revenues, Telep. oper. expenses, Net tele. oper. revs., Uncoll. oper. revenues, Taxes assig. to operation, Operating income.

Southern Colorado Power Co.

Table with 2 columns: Year (1932, 1931) and rows for Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings including other income, Interest charges, Balance, Preferred dividends, Appropriation for retirement, Balance for common dividends and surplus, Class A common dividends, Surplus.

Superior Oil Corp.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Gross income, Expenses, Depreciation, Depletion, Int. on notes & accts, Cost of unproven leaseholds, Expired leases, Loss on sale of cap. assets, Net profit, x Includes other income.

Third Avenue Ry. System.

Table with 3 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930) and rows for Oper. revenue—Railway, Bus, Total oper. rev., Oper. exps.—Railway, Bus, Total oper. exps., Net oper. rev.—Railway, Bus, Total net oper. rev., Taxes—Railway, Bus, Total taxes, Oper. income—Railway, Bus, Total oper. income, Non-oper. inc.—Railway, Bus, Total non-oper. inc., Gross income—Railway, Bus, Total gross income, Deductions (incl. full int. on adjustment bonds), Railway, Bus, Total deductions, Net income—Railway, Bus, Total combined net income—Railway and bus.

Twin States Gas & Electric Co.

Table with 5 columns: Period End, Mar. 31, 1932-3 Mos, 1931, 1932-12 Mos, 1931. Rows include Gross operating revenues, Available for interest, &c, Int. on long term debt, Other deductions, Net for retire. & divs.

Water Service Companies, Inc.

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended March 31, 1932, 1931. Rows include Income from investments, Income from sale of securities & other sources, Total income, Administration expenses and taxes, Interest on long-term debt, Miscellaneous interest charges, Amortiz. debt, discount & exp. & miscell. deduct'ns, Net income transferable to surplus.

United Light & Power Co.

(And Subsidiaries.)

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended April 30, 1932, 1931. Rows include Gross oper. earnings of sub. & controlled cos., Operating expenses, Maintenance, charged to operation, Taxes, general and income, Depreciation, Net earnings from oper. of sub. & contr. cos., Non-oper. income of sub. & controlled cos., Total income of sub. & controlled companies, Interest on bonds, notes &c, Amortization of bond & stock disc't. & expense, Dividends on preferred stocks, Balance, Prop. of earnings, attributable to min. com. stock, Equity of the United Light & Power Co. in earnings of sub. & controlled companies, Earnings of the United Light & Power Co., Balance, Expenses of United Light & Power Co., Gross income of United Lt. & Power Co., Holding company deductions: Int. on fund. debt., Other interest, Amortization of bond discount and expense, Balance available for dividends, Preferred stock dividends, Balance available for common stock dividends, Aver. no. of com. shs. outstand'g during periods, Earnings per average share.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 16 '32, p. 2900

Wisconsin Power & Light Co.

Table with 5 columns: Period End, Mar. 31, 1932-3 Mos, 1931, 1932-12 Mos, 1931. Rows include Gross operating revenues, Available for int., &c., Int. on long-term debt, Other deductions, Net for retire. & divs.

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Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

CLASSIFICATION OF FREIGHT—PRODUCTS OF (TONS).

Table with 5 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Agriculture, Animals, Mines, Forests, Mfg. & Misc.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS—YEAR ENDED DEC. 31.

Table with 5 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Aver. miles operated, Passengers carried, Pass. carried one mile, Rate per pass. per mile, Revenue freight, tons, Ref. fgt. car, 1 m. (000), Rate per ton per mile, Earns. per pass. tr. mile, Earns. per fgt. tr. mile.

COMBINED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Earnings—Passenger, Freight, Mail, express, &c., Total oper. revenue, Expenses—Maint. of way & c., Maint. of equipment, Transport'n expenses, Traffic expenses, General, &c., Net rev. fr. ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. railway revenues, Railway oper. income, Hire of equip.—Net (Dr), Jt. facil. rent—Net (Dr.), Net rail oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Miscell. income charges, Net deficit.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets—Invest. in road equip., &c., Improv. on leased property, Miscell. phys. prop, Invest. in affil. cos., Cash, Loans, deposits, &c receivable, Traffic & car serv., debit, Agts. & conductors, U.S. Post Off./Dept, Audited bills, Fft., claim bills & draft authorities, Mat'l & supplies, Int. & divs., rec., Deferred assets, Unadjust. debits, Profit and loss, Total, x After deducting \$4,898,164 reserve for accrued depreciation.—V. 134, p. 3819.

Rutland Railroad Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Tons rev. freight carried, Tons rev. fr't carr. 1 mi., Tons rev. freight carried 1 mile per mile of road, Total freight revenue, Average amount received for each ton of freight, Aver. rev. per ton per m., Rev. passengers carried, Rev. pass. carried 1 mile, Rev. passengers carried 1 mile per mile of road, Total passenger revenue, Average amount received from each passenger, Av. rev. per pass. per mi.

CORPORATE INCOME ACCOUNT, CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail, express, &c., Incid. and joint facility, Total ry. oper. rev., Operating Expenses—Maint. of way & struc., Maintenance of equip., Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, Miscellaneous operations, General expenses, Transp. for invest.—Cr., Total ry. oper. exps., Net railway oper. rev., Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible ry. revs., Railway oper. income, Equipment rents, Joint facil. ents., net Cr., Net ry. oper. income, Non-Operating Income—Miscell. rent income, Dividend income, Inc. from funded secur., Income from unfunded securities & accounts, Income from sinking & other reserve funds, Miscellaneous income, Gross income, Rent for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Sep. oper. prop. loss, Interest on funded debt, Int. on unfunded debt, Amort. of discount on funded debt, Maint. of inv. organiza., Miscell. income charges, Net income, Preferred dividends, Surplus for year carried to profit & loss, Shs. of 7% pref. stk. outstanding (par \$100), Earned per share.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets—Inv. in rd. & equip., Impr. on leased ry. property, Dep. in lieu of mtg. property sold, Misc. phys. prop., Inv. in affil. cos.: Stocks, Bonds, Notes, Advances, Other investm'ts, Cash, Special deposits, Traffic & car serv. vice balances, Agts. & cond. bals., Miscellaneous, Mat'l & supplies, Int. & divs. rec., Rents receivable, Other curr. assets, Working fund adv., Insur. & oth. funds, Other def. assets, Rents & ins. prem. paid in advance, Dist. on fund. dt., Oth. unadj. debits, Total, Liabilities—Common stock, Preferred stock, Equip. obligations, Mortgage bonds, Traffic & car serv. vice balances, Audited accts. and wages payable, Misc. accts. pay., Int. mat'd unpaid, Divs. mat'd unpd., Funded debt matured unpaid, Unmat. int. accr'd, Unmat. rents accr., Other current liab., Other def. liabils., Tax liab., Insur. & cas. res., Accr. depr. (equip.), Other unadjusted credits, Appropriated surplus, Profit and loss, balance, Total.

The company issued the following statement:

In spite of the sharp decline in earnings, the Boston & Maine RR. has earned, for the first four months its fixed charges and \$108,447 toward its prior preference dividend.—V. 134, p. 3269.

Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Ry.—Agents.—

The Clinchfield RR. Co., 71 Broadway, N. Y. City, has been appointed as the above company's agents for the payment of equipment trusts Series I, 5% certificates, as they mature, and the dividend warrants therefrom.—V. 134, p. 3093.

Central Vermont Ry., Inc.—New Director.—

Hugh B. Jones of Barre, Vt., has been elected to the board of directors, succeeding his father, H. J. M. Jones.—V. 133, p. 4154.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—Dividend Rate Decreased.—The directors on June 2 declared a dividend of 3% on the outstanding \$170,839,100 capital stock, par \$100, payable June 25 to holders of record June 18. Previously, the company made semi-annual distributions of 5% each, the last dividend at this rate having been paid on Dec. 26 1931. An extra distribution of 5% was also made on Dec. 26 1930 out of the accumulated earnings of prior years.

The Great Northern Ry. and the Northern Pacific Ry. each own 829,337 shares of the Burlington stock.

See also Colorado & Southern Ry. below.—V. 134, p. 3448.

Colorado & Southern Ry.—Omits Dividend on 1st Pref. Stock.—The directors on June 2 took no action on the semi-annual dividend of 2% due June 30 on the outstanding \$8,500,000 4% non-cum. 1st pref. stock, par \$100. Of this issue, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR. owns \$1,180,400. The last semi-annual payment of 2% was made on the 1st pref. stock on Dec. 31 1931.—V. 134, p. 3814.

Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific RR.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission May 23 authorized the company (1) to assume obligation and liability in respect of the payment of the principal of and interest on, and (2) to issue, \$11,212,000 of Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. general-mortgage 5% gold bonds, series G; the bonds to be pledged and repledged as collateral security for short-term notes.—V. 134, p. 3093, 3627.

Consolidated Railroads of Cuba.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3977.

Cuba Northern Railways Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3093.

Cuba Railroad Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3977.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—Asks Permission to Extend Time for Colorado Cut-Off.—

The road on May 27 petitioned the I.-S. C. Commission to grant it a further extension of time from June 15 1932 to March 15 1933 within which to commence the construction of the 42-mile Dotsero cut-off between Orestod and Dotsero, Colo., connecting the Rio Grande with the Denver & Salt Lake Ry., as required by the Commission's order authorizing the purchase of the Salt Lake by the Rio Grande.

A similar extension of time was asked within which to purchase at \$155 per share remaining stock of the Salt Lake which may be offered to the Rio Grande in line with the conditions attached to the Commission's report approving the acquisition.

The Commission already has granted a three months' extension to June 15 1932 within which to comply with its conditions. In this connection, the railroad said:

"The three months' period of extension so granted by the Commission appeared to the Denver company at the time of the Commission's orders of March 15 1932 to be totally inadequate to enable it to finance such requirements, and this was apparently the view of three members of the Commission who dissented, two other members not participating; and the Denver company most respectfully submits that the majority of the Commission did not give due consideration and adequate weight to the extraordinary disrupted and depressed condition of the country, and especially of the railroad industry at that time.

"Succeeding events have confirmed this view. Railroad traffic and earnings throughout the United States, including those of the Denver company, have continued to decline at an unprecedented degree."

"Certainly under present conditions the public interest would not be subserved by precipitating a crisis in the affairs of the Denver company, which would undoubtedly result if the Commission's conditions must be met by June 15 1932.

"One of the great uncertainties which confronts the Denver company at this juncture, and especially the uncertainty of the amount of any loan which might be applied for to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, arises from the fact that it is not known whether the Phipps-Hughes stock (some of the Salt Lake stock outstanding) will be tendered. At \$155 per share the 15,000 shares of this stock would amount to \$2,325,000.

"The only possible source of a loan to carry out the program herein involved, in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. In view of the existing and uncertain economic situation confronting it, in common with all railroads, the Denver company believes it to be in the general public interest that the extension herein requested be granted, and is reluctant to make application to the Corporation for such purposes.

"Nevertheless, if the Commission believes (and so orders) that such extension be denied, then in that event and as a last resort, the Denver company asks that an extension be granted to it sufficient to enable it to make an application to the Corporation and to secure approval thereof by this Commission and the Corporation.

"In this event the Denver company states that it will forthwith make and prosecute such an application for a loan in an amount sufficient, in its opinion, to carry out such program."—V. 134, p. 3977.

Erie RR.—Loan of \$2,775,000 from Reconstruction Finance Corporation Approved.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3264.

Houston Belt & Terminal Ry.—Tenders.—

The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. will receive sealed proposals for the sale to it of \$50,689 of 1st mtge. 5% bonds due July 1 1937 at a rate not to exceed 105 and int. Sealed proposals will be opened at noon on June 9.—V. 132, p. 4233.

Illinois Central RR.—Applies to Reconstruction Finance Corporation for Loan of \$11,000,000.—The company has asked the approval of the I.-S. C. Commission for a Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan of \$11,000,000 for three years.

The company would use the funds to pay interest and other obligations and offers its bonds together with those of other companies as security.—V. 134, p. 3269.

Indiana Harbor Belt RR.—Earnings.—

For income statement for three months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1366.

Long Island RR.—Reduces Indebtedness.—

The company on June 1 paid off \$98,000 of its 6% series D and \$251,000 of its 4½% series I equipment trust certificates, as well as \$332,000 par value of its Stewart Line 4% bonds.—V. 134, p. 3977.

Mahoning Coal RR. Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for three months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1949.

Maine Central RR.—\$2,400,000 Loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation Approved.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3269.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Protective Committee Formed for 1st Mtge. Extended 6% Gold Bonds Due June 1.—

Announcement has been made of the formation of a protective committee to represent the first mortgage extended 6% gold bonds of the Minneapolis & St. Louis Ry., on which payment of principal was defaulted June 1.

This action follows the failure of the receiver to receive a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to enable him to make payment of these bonds upon their maturity date pending the working out of a satisfactory plan of reorganization for the road.

The committee, which represents substantial amounts of these bonds, comprises Edward C. Delafeld (Vice-President of City Bank Farmers Trust Co.) Chairman; Henry Bronner and Charles K. Seymour (Pres. of Niles-Bement-Pond Co.); R. E. Morton, Secretary, 22 William St., N. Y. City and Taylor, Blanc, Capron & Marsh, counsel, 22 Exchange Place, New York.

A deposit agreement is in course of preparation. City Bank Farmers Trust Co. will act as depository.

Receiver's Certificates.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on May 23 approved the issuance of \$565,000 of receiver's certificates to renew or extend certificates of like principal amount which will mature May 23 and 25 1932.

The report of the Commission says in part:

On Feb. 25 1932 the U. S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, Fourth Division, authorized the applicant among other things to extend or renew for a period of six months or longer, at a rate of interest to be agreed upon, obligations to various banks and trust companies evidenced by receiver's certificates amounting to \$565,000, or to issue new certificates in lieu of those outstanding.

The amounts, interest rates, maturity dates and holders of these certificates are as follows:

Holder	Maturity Date	Int. Rate	Amount
First Tr. Co. of Appleton, Appleton, Wis.	May 25 1932	5%	\$25,000
Irving Trust Co., New York, N. Y.	May 25 1932	6 & 6½%	40,000
First National Bank, Minneapolis, Minn.	May 25 1932	5%	150,000
Midland Nat. Bank & Trust Co., Minneapolis, Minn.	May 25 1932	5%	50,000
Guaranty Trust Co., New York, N. Y.	May 25 1932	6½%	250,000
Total			\$565,000

The applicant proposes to issue the new certificates direct to the banks or trust companies which made the loans, or upon their order, or, if the holders of the maturing certificates are unwilling to renew or extend them, to issue new certificates to others and apply the proceeds thereof in satisfaction of the indebtedness evidenced by the outstanding certificates.

While it is stated in the application that the certificates will be sold or otherwise disposed of at par, under the provisions of the Court's order they may be issued upon such terms and conditions as may be found necessary by the receiver at the time of the negotiation of their sale.—V. 134, p. 3819.

Mobile & Ohio RR.—Receiver Appointed.—On the application of a creditor filed June 2 at St. Louis, Federal Judge Charles B. Faris on June 3 appointed Ernest E. Norris, Executive Vice-President of the road, as receiver. The receivership application was brought by Gatch, Tennant & Co., insurance firm. The company admitted allegations of financial distress and joined in the petition.

In connection with receivership proceeding, Fairfax Harrison, President of Southern Ry., said:

Since 1930 the M. & O., one of the first railroads to be built in the Mississippi Valley, has starved into inanition for want of revenue sufficient to pay its operating costs. The cause seems to be the overproduction of transportation in the territory served.

In recent years the transportation system of the Mississippi Valley has been supplemented by an extensive system of improved highways available to the use of privately owned passenger and freight vehicles, by barge lines on the Mississippi and Warrior Rivers operated by the Federal Government, and by several new railroads. In the current economic crisis there has not been enough traffic to support all these facilities and in the resulting competition the unregulated barge lines and highway trucks have secured so much of such business as was available as to affect seriously the revenues of the regulated railroads, and not least the M. & O.

Upon the organization of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation last winter application was made by the M. & O. for a loan temporarily to ease its strain; but, with every good will by all concerned, the negotiations have proved futile because the M. & O. was unable to provide such collateral security for the loan needed as would satisfy the requirements of the law as interpreted by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Although for 30 years Southern Ry. Co. has been its largest stockholder, the M. & O. has always been operated as a self-contained, individually-managed unit; never as part of the Southern Ry. system. The opportunity of the Southern to profit from the M. & O. has been through dividends, and to that end, since 1903, while currently reinvesting 11 millions of dollars of earnings in the physical improvement of its plant, the M. & O. has had income sufficient to enable it to pay dividends, which by 1930 had yielded the Southern a profit of two millions of dollars on its generation-old investment. Since 1930 all of this profit has been returned by the Southern to the M. & O. by way of unsecured advances and for balance on unpaid bills to enable the M. & O. to meet its financial crisis and carry on. Early in 1932 the Southern also agreed to lend the M. & O. \$2,000,000 of its General mortgage bonds for use as collateral; but as the year advanced and it became every day more apparent that the M. & O. cannot be expected to earn its operating costs during 1932, and possibly not in 1933, the Southern determined that it could not in its own interest do for the M. & O. all that is necessary to support it over the period of dearth. It is the opinion of the management of the Southern that the consequences of this decision must be to ease the Southern's own situation and in the end may prove helpful to its credit.—V. 134, p. 3632.

New York Central RR.—Asks Approval of \$75,000,000 Bond Issue.—

The company on May 27 applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$75,000,000 refunding & improvement mortgage 5% bonds, series C, to be dated Oct. 1 1921, and mature Oct. 1 2013.

The bonds are not to be sold at this time, authority merely being sought to have them authenticated. They will be held in the company's treasury and used to pledge as collateral security for any note or notes issued or to be issued, but not including any note given or to be given to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The carrier has outstanding \$64,500,000 of short-term notes, not including one for \$1,500,000 to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation dated May 16 1932.

Earnings.—

For income statement for quarter ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3632.

Oklahoma & Rich Mountain RR.—Reconstruction Finance Corporation Loan Denied.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3819.

Pennsylvania RR.—Loan of \$27,500,000 from Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Monthly Installments Approved.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3978.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.—Earnings.—

For income statement for quarter ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1368.

Calendar Years—		1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues	-----	\$4,208,490	\$5,059,700	\$5,634,821	\$5,358,347
Non-oper. revenues	-----	156,893	213,009	284,083	288,837
Gross earnings	-----	\$4,365,383	\$5,272,709	\$5,918,904	\$5,647,184
Operating expenses	-----	1,118,475	1,332,132	1,392,345	1,309,632
Maintenance	-----	498,056	673,734	730,872	701,068
Taxes	-----	207,525	230,397	273,531	321,582
Depreciation	-----	627,711	1,069,829	1,012,870	912,924
Interest	-----	464,123	457,079	457,017	464,509
Net income	-----	\$1,449,493	\$1,509,538	\$2,052,270	\$1,937,467
Preferred dividends	-----	424,977	424,977	424,961	424,913
Common dividends	-----	1,131,352	1,131,352	1,131,352	1,131,352
Balance, surplus	def	\$106,863	\$46,791	\$495,957	\$381,201
Earns. per sh. on 141,420 shs. com. stk. (par \$100)		\$7.25	\$7.67	\$11.51	\$16.95
Balance Sheet Dec. 31					
Assets—		1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Plant & property		29,966,659	30,237,323	14,142,076	14,142,076
Invest. in sec. of subsidiary cos.		764,224	764,224	6,071,100	6,071,100
Due from subs. cos.		1,109,979	1,113,785	7,246,792	7,430,452
Special deposits		7,897	241	272,000	47,531
Deferred charges		1,342,769	1,574,633	360,304	411,245
Cash		411,459	531,822	31,262	55,222
Accts. receivable		518,911	468,217	487,752	493,134
Miscell. investm'ts		7,400	7,174	103,965	106,723
Dep. to meet mat'd int., divs., &c.		477,290	472,255	121,522	150,296
Materials & suppl.		765,363	743,473	4,067,304	4,363,162
		2,467,872	2,642,226	Surplus	Surplus
		35,371,951	35,913,152	35,371,951	35,913,152

x Represented by 141,420 shares of \$100 par value. y Less reserve of \$46,483.—V. 134, p. 1951.

Duquesne Light Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 2708.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Wage Cut.

The trustees have signed an agreement with the carmen providing for a reduction in wages of seven cents an hour, effective June 2, and running for one year. The men now receive 67 cents an hour for two-men cars and 73 cents an hour for one-man cars and buses. The wage cut amounts to 10.4%.—V. 134, p. 3821.

Electric Power & Light Co. (Me.)—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet March 31.		1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Assets—		\$	\$	\$	\$
Investments		183,270,239	160,177,134	154,942,039	133,640,367
Cash		5,633,060	4,369,640	112,300	299,200
Time dep. in bks		---	1,000,000	---	---
Notes & loans receiv. —subs.		1,451,940	2,814,900	---	---
Accts. rec. —sub.		2,024,655	1,481,570	---	---
Accts. rec. —oths		307,681	6,146	---	---
Subscribers to \$7 preferred stock allot. cts.		106,630	299,270	---	---
Reacquired cap- stock		101,892	101,892	---	---
Unmort. debt disc. & exp.		3,813,005	3,849,779	---	---
Stock subscrip- tions (contra)		---	24,000,000	---	---
Total		196,709,103	198,099,432	196,709,103	198,099,432
Liabilities—					
Capital stock		---	---	514,121 shs.	512,252 shs.
Subscriptions to \$7 pref. stock allotment cts.		---	---	255,423 2-3 shs.	109,226 shs.
Liability to issue \$6 pref. stock		---	---	109,186 shs.	---
Long-term debt		31,000,000	31,000,000	---	---
Contractual liab.		305,224	1,472,166	---	---
Divs. declared		2,301,182	1,937,562	---	---
Contracts pay.		1,271,186	---	---	---
Accounts pay.		114,230	172,398	---	---
Accrued accts.		344,001	354,452	---	---
Stock subscrip- tion liability (contra)		---	24,000,000	---	---
Reserve		157,307	157,367	---	---
Surplus		6,160,832	5,035,119	---	---
Total		196,709,103	198,099,432	196,709,103	198,099,432

x Represented by \$7 pref. stock. y Represented by (Value in liquidation \$100 a share)

Option warrants to purchase common stock equivalent to 672,242 shs. 672,402 shs.

Holders of option warrants outstanding are entitled to purchase one share of common stock, without limitation as to time, at \$25 per share for each option warrant held, and each share of the company's 2nd pref. stock, series A, when accompanied by four option warrants, will be accepted at \$100 in payment for four shares of such common stock in lieu of cash. a Including 1,440,203 shares issued and sold in November and December 1931 under an offer to holders of common stock and option warrants.—V. 134, p. 3455.

Empire Gas & Fuel Co.—Suspend Dividends on Pref. Stocks.

The directors on May 27 decided that dividends on all series of pref. stock (par \$100) be omitted after the payment on June 1 of the monthly dividends of 50c. a share on the \$7,264,500 6% cum. pref., 54 1-6c. a share on the \$3,400,000 6 1/2% cum. pref., 58 1-3c. a share on the \$30,506,600 7% cum. pref. and 66 2-3c. a share on the \$13,253,637 8% cum. pref. stock.

President Henry L. Doherty, May 27, in a letter to the preferred stockholders, said:

At a meeting of the directors to-day, it was decided that dividends on all series of pref. stock be omitted after the payment of the June 1 1932 dividend.

This action was taken in order to conserve the cash resources of the company pending a clearing up of the business situation in this country.

The investment market for securities of corporations engaged in the natural gas and oil business has been unsatisfactory for many months.

The earnings of the petroleum subsidiaries of the company were adversely affected last year by the general over-production of oil and by proration restrictions. While the outlook in 1932 is more satisfactory, and while the natural gas earnings have shown reasonable stability, nevertheless, the earnings of the company and the subsidiaries must be retained in the business under present conditions.

It is believed that the expansion program which your subsidiaries have heretofore carried out will ultimately result in highly satisfactory returns, and you are urged not to sacrifice your holdings. It should be borne in mind that the dividends upon the pref. stocks are cumulative, and must be paid in full before any dividends may be paid on the common stock.—V. 134, p. 2717.

Federal Water Service Corp.—Suit Filed—Shareholder Accuses Officials of Permitting Treasury to Be Stripped.

The following is taken from the New York "Times" May 29:

Charges that the treasury of the corporation was "stripped of many millions of dollars" through the purchase of worthless securities from and loans to "insolvent and financially irresponsible corporations" controlled by the same group that dominated the Federal have been made in a stockholder's suit brought in Supreme Court. Justice Phoenix Ingraham has appointed Samuel H. Ordway as referee to take testimony.

The plaintiff, R. E. Hanker, holder of 1,500 shares of class A cumulative common stock of the Federal Water Service Corp., asks for the recovery of more than \$11,000,000 declared to have been lost to the company through stock transactions and loans. A provision asking for appointment of a receiver and removal of officers was eliminated by stipulation between

counsel at the same time that the referee was appointed. The charge that the corporation now has inadequate funds was likewise eliminated.

In addition to the Federal Water Service Corp., a holding company whose assets are listed at about \$200,000,000, the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. and seven directors and former directors of the Federal are named as defendants, including Christopher T. Cheney, Pres. The bank is charged with having dominated the board of the Federal. Other defendants are George L. Ohrstrom, A. W. Cuddeback, W. B. Thom, R. H. Neilson, W. A. Culin and J. P. Shaw Jr.

While admitting some of the transactions mentioned in the complaint, the defendants deny that there was any waste of the assets of the Federal, and the bank denies that the directors of the Federal were under its domination.

The complaint charges that the transactions in question were done in order to "bolster up and save from bankruptcy" other corporations in the Tri-Utilities System.

Quarterly Statement.—For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3636, 3456.

Gatineau Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1931.	1930.
Gross revenue, including other income	-----	\$8,874,108	\$7,791,215
Operating expenses	-----	586,715	471,563
Maintenance	-----	170,632	155,998
Administration and general expenses	-----	275,988	344,753
Taxes	-----	181,368	---
Interest	-----	4,892,259	4,560,474
Amortization of discount on funded debt	-----	344,042	293,015
Depreciation	-----	575,022	622,731
Divisions on pref. stock of subsidiary	-----	36,105	---
Net revenue	-----	\$1,811,977	\$1,342,681
Earned surplus Dec. 31	-----	1,279,284	954,655

Total surplus	-----	\$3,091,261	\$2,297,336
St. John River Power Co., pref. dividends	-----	---	18,055
Gatineau Power Co., pref. dividends	-----	2,000,000	1,000,000
Surplus Dec. 31 1930	-----	\$1,091,261	\$1,279,284

Consolidated General Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1931.	1930.	Liabilities—		1931.	1930.
Prop. power developments, rights, &c.		132,338,816	115,530,225	Funded debt		89,739,111	81,665,944
Cash in escrow for completion of developm'ts		235,431	742,379	Subord. cts. of indebtedness held by affil. companies		---	7,000,000
Securs. on dep. with Provincial Government		44,272	47,106	Accts. payable		198,927	227,293
Cash		168,124	37,625	Customers' dep.		22,235	---
Accts. receivable		644,856	438,610	Accrued interest		434,541	404,782
Inventories		203,058	---	Accrued div.		1,133	2,267
Stores		---	140,006	Due to affil. cos.		6,064,921	5,108,377
Due fr. affil. cos.:				Reserves		2,241,388	1,634,033
Can. Hydro-Elec. Corp., Ltd.		---	1,695,104	Capital stock of subsidiaries		601,750	601,750
Cash on dep. with Provincial Government		50,000	50,000	6% cum. pref. stocks		25,000,000	25,000,000
Cash on dep. with trustee		8,482	8,482	Common stocks		2,500,000	2,500,000
Pref. stk. of Can. Hydro-Elec. Corp., Ltd., held for sale to customers		268,032	---	Paid in surplus		13,094,225	---
Def. assets, prepaid & def. exps. applic. future operations		---	---	Earned surplus		1,091,261	1,279,284
Disc. on bonds & other secur. issued, organ. expenses, &c.		6,910,406	6,419,273	Total		140,989,492	125,423,730
Total		140,989,492	125,423,730	Total		140,989,492	125,423,730

x Represented by 500,000 no par shares.—V. 134, p. 1578.

Fifth Avenue Bus Securities Corp.—Earnings.

For income statement for three months ended March 31 1932 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 2145.

Houston Gas & Fuel Co.—Plan Operative.

See Houston Gas Securities Co. below.—V. 134, p. 3456.

Houston Gas Securities Co.—Plan Operative.

The reorganization plan under which the company is to acquire refunding and improvement mortgage 25-year 5% gold bonds of the Houston Gas & Fuel Co. has become operative as a result of the deposit of \$3,900,000 principal amount of the bonds.

The 20-year 6% gold debentures of the United Gas Public Service Co. have been delivered and the required cash has been paid by the United Gas Corp. to the Chase National Bank, as depository. The 5% collateral trust gold bonds of Houston Gas Securities Co. to be exchanged for Houston Gas & Fuel bonds are available for delivery at the depository for deposit receipts. See also V. 134, p. 1952.

Hydro-Electric Corp. of Virginia.—Tenders.

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co., as successor trustee, is notifying holders of 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series A, that it desires to receive on or before June 15, written proposals for the sale to it, at a price not exceeding 105, of a number of these bonds sufficient to exhaust as nearly as may be, the sum of \$5,577 available in the sinking fund. Proposals must be submitted by June 16.—V. 128, p. 1226.

International Hydro-Electric System (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Period—	Year End.		Apr. 1 to Dec. 31 '29.
	Dec. 31 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	
Gross revenue from operations	\$53,088,305	\$46,414,480	\$33,802,730
From other income	---	---	---
From profit on exchange	4,373,858	3,983,345	2,087,229
Total gross revenue	57,462,163	50,397,825	35,889,959
Operating expenses and taxes	21,987,530	18,676,297	14,371,548
Maintenance	3,442,736	3,321,439	2,574,862
Net revenue, including other incomes	\$32,146,129	\$28,400,088	\$18,443,549
Int. on funded debt and other interest	13,577,931	11,950,918	7,554,002
Amortization of discount	938,941	680,422	368,997
Depreciation	4,355,235	3,969,568	2,541,959
Reserve for Federal income tax	1,329,903	580,510	461,735
Divs. on pref. & cl. A stocks of subs.	7,274,697	6,210,063	4,562,557
Minority int. on earnings of subs.	1,451,556	1,117,910	1,116,754
Balance added to surplus	\$3,217,867	\$3,790,693	\$1,837,541
Earned surplus beginning of period	5,613,775	978,449	---
Increase in surplus arising from acquisition of bonds of subs. at less than par value thereof and minor surplus adjustments	---	2,806,788	238
Total	\$8,831,642	\$7,575,930	\$978,687

Divs. on stocks of International Hydro-Elec. Sys.: Pref. stock—conv. \$3.50 series: Divs. on stks & int. on interim cts. 499,807 367,350 Class A stock 1,695,772 1,594,806 859,330 Earned surplus end of period \$6,636,062 \$5,613,775 \$978,449 Quarterly Earnings.—For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Prop., Cash, Receivables, etc.) and Liabilities (Conv. 6% gold debentures, Fund. indebtedness, etc.).

Interstate Telephone Co.—Earnings.—

Income Account for Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.

Earnings table with 2 columns: 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation expenses, Maintenance expense, etc.

Lake Superior District Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3453.

Louisville Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3980.

Mackay Radio & Telegraph Co.—Large Contract.—

The Standard Oil Co. of California has closed a contract with the Mackay Radio & Telegraph Co., a subsidiary of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., for the installation and service for a period of five years of marine radio equipment in the entire fleet of 21 ships belonging to the Standard Oil company.—V. 133, p. 120.

Mexican Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings.—

[Figures are in United States currency.]

Earnings table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Calendar Years, Total oper. revenue, Non-oper. revenue, etc.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Plant, prop., franchises, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Preferred stock, etc.).

Tax Ruling.—

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has agreed that interest on bonds and dividends on stock of this company, are to be regarded, for tax purposes, as income from sources without the United States during the year 1932.

The following is taken from a letter received by the company from the Commissioner's office under date of May 5 1932: "In accordance with the above and information previously furnished to this office, it is shown that less than 20% of your gross income for the three-year period ended Dec. 31 1931 was derived from sources within the United States."

Middle West Utilities Co.—Convertible Noteholders' Committee.—

A protective committee has been organized for holders of the serial convertible notes. Members of the committee either own or represent owners of notes aggregating more than \$4,000,000. It is said, therefore, of the committee are: Charles S. Dewey, Chairman (Vice-Pres., Colgate-Palmolive-Pet. Co.); George W. Borg (Chairman of the board, Borg-Warner Corp.); Henry E. Cooper (Director, Equitable Trust Co., New York); J. C. Neff (Vice-Pres., Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co.), and Marvin B. Pool (Gen. Mgr., Butler Brothers). Counsel of the committee are Kirkland, Fleming, Green & Martin, 33 No. La Salle St., Chicago; Harry R. Mosser, Temporary Secy., 209 So. La Salle St., Chicago. The depository is Chicago Title & Trust Co., 69 W. Washington St., Chicago. Agents for depository are Irving Trust Co., New York, and Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., Philadelphia.

Common Stockholders' Protective Committee.—

The following have consented to act as a committee for the protection of common stockholders. It is planned to enlarge the committee by the appointment of additional members in New York and Boston.

The Straus National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, 306 So. Michigan Ave., has been appointed depository. Agents for the depository in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and San Francisco will be announced shortly.

The committee consists of Peter B. Carey, Chairman (Pres., Chicago Board of Trade); Charles O. Fitzmorris (Pres., Globe Coal Co., Chicago);

Walter E. Kennedy (A. P. Barrett Co., Baltimore), and John J. McDevitt, Jr., 1505 Spruce St., Philadelphia. Counsel are Sims, Stransky, Brewer & Poust, Continental Illinois Bank Bldg., Chicago. Secretary, Richard G. Jones, 1351 Continental Illinois Bank Bldg., Chicago. Another committee for the common stockholders (Martin Lindsay, Chairman), was announced last week.—V. 134, p. 3981.

Defaults on Notes.—

The company defaulted payment of principal and interest on \$10,000,000 of its 5% serial notes on June 1, and also payment of interest on the remaining \$30,000,000 of the issue of which \$10,000,000 matures yearly.

It has been a foregone conclusion that the issue would be defaulted ever since receivers were appointed last April. Efforts to work out a reorganization plan have been slowed up by a multiplicity of committees to protect holders of the various securities of the company. There are now two committees for noteholders, three for common stockholders and one for pref. stockholders.—V. 134, p. 3981.

Minneapolis Gas Light Co.—New President.—

A. E. Fitkin has been elected President and W. C. Fitkin as a director to succeed Fred W. Seymour, resigned.—V. 134, p. 2336.

Montreal Light, Heat & Power Consolidated.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 4 months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 2719.

National Electric Power Co.—Seeks to Reduce Bank Loans.—

In a letter to holders of the 6% and 7% cum. pref. stocks, the company states the omission of the July dividend was voted in order to conserve cash and apply it as rapidly as possible to reduction of bank loans. Omission of the pref. dividends will add more than \$1,000,000 a year to the amount available for that purpose, it was pointed out. See also V. 134, p. 3981.

New York Central Electric Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 2719.

New York State Rys.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 2907.

Northern States Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3444.

Northwestern Utilities, Ltd.—Tenders.—

The Trusts & Guarantee Co., Ltd., Toronto, Canada, will until June 14 receive bids for the sale to it of 7% 1st mtge. 15-year sinking fund gold bonds to an amount sufficient to absorb \$40,000.—V. 134, p. 2720.

North West Utilities Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3273.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

A. F. Hockenbeamer, President, says: "Company's current financial position, with a cash balance of \$18,759,000, is excellent and there is in my judgment no occasion for stockholders, either preferred or common, to have any doubt about the payment of dividends.—V. 134, p. 3976.

Pacific Lighting Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3459.

Philadelphia Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3097.

Porto Rico Telephone Co.—Income Tax Ruling.—

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has agreed that interest on bonds and dividends on stock of this company, are to be regarded, for tax purposes, as income from sources without the United States during the year 1932.

Such income, when received by a nonresident alien is not subject to United States income tax during the year 1932.

The following is taken from a letter received by the company from the Commissioner's Office under date of May 10, 1932: "Since it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that less than 20% of your gross income for the three-year period ended Dec. 31 1931, was derived from sources within the United States, you have satisfied the requirements of Section 119 (a) (1) (B) and (a) (2) (A) of the Revenue Act of 1928 for the year 1932. Accordingly, the interest on your bonds and dividends on your stock paid during 1932 to nonresident aliens are to be regarded by us as income from sources without the United States. Consequently, you are not required to withhold tax from interest payments made on your bonds for 1932 to nonresident aliens."

Earnings.—

Earnings table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Total operating revenues, Non-operating revenues, etc.

Earnings table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Taxes, Provision for depreciation, etc.

Earnings table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, deficit, etc.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Plant, prop. & fran., Inv. & advs. to subsidiary cos., etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock, Funded debt, etc.).

Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp.—10% Wage Cut.—

The corporation has announced reductions in wages of approximately 10%, effective on June 1, applicable to all employees except messengers and others in low-salary brackets.—V. 134, p. 3825.

Power Corp. of Canada, Ltd.—To Reduce Stated Value.—

The stockholders will vote June 17 on approving a proposal to decrease the stated value of the outstanding 446,088 shares of common stock, no par value, from \$17,969,475 to \$4,469,475, the difference of \$13,500,000 to be set aside as distributable surplus.

President A. J. Nesbitt, May 31, in a letter to the stockholders, says:

This company (which is primarily a utility, holding, engineering and management company), having 76% of its funds (at cost) invested in utility companies, had at the end of its last fiscal year a depreciation in the value of securities held by it of \$4,700,000, which has increased since the issuance of the annual report, due to the continued decline in business and lack of public confidence in the value of all securities.

At April 30 1932, on the basis of the values allowed by the Federal Department of Insurance, Ottawa, to insurance and trust and loan companies on their holdings as at Dec. 31 1931, the depreciation in the value of the securities held by your company was about \$6,200,000. In order to bring the values more in line with present prices, it is the intention to allocate an additional amount of \$7,300,000 to permit of the setting up of a reserve of \$13,500,000.

The shareholders will, of course, understand that the setting up of this reserve in no way affects the actual value of their securities, nor the equities between the different classes of stock.

The principal decline in value in the holdings of company has been in the securities of the following companies: British Columbia Power Corp., Ltd.; Brazilian Traction Light & Power Co.; Canada Northern Power Corp., Ltd.; Foreign Power Securities Corp., Ltd.; Italo-Argentine Electric Co. (Buenos Aires); Shawinigan Water & Power Co.; Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.; Winnipeg Electric Co.

The revenues from the securities held by company have declined due to the reduction in dividends and deferring of interest by some of the companies in which the company is interested, and in addition the revenues of the engineering department have been diminished owing to the curtailment of new construction, &c.

For the 10 months to April 30 1932, the comparison of revenues from securities and income from engineering and management fees (charging loss on sales of securities to depreciation reserve) is as follows: Gross \$1,684,362 against \$2,180,395 for the same period of last year; net \$1,337,453 against \$1,782,423 for the same period of last year.

During the current year company has acquired and cancelled over \$600,000 of its 4 1/2% and 5% debentures.—V. 134, p. 2721.

Public Service Co. of New Hampshire.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3274.

R. C. A. Communications, Inc.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	
\$	\$	\$	\$	
Cash	459,279	459,703		
Accts. receivable	1,617,177	1,275,870	Accounts payable	467,577
Supplies	104,640	92,268	Capital stock	12,277,011
Securities	2,043,221	3,730,044	Surplus	1,065,273
Deferred charges	51,430	38,176	Reserves	274,243
Real est., furn. & fix. equip., &c.	9,534,114	9,256,306		
Total	13,809,861	14,852,367	Total	13,809,861

x Represented by 300,000 no par shares.—V. 134, p. 3983.

Rapid Transit in New York City.—City Receives Four Offers to Operate Subway.—

Four proposals for private operation of the new city subway system under a contract and lease were received May 31 by the Board of Transportation. Only one of them was a formal bid under the contract draft prepared by the Board. It was indicated that none of the proposals were considered satisfactory.

The formal bid was submitted by the Oakdale Contracting Co., Inc., of 60 East 42d St.

The Rosoff Subway Construction Co., Inc., submitted an informal bid, based upon extensive modifications of the form of contract advertised by the Board of Transportation, but asking much less operator's compensation than sought by the Oakdale concern. Both of these companies submitted the required security in the form of a certified check for \$150,000.

Ford, Bacon & Davis, engineering and management concern, submitted a communication rejecting the Board's form of contract but indicating willingness to operate the line, in a strictly managerial capacity, for stipulated annual allowances.

The Aqua Engineering Co. of Philadelphia also submitted an informal proposal, offering to operate the lines for 5% of gross revenues, plus a minimum daily allowance. Neither of these two proposals was on a bid form or accompanied by any security deposit.—V. 134, p. 3636.

San Joaquin Light & Power Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1931.	1930.
		\$	\$
Gross operating revenue		\$12,526,461	\$12,243,328
Operating expenses		8,518,314	7,403,571
Net operating revenue		\$4,008,147	\$4,839,757
Miscellaneous income		368,219	393,507
Gross income		\$4,376,366	\$5,233,264
Total interest		2,299,890	2,182,420
Net income		\$2,076,476	\$3,050,844
Previous surplus Jan. 1		5,407,921	4,756,688
Surplus credits—net		26,598	\$4,000
Surplus before deducting dividends		\$7,510,995	\$7,891,531
Preferred dividends		1,441,322	1,441,322
Common dividends		780,000	1,040,000
Minority interest		1,395	2,288
Earned surplus Dec. 31		\$5,288,278	\$5,407,921
Capital surplus		3,650,943	3,650,943
Total surplus Dec. 31		\$8,939,222	\$9,058,864

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	
\$	\$	\$	\$	
Property & plant	86,950,432	79,500,011	Pref. stock of San Joaquin Pow.:	
Cap't expenditures, current year	—	4,049,920	Prior 7%	11,842,600
Discount & expense on capital stock	1,918,299	—	Prior ser. A 6%	2,627,600
Due from affil. cos.	2,242,011	—	Series A 7%	6,468,400
Sinking fund & special deposit	42,138	—	Series B 6%	31,600
Sundry invest.	22,602	62,402	Common stock	13,000,000
Cash	281,036	266,135	Minor. int. in cap.	—
Accts., notes & bills receivable	1,369,283	1,253,353	& surp. of sub.	13,009
Material & supplies	990,781	1,139,087	Funded debt	34,654,500
Sundry cur. assets	2,050	3,306	Due to affil. cos.	6,272,894
Inter-company notes and accounts	1,992,158	13,105	Inter-co. accounts	—
Prepaid accounts	—	—	Accounts payable	432,240
Reserve & special funds	—	8,608	Sundry cur. liab.	406,711
Open accounts	—	411,822	Taxes accrued	1,158,690
Discount & expense on secur.	4,212,958	5,561,768	Interest accrued	779,057
Total	98,031,590	94,261,674	Dividends accrued	30,984

Scranton-Spring Brook Water Service Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3459.

Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co.—Acquisition.—

The I.-S. C. Commission, May 20, approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Dyer Home Telephone Co.—V. 134, p. 3098.

Southern Colorado Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3459.

Terre Haute Traction & Light Co.—Tenders.—

The State Street Trust Co., trustee, Boston, Mass., will until 12 o'clock noon, June 9, receive bids for the sale to it of 1st consol. mtge. 5% gold bonds, dated May 1 1904, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$41,669.—V. 133, p. 1454.

Twin States Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 4160, 3968.

Twin States Natural Gas Co.—Plan Approved.—

Chancellor J. O. Wolcott, in Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., May 27, approved reorganization plans (V. 133, p. 4160) for the Midland Natural Gas Co. and the Twin States Natural Gas Co., submitted by receivers of both companies. He declared the plans to be "just, fair and equitable."

The receivers were appointed by the Chancellor as special commissioners to sell the assets of both corporations at the court house in Charleston, W. Va., on a date to be set. The Midland company is a subsidiary of Twin States Natyral Gas Co., in turn controlled by Massachusetts Utilities Associates.

E. McLain Watters and Charles H. Jarvis are receivers for the Midland company and A. H. Johnson and Ross B. Thomas are ancillary receivers in West Virginia. J. Taylor Wilson and Mr. Jarvis are receivers for Twin States and Messrs. Johnson and Thomas, ancillary receivers.—V. 134, p. 1764, 507.

Union Electric Light & Power Co. of Illinois.—Bonds Called.—

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, as successor trustee, is notifying holders of 1st mtge. 5 1/2% gold bonds, series A, due Jan. 1 1954, that \$125,000 bonds have been drawn for account of the sinking fund for redemption at par and int. on July 1. Payment will be made upon presentation and surrender of the drawn bonds, with subsequent coupons attached, at the bank, 11 Broad St., N. Y. City, on and after July 1, after which date interest on the drawn bonds will cease.—V. 134, p. 3460.

United Light & Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3984.

United Rys. & Electric Co. of Baltimore.—Omits Interest on Income Bonds.—

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange has received notice from the company that the semi-annual interest of 2% due June 1, represented by coupon No. 66 will not be paid on the income bonds. Similar action was also taken six months ago on the Dec. 1 1931 coupon.—V. 134, p. 3460.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Two British Subsidiaries Sell Securities.—

The corporation on May 27 announced that as a result of the sale of securities by two British subsidiaries, its current position will be improved to the extent of \$3,960,000. The securities sold were £1,800,000 of 5% debentures of the Shropshire, Worcestershire & Staffordshire Electric Power Co., and £1,000,000 of Edmundsons' Electricity Corp. 5% debts. and £1,250,000 6% preference shares.

Both British companies will use the proceeds from the sale of these securities to retire bank loans and pay other current indebtedness. The interest of the Utilities Power & Light Corp. in the British companies is through its holdings of Greater London & Counties' Trust, Ltd.—V. 134, p. 3276.

Washington Water Power Co.—Tenders.—

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co., as trustee, has notified holders of 1st ref. mtge. 5% bonds of 1909, due 1939, that it has \$61,209 to invest for the quarterly purchase of bonds for the sinking fund and will receive offers up to noon on June 9.—V. 134, p. 1764.

Water Service Companies, Inc.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 2768.

Wisconsin Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3637.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Show-Down Near In Building Strike.—Action that is likely to precipitate a crisis in the building trades in a few days was taken by the Board of Governors of the Building Trades Employers' Association, which authorized builders to resume operations in defiance of a group of unions which have refused to abide by the collective agreement signed May 17 by spokesmen of the Building Trades Council, the employees' association, N. Y. "Times" June 2, p. 23.

Union Agreement Upheld in Decision.—The validity of the agreement entered into last July by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the New York Clothing Manufacturers' Exchange was upheld in a decision of Referee John J. O'Connell to be filed in the Supreme Court, New York "Times" May 28, p. 25.

Printers' Wage Cut.—A 10% reduction in the typographical wage scale of Knoxville, Tenn., newspapers, retroactive to April 1, had been ordered by a decision of W. J. Savage, arbitrator, "Sun" June 2, p. 3.

Adopt Scope Plan on Job Insurance.—The first concrete step toward employment security taken by an industry as a whole was announced June 2 with adoption by the National Electrical Manufacturers Association of the unemployment insurance plan proposed by Gerard Swope, President of the General Electrical Co., New York "Times" June 3, p. 21.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of May 28.—(a) New York Stock Exchange widens rules for listings, p. 3906; (b) New York Stock Exchange notice regarding new ruling on bond sales—Sellers must be notified of flat price on defaulted issues, p. 3906; (c) Odd lot trading on New York Stock Exchange on new basis—Differentials fixed at 1/4%, p. 3906; (d) D. M. McKeon suspended by New York Stock Exchange for one year, p. 3907; (e) New York Curb Exchange suspends Samuel S. Campbell, p. 3907; (f) Taylor Wilson & Co., Inc., Cincinnati bond house, in receivership, p. 3907; (g) 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, p. 3907; (h) Inquiry by Senate Committee into Stock Exchange trading—Profits of \$5,000,000 reported realized in alleged pool in common stock of Radio Corp. of America—John J. Faskob, W. F. Kenny, Nicholas F. Brady and T. J. Ryan reported participants—Operator tells of guiding the market, illustrating method used by deals in Kolster, p. 3907; (i) Senate Committee inquiry into Stock Exchange trading—Operations in transaction in food corporation stocks detailed by W. E. Sachs of Goldman-Sachs Trading Co., p. 3909; (j) 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, p. 3910; (k) Petition in bankruptcy filed by Kreuger & Toll—Recommended in report by Swedish investigating committee—Debts placed at \$168,300,000, p. 3910; (l) Two Kreuger directors reported bankrupt, p. 3911; (m) Announcement by New York Stock Exchange regarding transactions in Kreuger & Toll American certificates, p. 3911; (n) Short sales on New York Curb Exchange totaled 58,535 on May 16, p. 3911.

Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.—Defaults Interest.—

The directors on June 1 voted to withhold payment of interest due on that date on the \$48,267,000 1st mtge. 5% bonds now outstanding.

The company's announcement on June 2 said: "For the present and until pending arrangements regarding one of the company's subsidiaries have been completed, the directors do not think it advisable to pay the bond interest due June 1."

A consolidated balance sheet as of April 30 1932, subject to audit and not consolidating the accounts of Thunder Bay Paper Co., Ltd., which has been acquired in full since the end of 1931, shows current assets of \$14,640,805, including cash of \$1,047,362, against current liabilities of \$4,534,392, including accrued bond interest of \$1,005,562 to that date. Inventories were \$8,457,063; unexpired insurance, prepared taxes, &c., \$331,887; customers' accounts, \$2,881,139; other accounts receivable and cash deposits on timber limits, \$405,372; investment in bonds, \$1,517,980. Among the current liabilities were secured bank loans of \$2,130,000; current accounts and bills payable, \$1,360,193; and dividends payable, \$38,636. Deferred liabilities included \$3,076,806 purchase money obligations and \$4,250,000 obligation in connection with purchase of General Paper & Paper Co., Ltd.

The first mortgage 5s were sold in 1928 through a syndicate including Lee, Higginson & Co., Shawmut Corp. of Boston, Peabody, Smith & Co., Inc., and others.—V. 134, p. 3826.

Abraham & Straus, Inc.—Dividend Rate Reduced.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 30c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable June 30 to holders of

record June 21. Previously, the company paid quarterly dividends of 37½¢. per share on this issue.
See also Stern Bros. below.—V. 134, p. 2523.

Addressograph-Multigraph Corp.—Acquisition.—

The corporation has acquired the Set-O-Type Co. of Dayton, Ohio and on June 1 took over the manufacture of the latter company's products and supplies. Complete control of the marketing and servicing of the products passes to the Multigraph Co., a division of the Addressograph-Multigraph Corp.

The Set-O-Type company manufactures automatic typesetting equipment for Multigraph machines. J. S. Rogers, President of Addressograph-Multigraph, said the acquisition would permit immediate expansion of the Set-O-Type sales and service organization.—V. 134, p. 3826.

Affiliated Products, Inc.—Dividends Payable Monthly Instead of Quarterly As Heretofore.—

The directors have declared a monthly dividend of 13 1-3 cents per share on the capital stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 17.
From Oct. 3 1930 to and incl. April 1 1932 the company made quarterly distributions of 40 cents per share.—V. 134, p. 3826.

American Capital Corp.—Defers Prior Pref. Div.—

The directors recently voted to defer the quarterly dividend due June 1 on the \$5.50 cum. prior pref. stock, no par value. The last regular quarterly payment of \$1.37½ per share on this issue was made on March 1 1932.

President Henry S. McKee said:
"In compliance with the provisions of the Delaware law under which the company is incorporated which prohibits the payment of dividends when the assets of the company at their market value are less than its statutory capital, it was decided to defer the action upon payment of the quarterly dividend.

"This action is unavoidable while the above technical situation exists notwithstanding the fact that the company's present rate of direct income from interest and dividends is in excess of its expenses and dividends upon the prior preferred stock."—V. 134, p. 1373.

American Commercial Alcohol Corp.—New Director.—

Humphrey W. Chadbourne, a director of Noranda Mines, Ltd., has been elected a director of the above corporation.—V. 134, p. 3461.

American Founders Corp.—Suit.—

Meyer, Connor & Co., brokers, of Chicago, have applied to the Supreme Court for an injunction enjoining United Founders Corp., American Founders Corp., Founders General Corp., Allied General Corp. and several individual defendants from transferring their assets pending determination of an action brought by workers in Sept., 1931, to recover \$1,108,886. Other defendants are C. Foster Coombs, Louis H. Seagrave and Frank B. Erwin. In the pending action Meyer, Connor & Co. allege they were induced to take shares in some of defendant companies on fraudulent statements regarding stock and properties. Plaintiffs are also asking for appointment of a receiver.—V. 134, p. 3639.

American Insurance Co., Newark, N. J.—To Halve Capital.—

The stockholders will vote June 20 on approving a proposal to transfer \$3,343,740 from capital to surplus and on reducing the par of the stock from \$5 to \$2.50 a share, and the authorized capital stock from \$10,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

In a statement accompanying the notices to the stockholders, President C. Weston Bailey said:

"The progressive reduction in market quotations of stocks and bonds of high investment type, still continuing, has brought about a severe shrinkage in the assets and net surplus. As business conditions improve an increase in these market values may be reasonably anticipated, but at the present time so-called market values of bonds and stocks are not fair standards for the ascertainment of true values of such securities. Nonetheless, they cannot be disregarded in effect in the determination of the immediately present capital and surplus of a fire insurance company. Under these circumstances it is deemed desirable by the directors of the American that changes in its capital structure should be made which will not only establish the certainty of ample surplus, even at the prevailing low market quotations of securities held, but will also assure the continuance of ample surplus even if the market quotations should further recede.

"The proposed reduction of capital and transfer of the amount of this reduction to surplus will have such result, but will not effect the proportionate interest in the assets and earnings of the company or the number of shares which are held. The company has always followed the practice of paying dividends out of investment income, which is now accruing at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 a year. Dividend action by the board of directors will be taken in June and will depend upon the general situation obtaining at that time and upon probable future earnings."—V. 133, p. 4162.

American-La France & Foamite Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1582.

American Seating Co.—Obituary.—

Thomas W. Boyd, Chairman of the Board, died at Chicago on June 2.—V. 134, p. 1197.

American Smelting & Refining Co.—To Curtail Operations.—

The company has closed its smelter at El Paso for two months. It plans to operate the plant one month and then close it two, until the lead situation improves.

The company intends to operate its mines in the Santa Eulalia district, Chihuahua, Mexico, at a reduced rate until the lead and zinc situation abroad improves. It believes it is unwise to deplete its ore resources at present prices of lead and zinc in the foreign market. The company will reduce operations to the minimum rate that the Mexican Government will permit. Operations at the Chihuahua smelter will also be reduced. ("Wall Street Journal.")—V. 134, p. 2725.

Anglo-Persian Oil Co., Ltd.—Smaller Final Dividend.—

A final dividend for the year 1932 of 5% has been declared on the ordinary shares and on the American depositary receipts for ordinary shares, less tax. No interim dividend was made six months ago.

For the year 1931, the company had paid an interim dividend of 5% and a final dividend of 10%.—V. 134, p. 329.

Arkansas Natural Gas Corp.—Defers Pref. Dividend.—

The directors on May 28 took no action on the quarterly dividend due July 1 on the 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$10. From July 1928 to and incl. April 1932, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 15¢. a share on this issue.

President Henry L. Doherty, May 28, in a letter to the pref. stockholders, said:

"At a meeting of the directors to-day, no action was taken in the matter of dividends on the preferred stock, upon which the last quarterly dividend was paid April 1 1932.

"It was determined to conserve the cash resources of the company pending a clearing up of the business situation in this country.

Conditions in the investment market are wholly unsatisfactory for financing the growth and development of the business in which your subsidiaries are engaged, notwithstanding the signal success which has characterized the natural gas and petroleum operations in which you are interested. Certain further developments requiring cash are to be made, including continued development of the important holdings of your company in the East Texas oil fields, all of which it is believed will amply justify deferring dividends at this time.

You are urged not to sacrifice your holdings as the dividends on the pref. stock are cumulative, and must be paid in full before any dividend may be paid upon the common stock.—V. 134, p. 3639.

Arundel Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for month and 4 months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Current assets as of April 30 1932, were \$3,407,867, which does not include the \$2,000,000 owed the company by the State of Florida, and current liabilities were \$292,296.—V. 134, p. 3640.

Asbestos Corp., Ltd.—Bondholders Approve Plan.—

At a meeting of the 1st mtg. and general mtg. bondholders held on May 31, (the plan of reorganization was unanimously approved. The stockholders had approved the plan at a meeting held April 27. (See V. 134, p. 1027).—V. 134, p. 3827.

Atlantic Gulf & West Indies Steamship Lines.—Authorized Preferred Stock Decreased.—

The stockholders on May 24 approved a proposal to decrease the authorized pref. stock to \$10,000,000 from \$10,800,000.—V. 134, p. 3639.

Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd.—Plan of Arrangements.

A special meeting of shareholders will be held June 10 to vote on accepting an offer of the General Sugar Refineries, Ltd. (Outlined below).

Capitalization of Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd.

	Authorized.	Issued.
7% cum. cov. pref. stock (par \$100)-----	16,111 shs.	x11,111 shs.
Common stock (no par)-----	78,889 shs.	78,889 shs.
1st mtg. (6%) serial gold bonds due July 1 1932-----		\$70,000
5% gen. mtg. sinking fund gold bonds due April 1 1941-----		3,551,247

x Dividends on the pref. shares are in arrears.

Offer of General Sugar Refineries, Ltd.
There has been received from General Sugar Refineries, Ltd., an offer which provides substantially as follows:

General Sugar Refineries, Ltd., offers to purchase as a going concern, all the assets, undertaking and goodwill of Atlantic, subject to the liabilities which General agrees to assume (other than the capital stock issued and unissued, and the 1st mortgage serial gold bonds outstanding) at and for the following consideration:

General undertakes to pay to Atlantic or its nominees for all its assets, property, undertaking and goodwill on the transfer thereof, partly in cash and partly by the allotment of securities the cash and securities to be respectively payable and distributed as follows:

To each holder of 1 share or pref. stock in Atlantic there shall be given 1 "A" preference share in General, together with debenture stock in the amount of \$82 bearing interest from June 16 1932.

To each holder of 1 share of common stock of Atlantic the sum of \$30. The full consideration for such sale and purchase therefore amounts to 11,111 A preference shares and \$911,102 in par value 10-year 5% debenture stock, and cash in the sum of \$2,366,670.

Description of Securities to Be Allotted.
(1) A preference shares bear fixed cum. preferential div. of 7% per annum payable quarterly; red. at any time at \$105 per share and div., and subject to the right of company to acquire such stock for redemption by purchase either in the open market or by private contract at a price not exceeding redemption price; voting only in the event of four consecutive quarterly dividends being in arrears.

(2) 10-year debenture stock is a direct obligation of company in priority to the rights of shareholders but not secured; bears interest at 5% per annum from June 16 1932, payable half yearly; red. at any time at par and int.; red. at any time by purchase in the open market, or private contract.

The following are directors of the General company: P. R. Gardiner, Pres., Toronto; S. A. Hayden, Sec.-Treas., Toronto; T. J. Dillon, New York; D. H. McDougall, Montreal; L. N. Dupuis, Montreal. Board shall consist of 9 members.

Capitalization of General Sugar Refineries, Ltd.

	Authorized.	Issued.
10-year 5% debenture stock-----	\$911,102	None
A preference shares (par \$100)-----	11,111 shs.	None
B preference shares (no par)-----	40,000 shs.	x40,000 shs.
Common shares (no par)-----	160,000 shs.	y160,000 shs.

x Fully issued at \$96 per share. y Issued at \$1 per share.

Balance Sheet May 25 1932 (General Sugar Refineries, Ltd.)

Assets—

Interest bearing deposits with Bank & Trust Co.----- \$4,000,000

Liabilities—

40,000 shares B 7 non-cum. pref. shares (no par)----- 3,840,000

Common shares (no par)----- 160,000

—V. 134, p. 2525.

Babcock & Wilcox Co.—To Transfer Operations.—

The company has arranged to close down its plant at Bayonne, N. J., soon. Operations will be transferred to the Barberton, Ohio works. The management feels that the Ohio property is better equipped to handle the current volume of business, which does not warrant operation of both plants. The company has not indicated what disposal is to be made of the Bayonne property. ("Wall Street Journal.")—V. 134, p. 1766.

Bastian-Blessing Co., Chicago.—To Expand.—

The stockholders will vote June 15 on a proposal to acquire the business and property of the Russ Manufacturing Co. of Cleveland, makers of soda fountains.

The stockholders also will be asked to approve a change in the authorized capital of Bastian-Blessing necessary to complete the acquisition.—V. 134, p. 2342.

Beatrice Creamery Co.—Common Dividend Reduced.—

The directors on June 1 declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, par \$50, payable July 1 to holders of record June 14. Previously, the company made quarterly payments of \$1 per share on this issue.—V. 134, p. 3100.

Bendix Aviation Corp., Chicago, Ill.—New Board of Directors.—Company Buying Its Stock in Open Market.—

At the recent annual meeting the following were elected members of the board of directors: Vincent Bendix (President, Albert Bradley (Vice-President of General Motors Corp.), Caleb S. Bragg (of Bragg-Kliesrath Corp., New York), Walter J. Buettner (Treasurer), Paul H. Davis (a partner of Paul H. Davis & Co., Chicago), J. C. Ferguson (President of Eclipse Machine Co., Elmira, N. Y.), Graham H. Grosvenor, Richard F. Hoyt (a partner of Hayden, Stone & Co.), A. L. Humphrey (President of Westinghouse Air Brake Co.), V. W. Kliesrath (President of Bragg-Kliesrath Corp., South Bend, Ind.), Charles Marcus (President of Eclipse Aviation Corp., East Orange, N. J.), W. L. McGrath (Vice-President of Eclipse Machine Co.), C. O. Miniger (President of the Electric Auto-Lite Co., Toledo, O.), James C. Willson and C. B. Wilson (Vice-President of General Motors Corp.).

The officers are practically the same as last year and likewise the members of the executive and finance committees.

As a conservative measure the directors on May 23 1932 voted to omit the quarterly dividend, notwithstanding the fact that the corporation had a profit in the first four months of operation, after all charges, including depreciation and Federal taxes.

President Vincent Bendix, May 28, states in part:

"Our corporation is in excellent cash position, having neither bank loans nor funded debt, and because of the low price of its stock the board of directors decided to buy, for the corporation, a substantial block of its shares in the open market.

"We believe we should at this time give the stockholders the above information as they may desire to avail themselves at this time of the opportunity to purchase additional shares to average down the cost of their stock, especially as the shares are being traded in at about one-third of their actual net tangible value of \$12 a share, exclusive of our great development and patent assets in the automotive and aviation industries.

"The corporation has continued to maintain its dominating position in the industry, having lost no accounts during the past two years, and on the other hand has gained many new contracts for both its old and new products. Of the latter, the new automatic clutch control, the power brakes and the Startix are rapidly meeting with general adoption by the automotive industry and we expect to close many additional contracts for the same during the balance of the year.

"We have during the past two years developed a radically new automotive apparatus which we expect to offer to the automobile industry within the next 90 days.

"Our aviation business is constantly growing and the many new aviation devices we have brought out during the past year are now meeting with great commercial success. Our main aviation subsidiary, the Eclipse Aviation Corp., East Orange, N. J., now estimates that its 1932 volume of business will be considerably more than that of 1931.

Combined De Soto and Plymouth sales by De Soto dealers for the first four months totaled 16,686 cars, against 10,407 cars for the like period of 1931, an increase of 60%. This showing was exceeded only by the corresponding period of 1929.

De Lissers Motors, Inc., Ford dealers in New York since 1924 and reputed to be one of the largest in the country, has severed affiliation with the Ford Motor Co. and has joined the Chrysler organization to sell Dodge and Plymouth cars. Horace E. De Lissers, its President, announced on June 1.—V. 134, p. 3828.

Cincinnati Advertising Products Co.—Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—				Liabilities—	
Mar. 31 '32.	Dec. 31 '31.	Mar. 31 '32.	Dec. 31 '31.	Mar. 31 '32.	Dec. 31 '31.
Cash	\$36,861	\$40,763	Notes payable, bk.	\$18,750	\$19,000
Marketable securities	185,834	201,178	Notes pay., other		1,200
Notes receiv., pers.	12,500	12,500	Accts. pay., trade	14,228	16,296
Notes rec., trade	2,296	1,575	Credit balance on		
Accts. rec., trade	32,637	32,559	custs. ledger		3,383
Accts. rec., sund. & employees	5,220	5,068	Acct. taxes, county	1,106	1,735
Debt balances on creditors' ledger		1,279	Federal inc. tax—		
Merch., material & supplies invent.	51,619	53,220	current year	8,639	11,519
Life insur., cash surrender value	10,650	10,650	Divs. payable		18,896
Land & bldg.	50,025	48,084	Acct. commission		300
Mach. & equipm't	86,449	87,017	Accrued royalties	1,117	873
Deferred charges	7,580	9,901	Accrued labor	1,186	
			Capital stock	86,500	86,500
			Earned surplus	350,145	344,121
Total	\$481,670	\$503,823	Total	\$481,670	\$503,823

—V. 134, p. 3986.

City Stores Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Years Ended—	Feb. 1 '32.	Jan. 31 '31.	Jan. 31 '30.	Jan. 31 '29.
Net sales (incl. sales of leased departments)	\$35,637,379	\$46,991,311	\$51,695,369	\$55,785,953
Cost of goods sold	24,714,051	30,870,297	32,910,771	36,644,213
Sell., gen. & admin. exp.	11,683,752	13,648,554	14,857,549	15,702,739
Income from oper.	loss\$760,424	\$2,472,460	\$3,927,049	\$3,439,001
Rentals, interest, &c.	598,819	592,497	669,177	518,784
Realized gross profit on installment sales	110,798			
Total income	loss\$50,808	\$3,064,957	\$4,596,226	\$3,957,785
Int. on funded debt, &c.	1,900,701	1,253,787	703,389	209,866
Int. on mortgages, notes payable, &c.			657,950	679,623
Allowance for depreci'n.	491,647	452,128	446,801	552,546
Federal income taxes	3,368	123,160	249,500	201,138
Bad debts & sund. chgs.		389,991	487,880	177,630
Net profit for period	loss\$2,446,525	\$845,891	\$2,050,706	\$2,136,981
Amt. applic. to pref. & com. stks. of subs. not owned by City St. Co.	168,445	370,014	512,846	752,399
Net profit applic. to City Stores Co.	loss\$2,278,080	\$475,877	\$1,537,860	\$1,384,582
Balance at beginning	1,089,660	1,891,026	2,132,054	1,793,598
Total surplus	loss\$1,188,420	\$2,366,903	\$3,669,915	\$3,178,181
Preferred dividends (\$3.50)		285,503	294,756	282,775
Common dividends		(37½c)397,819	(75c)735,559	
Stock div. 5% on B stk.				200,857
Earned surplus of Lit Bros. applic. to shs. owned by City St. Co. prior to their acquis'n.			675,367	
Premium paid on purch. and retirement of stks. of subsidiaries				510,469
Organ. exp., sundry prior year items, &c.			73,207	52,026
Divs. paid to pref. stock min. int. in subs.				248,541
Adjust. book value of fixtures & equipment.				817,607
Add'n res. for shrink. in value of invest., &c.				1,043,990
Res. for claim against closed bank.				350,000
Expenses incidental to exten. of 3-year notes.				347,053
Proportion applicable to minority interest.	Cr.343,007			
Miscellaneous adjustm'ts	Cr.83,193	Cr.4,821		
Allow. for shrink in value of inventory, &c.		598,741		
Bal. at end of year.	def\$3,569,409	\$1,089,661	\$1,891,026	\$2,132,054
Earns. per sh. on average shs. com. stk. outst'g.	Nil	Nil	\$1.30	\$6.54

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet Jan. 31.

Assets—				Liabilities—	
Feb. 1 '32.	Jan. 31 '31.	Feb. 1 '32.	Jan. 31 '31.	Feb. 1 '32.	Jan. 31 '31.
Land, buildings, fixtures, &c.	\$31,781,527	\$33,199,940	Class A pref. stock	\$4,099,558	\$4,066,225
Good-will	1	1	Common stock	\$12,195,553	\$12,048,095
Cash	3,030,868	2,891,311	Funded debt	\$10,000,000	\$10,800,000
Accounts and notes	5,511,205	8,677,012	Notes & accts. paid	\$2,061,729	\$3,329,460
Marketable securities	570,338	154,406	Mortgages payable	\$9,595,000	\$9,225,000
Cash surren. value life insurance	21,326	19,197	Accrued accounts	655,263	628,694
Inventories	4,547,772	7,705,376	Dividends payable	11,093	74,896
Deferred charges	403,955	511,374	Federal tax reserve		149,849
Other assets	860,916	1,591,192	Minority interest	8,043,539	8,894,754
			Deferred income	116,812	415,956
			Reserves	373,127	227,295
			Earned surplus	def\$3,569,409	1,089,661
			Capital surplus	3,145,634	3,099,924
Total	\$46,727,909	\$47,499,809	Surplus	\$46,727,909	\$47,499,809

a After depreciation and amortization of \$4,882,756. b Represented by \$1,991 no par shares. c Represented by 1,061,267 no par shares. d Accounts payable only.—V. 134, p. 1199.

Cleveland Terminals Building Co.—Earnings.

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1931 (Including Wholly Owned Subsidiary)		
Rentals and other operating income—buildings and hotel		\$4,025,287
Dividends, interest and sundry income		316,207
Total		\$4,341,494
Operating expenses		2,298,980
Taxes and insurance		679,888
Leasehold rents		612,734
Interest		2,446,069
Depreciation		737,607
Net loss		\$2,433,784
Capital surplus, balance as of Jan. 1 1931 (after deducting operating losses)		28,557,962
Loss from sales of securities, year 1931		1,385,918
Balance, surplus		\$24,738,259
Profit on bonds purchased and tendered to the sinking fund trustee, year 1931		79,779
Balance at Dec. 31 1931		\$24,818,039

Note.—The above statement does not include the results of operations of the affiliated company separately operated or any provision for unrealized losses on securities owned.—V. 133, p. 2933.

Collins & Aikman Corp.—Reduces Stated Capital, &c.

The stockholders on May 2 approved a proposal to reduce the capital of the corporation by \$4,350,000 by retiring 26,833 shares of common stock owned by the corporation and by reducing the amount of capital represented by the remaining shares of common stock to \$5,650,000. At Dec. 31 1931 the outstanding common stock was represented by a stated value of \$10,000,000. The 26,833 shares were purchased by the corporation at a cost of \$328,108.—V. 134, p. 3280.

Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.—To Perpetuate Charter.

The stockholders will vote June 28 on approving the extension, in perpetuity, of the corporate life of the company.—V. 134, p. 3642.

Compania Hispano Americana de Electricidad, S. A. "Chade".—Supplementary Dividend.

At the general ordinary meeting which was held on May 30, it was voted to distribute among the shareholders of this company, a supplementary dividend in respect of the fiscal year 1931, at the rate of 30 gold pesetas per share on its series A, B and C shares, and 6 gold pesetas per share on its series D and E shares.

The dividend will be paid in pesetas at the rate of exchange of gold on the date of payment to the Spanish holders. Foreign holders may choose to receive payment of their dividends in gold, as indicated above, in other equivalent currencies. One gold peseta is to be considered equivalent to one Swiss franc and in order to effect its conversion there will be applied the rate of exchange which the currency in which the dividend is paid may have in relation to the Swiss franc on the date of payment. In order to collect the above dividend, shareholders should, on or after June 1 1932, present and surrender Coupon No. 22 at the Coupon Department of Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, 140 Broadway, New York, N. Y., or at any of the following banks:

Madrid—Banco Espanol de Credito, Banco Urquijo or Banco de Vizcaya; Barcelona—S. A. Arnus-Gari; Bilbao—Banco de Vizcaya; Brussels—Banque de Bruxelles or Cassel & Co.; Antwerp—Banque de Bruxelles, Ste. Ame. Siege d'Anvers; Luxembourg—Banque International a Luxembourg; Berlin and other German cities—Deutsche Bank and Disconto-Gesellschaft; Frankfurt am M.—Deutsche Bank und Disconto-Gesellschaft Filiale Frankfurt; Zurich and other Swiss cities—Credit Suisse; Amsterdam—Mendelssohn & Co., Amsterd.; Rotterdam—Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij N. V. or Handels-Maatschappij H. Albert de Bary & Co. N. V.; London—Midland Bank, Limited; Barclays Bank, Limited; J. Henry Schroder & Co.; Baring Brothers & Co.; Buenos Aires—Offices of the Company.

The dividend payable on E shares as represented by "American shares" certificates issued by Guaranty Trust Co. of New York as depository under deposit agreement dated Sept. 21 1928, will be paid June 7 1932 by checks mailed to holders of record May 31 1932.

Six months ago a dividend of 30 gold pesetas on the series A, B and C shares and 6 gold pesetas on the series D and E shares was paid for the year 1931.—V. 133, p. 4157.

Consolidated Film Industries, Inc.—Earnings.

For income statement for 3 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3828.

Consolidation Coal Co.—Receivers Appointed.

Receivers were appointed, June 2, by Judge W. C. Coleman in the Federal Court at Baltimore. The receivers named are Howell Fisher of Baltimore, Robert C. Hill of New York and F. R. Lyon of Fairmont, W. Va. The action was taken upon the application of George H. Whitten of New York, a bondholder, and Emma V. Sweeney, a stockholder. Officials of the coal company stated that the application was made to "conserve the assets and business of the company for the benefit of all parties concerned."

The receivers named above were appointed ancillary receivers by Federal Judge Julian W. Mack in the New York District. The funded debt of the company is said to total about \$25,000,000 and its current liabilities amount to more than \$1,000,000. A statement issued after April 30 listed the assets on that date at \$83,524,378. The depression and lack of liquid assets are blamed for the company's difficulties.

Interest Defaulted—Protective Committee Formed.

The company has defaulted in the payment of the interest due June 1 1932, on its 1st & ref. mtge. 40-year 5% sinking fund gold bonds, of which \$18,972,000 are outstanding in hands of the public. At the request of the holders of a large amount of the bonds the following have agreed to act as a protective committee: Frederick H. Ecker (Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.) New York; Bertram Cutler, 26 Broadway, New York; Acosta Nichols (Spencer Trask & Co.) New York; J. Edward Johnston (1416 Continental Bldg.) Baltimore, Md.; George C. Cutler (Guaranty Trust Co.) New York; S. P. Shaw Jr. (Old Colony Trust Co.) Boston, and J. Howard Bruse, Chairman (Baltimore Trust Co.) Baltimore. The depositories are: The Baltimore Trust Co., 21-31 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore; Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway New York; Old Colony Trust Co., 17 Court Street, Boston.—V. 134, p. 3642.

Constitution Indemnity & Insurance Co.—Merger Approved.

The merger of this company and the Transportation Indemnity Co. of New York has been approved by the stockholders of both companies, it is stated.—V. 134, p. 3642.

Container Corp. of America.—Changes in Board.

J. P. Brunt, John L. Barchard and Hugh Strange have been elected directors to succeed William R. Basset, George H. Mead and C. Ward Seabury, all resigned. Election of these new directors follows the omission of four cumulative preferred stock dividends.

The company's charter states that whenever there are four or more accumulated unpaid dividends on the preferred stock, preferred holders have the privilege of electing one less than a majority of the board of directors. While the preferred holders now get representation on the board the present management retains control so that there will be no change in the policies of the corporation.—V. 134, p. 3102.

Continental Shares, Inc.—Replies to Receivership Suit.

Declaring that a receivership would be a serious blow to the company, George E. Bishop, President filed an answer May 31 in Circuit Court at Baltimore asking that receivership proceedings be dismissed. The answer said that banking creditors might no longer feel justified in carrying "inadequately secured" loans of the company should a receiver be named, and also set forth that the present management was working on a program which, if uninterrupted by a receivership, would prove more beneficial than court proceedings.

Judge H. Arthur Stump, who in April appointed a receiver for the company, rescinded that order the following day and gave the corporation until May 31 to show cause why the receiver should not be appointed. The case against the company was filed by George L. Gule of Columbus, O., holder of 748 shares of stock. An order permitting the intervention of J. F. Welborn and W. W. Grant of Denver as plaintiffs was recently signed by Judge Stump.

Pointing out that they were the holders of proxies of 66,230 shares of stock in the company and had no remedy at law, the petitioners declared their situation was similar to that of the original plaintiff.—V. 134, p. 3643.

Crosley Radio Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Years Ended March 31—	1932.	1931.
Net sales	\$6,702,437	\$9,021,341
Cost of goods sold	5,570,143	7,958,913
Royalties	205,921	323,121
Expenses, exclusive of depreciation	714,225	1,155,643
Profit from operation	\$212,144	loss\$416,237
Other income	92,698	94,964
Total income	\$304,842	loss\$321,272
Deductions from income	\$219,727	\$330,417
Depreciation	224,206	220,959
Prov. for liab. on uncompleted purchase orders		45,000
Net loss	\$139,091	\$917,648
Net worth at beginning of period	4,530,715	5,438,342
Surplus adjustments—net		10,021
Net worth March 31	\$4,391,624	\$4,530,715

Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31.

Assets— 1932. 1931. Liabilities— 1932. 1931. Real estate, bldgs., mach. & equip. \$2,168,395 \$2,358,214

Total— \$4,656,341 \$5,003,691 a After depreciation of \$796,981. b Represented by 545,800 no par shares.

New Secretary.— L. K. Kellogg has been elected Secretary, succeeding W. L. Evans.—V. 134, p. 1031.

Continental Securities Corp.—Warrants Void.— Under the terms of the indenture the warrants attached to the 15-year 5% debentures, series A, due May 1 1942, issued under indenture as of May 1 1927 between corporation and the Chase National Bank, New York, expired as of April 30 1932, and accordingly such warrants not surrendered prior to that date are void.—V. 134, p. 1200.

Cuba Co.—Earnings.— For income statement for three and nine months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1769.

Cudahy Packing Co.—Smaller Common Dividend— Further Reduction in Salaries and Wages.— The directors on June 2 declared a dividend of 62 1/2c. per share on the common stock, par \$50, payable July 15 to holders of record July 5. From Oct. 15 1926 to and incl. April 15 1932 the company made regular quarterly payments of \$1 per share on the above issue.

E. A. Cudahy, Chairman of the Board, stated:

I am pleased to say that notwithstanding present-day conditions the volume of our business has continued to grow, unit sales for the first half of the fiscal year being substantially in excess of those for the first six months of the previous year.

The financial position of the company is excellent, with current indebtedness particularly low for this season, and I feel confident with our lowered inventories, reduced operating costs and the conservation of our surplus by the reduction of the common stock dividend to a 5% from an 8% basis, that the company will close its present year not only in a strong financial position but with a fair margin of profit.

Toward the close of our last fiscal year we made a reduction of 10% in the salaries and wages of all officers and employees of the company and its subsidiaries. Since then numerous other economies in operation have been effected, and to-day the directors voted another 10% reduction in salaries and wages of all officers and employees effective June 13 next. The benefit of this reduction in operating costs will be reflected in our earnings for the last half of the year.

It has been over 20 years since we bought cattle and 35 years since we bought hogs at the low prices we are paying for them to-day, and with our inventories priced on the basis of these costs it is reasonably certain that further losses, if any, on account of declining prices must be inconsequential.—V. 134, p. 3103.

Curtis Mfg. Co., St. Louis.—Dividend Omission.—

The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about July 1 on the capital stock, par \$5. From July 1 1931 to and incl. April 1 1932, the company made quarterly distributions of 25c. per share as compared with 62 1/2c. per share previously.—V. 133, p. 127.

Cutler-Hammer, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. Sales— \$5,912,792 \$9,342,899 \$12,368,340

x In addition a stock dividend of 20% (\$550,000) was paid Jan. 15 1930.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Liabilities— 1931. 1930. Plant & prop.— \$2,931,719 \$3,257,687

Total— \$7,736,541 \$8,849,063 x After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$3,519,493.—V. 134, p. 2916.

(John J.) Deery Co., Inc., Phila.—New Officers, &c.—

At a meeting of the directors of the John J. Deery Co. of New York and the John J. Deery Co., Ltd. of Montreal on May 23, Leo Fischman resigned as President and a director of both companies and was succeeded by John Gostely, formerly Vice-President. Harry Fischman resigned as Secretary and C. L. Rogers as Treasurer of the New York unit. W. S. Maddox was elected Secretary and Treasurer. The board of directors was increased from five to six. Mr. Gostely was succeeded as a director by E. M. Nicodemus, P. W. Haberman and E. M. Ewald were also elected directors.

Harry Fischman resigned as Secretary and Mr. Rogers as Treasurer of the Montreal company. They were succeeded in these posts by Mr. Maddox. Mr. Haberman and J. A. Turner were elected directors of the Montreal company. The Philadelphia "Financial Journal," stated: Philadelphia interests are represented by three out of six directors of the company, marble importers, the entire capital stock of which was acquired by new interests about two months ago.

Capitalization of the Deery company consists solely of common stock. It does not have any bonds outstanding or any bank loans at the present time.

Philadelphians on the board are C. H. Chaffee, J. A. Turner and W. S. Maddox.

Deisel-Wemmel-Gilbert Corp.—Dividend Omission.— The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about June 15 on the common stock, no par value. Distributions of 25 cents per share were made on this issue on Sept. 15 and Dec. 15 1931 and on March 15 1932 as compared with 37 1/2 cents per share each quarter from June 15 1929 to and inclusive June 15 1931.—V. 134, p. 3643.

Dempster Mill Mfg. Co.—Smaller Preferred Dividend.— A dividend of 1 1/4% has been declared on the 7% pref. stock, par \$100, payable June 1 to holders of record June 1. Previously, the company made regular quarterly payments of 1 1/4% on this issue.—V. 134, p. 512.

Detroit Bankers Co.—New President.— E. D. Stair has been elected President, succeeding John Ballantyne, resigned. Dwight Douglas and Mark A. Wilson, Active Vice-Presidents, have resigned, but the vacancies are not expected to be filled.—V. 134, p. 1963.

Diamond Match Co.—Earnings.— For income statement for quarter ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 1769.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Value of Production.— Period End. M y 31— 1932—Month—1931. 1932—5 Months—1931. Output (value of) \$411,201 \$300,390 \$1,723,300 \$1,427,640

Dubilier Condenser Corp.—Wins Patent Suit.— The United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia has handed down an opinion in favor of the company in the suit of the United States vs. Dubilier Condenser Corp. affirming the title of the Dubilier corporation to the Lowell and Dunmore patents. The decision involves the patents relating to alternating current radio receiving sets involved in the suits for infringement against the Radio Corp. of America, in which suits recently the same court held some of the claims invalid. A petition for rehearing with respect to the broader claims in the infringement suit against the Radio Corp. of America is still pending.

The present decision regarding the title affects many government employees and many corporations employing inventions purchased from government employees.—V. 134, p. 3829.

Dunhill International, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Total sales— \$615,016 \$1,350,213 \$1,923,316 \$2,020,845

a In addition company paid stock dividend during 1929 amounting to \$89,630 (6,585 shares) b The company also paid a stock dividend amounting to \$66,784 (4,281 shares).

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Liabilities— 1931. 1930. Cash— \$134,969 \$206,413

Total— \$2,729,828 \$3,651,001 x Represented by 145,866 shares of no par value.—V. 133, p. 1771.

Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.—Resumes Dividends.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable June 15 to holders of record May 31. The last previous quarterly payment on this issue was made on Dec. 15 1931, the March 15 1932 dividend having been deferred.—V. 134, p. 1964.

Equitable Office Building Corp.—Earnings.—

[Including Vault Co., Inc.] Years End. April 30— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929. Rentals earned— \$5,717,835 \$5,996,755 \$5,791,726 \$5,384,346

Total earnings— \$6,063,951 \$6,397,390 \$6,332,790 \$5,887,694

Shares com. stock outstanding (no par)— 895,464 895,464 893,584 892,160

Earnings per share— \$2.38 \$2.67 \$2.71 \$2.31

—V. 134, p. 3987.

Eitington Schild Co., Inc.—Earnings, &c.—

Consolidated Income Account. Period— Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. Dec. 31 '29. Operating loss— a\$623,627 \$486,951 \$1,121,324

Loss for year— \$1,149,345 \$1,152,222 \$4,225,864 a After applying inventory reductions.

Consolidated Surplus and Deficit Account Dec. 31 1931.

Capital surplus resulting from reduction in value of common stock and donation of 6% class B non-cumulative junior preferred and common stocks— \$9,440,115

Deficit Dec. 31 1931— \$1,830,696

cash dividends of \$1 per share were paid. In addition, 1% in stock was paid each quarter from April 1 1929 to Jan. 1 1931, inclusive.

Early this year the company announced that in the future dividends on the stock of the corporation would be placed on a semi-annual basis, payable Jan. 1 and July 1 each year.

Officials stated that earnings for the first half of the year would exceed \$1 a share, results of operations in the second quarter being more favorable than in the first quarter.—*V. 134, p. 2918, 3830.*

General Aviation Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—*Calendar Years*—
 1931. 1930. 1929.
 Net loss after all charges \$2,232,736 \$2,133,858 prof. \$403,938
 The net loss from operations for 1931, before adjustment, was \$661,819. Adjustments increased the loss by \$1,370,916 and were due to the write-down of inventories to market or estimated realizable values, and the charging off of deferred experimental expenses and other miscellaneous items.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets	1931.	1930.	Liabilities	1931.	1930.
Cash	\$3,189,927	\$2,727,122	Accounts payable	\$40,421	\$26,476
Marketable securities	2,189,740	—	Taxes, payrolls & sundry accrued	—	—
Notes and accounts receivable	794,350	377,560	Items	58,143	60,532
Inventories	2,034,212	2,034,212	Reserve for deprec.	95,465	100,492
Prepaid expenses	20,807	35,865	Employees' investment fund	8,320	9,570
Investm't in other companies	1,021,802	15,800	Employees' savings fund	31,664	19,143
Real estate, plant and equipment	1,613,329	1,791,696	Sundry and contingencies	—	276,468
Deferred experimental exp., &c.	387,004	513,198	Preferred stock	711,506	721,325
Good-will, patents, &c.	773,618	773,618	Common stock	5,125,651	5,125,651
Total	\$7,897,753	\$10,458,811	Surplus	1,826,583	4,119,154

General Motors Acceptance Corp.—Debentures Called.—
 A total of \$5,000,000 10-year sinking fund 6% gold debentures, due Feb. 1 1937, have been called for redemption Aug. 1 next at 102. Payment will be made at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall St., N. Y. City.—*V. 134, p. 1942.*

General Motors Corp.—Buick Shipments.—
Month of—
 May '32. April '32. May '31.
 Shipments of Buick cars 3,019 4,092 9,256
 —*V. 134, p. 3976.*

General Sugar Refineries, Ltd.—Makes Offer to Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd.—See latter company above.

Gleaner Combine Harvester Corp.—Acquired by New Company.—

The property of the corporation was purchased April 6 by a new corporation known as Gleaner Harvester Corp., organized in Delaware laws with entirely new capital and with an authorized issue of 200,000 shares of common stock (no par) and \$600,000 three-year 7% collateral trust notes. The officers of the Gleaner Harvester Corp. are as follows: W. J. Brace, Pres.; Paul H. Knoll, Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.; Jake Abrams, Vice-Pres. & Gen. Sales Mgr.; Edward J. Harper, Vice-Pres. in charge of production; R. J. Koontz, Treas., and W. B. Chauncey, Secretary.

Under a reorganization plan, formulated by the stockholders protective committee, and which has become operative, the stockholders and creditors were given an opportunity to subscribe new capital. Briefly the plan provided for an investment of \$600,000 in the new corporation evidenced by new 7% three year collateral trust notes and secured by all of the receivables of the old company held by the receivers and acceptances arising out of the future sale of combines in the territory.

It proposed to issue with each \$100 par value of notes subscribed and paid for by stockholders and creditors 20 shares of common stock having a book value of approximately \$10 per share. This meant that each subscriber received securities of a face and book value of approximately 300% of his subscription.

The committee in a letter to stockholders and creditors, dated March 18 stated in part:
 The past year has shown a loss for practically every farm implement company. Company, operating under the handicap of receivership without adequate working capital, lost approximately \$50,000 according to the report of the receivers. It must be realized that the receivers were not able to make a manufacturing profit since they were obliged to concentrate their efforts on disposing of machines either on hand or in the territory on which the profit had already been taken. The new company will have on hand comparatively few new machines and practically no used ones. It will have a large inventory of raw material and will be in position immediately to meet the normal requirements of the territory which it serves.

The new management believe that with a reasonable improvement in agricultural and general conditions, the stock which the subscribers to these notes will receive in the new company will enable stockholders to retain a portion of their equity in the assets of the old company, and unsecured creditors will realize on their claims.—*V. 132, p. 3468.*

Gleaner Harvester Corp.—Succeeds Old Company.—
 See Gleaner Combine Harvester Corp. above.

Glens Falls (N. Y.) Indemnity Co.—Merger.—
 In order to reduce operating expenses, the directors of the Commerce Casualty Co. and the Glens Falls Indemnity Co. have decided to merge the companies. The latter will assume all policies and obligations of the Casualty company.

The merger will give the Glens Falls Indemnity Co. aggregate assets of \$8,500,000, capital of \$1,000,000 and surplus of \$1,400,000.

Globe & Rutgers Fire Insurance Co.—To Reduce Capitalization.—
 The stockholders will vote June 16 on changing the authorized capital stock from 70,000 shares, par \$100, to 80,000 shares, par \$25, the difference of \$5,000,000 to be transferred to surplus.—*V. 134, p. 3645.*

Granite City Steel Co.—Dividend Rate Reduced.—
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share, payable June 30 to holders of record June 15. A quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share was paid in each of the four preceding quarters.—*V. 134, p. 13988.*

Gray Processes Corp.—Extra Dividend.—
 The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share and regular semi-annual dividend of 50c. a share, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. Like amounts were paid on Jan. 2 last.—*V. 133, p. 2770.*

Great American Insurance Co., N. Y.—Stock Decreased.—
 The stockholders on June 1 approved a proposal to reduce the capital stock to \$8,150,000 from \$16,300,000 and the par value to \$5 a share from \$10.—*V. 134, p. 3467.*

Great Western Sugar Co.—Cuts Pay 10%.—
 The company on May 27 announced that the pay of all its executives and employees would be reduced 10% on July 1.—*V. 132, p. 4069.*

(F. & W.) Grand-Silver Stores, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Calendar Years—
 1931. 1930.
 Sales \$35,020,123 \$37,828,197
 Operating expenses incl. cost of merchandise sold 34,992,092 34,760,231
 Interest on bonds of subsidiaries 558,667 421,602
 Provision for income taxes 167,411 179,323
 Depreciation and amortization 853,728 729,323

Net income of subsidiary companies... loss \$1,384,365 \$1,749,629
 Preferred dividends of subsidiaries 267,500 267,500

Balance applicable to F. & W. Grand-Silver Stores, Inc. loss \$1,651,865 \$1,482,129
 Interest on F. & W. Grand-Silver Stores, Inc. debenture bonds 360,637 84,000

Net income applic. to F. & W. Grand-Silver Stores, Inc., common stock loss \$2,012,502 \$1,398,129
 Previous earned surplus 4,075,487 5,523,398
 Profit on bonds purchased 21,757 —
 Reduction in reserve for minority interest 2,810 —

Total surplus \$2,087,552 \$6,921,527
 Cash dividends on common stock 292,222 384,049
 Stock dividends on common stock — 167,132
 Deferred assets, bond discount and other assets written-off — 1,543,000
 Miscellaneous adjustments (net) 312,098 136,107
 Reserve for contingencies 241,000 200,000
 Reserve for minority interests — 3,187
 Leaseholds and other fixed assets written-off 1,134,302 —
 Write down of invest in shares of F. & W. Grand-Silver Stores, Inc. 237,407 —

Transferred to surplus by apprec. result from appraisal of real estate by subsidiaries 440,689 —
 Adjustment on account of purchase of Metropolitan Stores, Ltd. and sub. cos.: Excess of book value over purchase price (\$739,503) less deferred and other assets written off (\$1,152,068) — 412,565

Balance, earned surplus df. \$570,166 \$4,075,487
 Surplus by appreciation of fixed assets 1,920,600 1,570,753

Surplus, Dec. 31 \$1,350,434 \$5,646,239
 Shares common stock outstanding (no par) 389,541 389,631
 Earnings per share Nil \$3.59

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets	1931.	1930.	Liabilities	1931.	1930.
Cash	\$ 1,852,895	\$ 1,070,631	Accts. pay.—trade	735,634	719,633
Life insur.—cash	—	—	Notes payable	2,065,148	—
surrender value	139,553	139,873	Int. comm., &c., accts. payable	786,178	498,058
Inventory in bonds of sub. (at cost)	3,708	157,100	Mtge. & sink fund instalmt. payable	144,809	97,250
Accounts receiv.	198,857	276,169	Res. for Fed. and Can. income tax	—	167,411
Inventory	3,834,902	5,564,817	Deferred liabilities	75,159	117,559
Prep'd exps. and inven. of suppl.	424,724	329,531	Real estate liab. — 10-yr. 6% debent. — Res. for conting.	8,000,000	8,000,000
Accts. rec. & advs.	149,423	196,826	Res. for min. int. — Res. for exch. on liab. of Metro. Stores, Ltd.	57,000	—
Due from officers and employees	16,945	—	Prof. stock of sub. companies:		
Other assets	7,596	—	Cum. conv. 6 1/4% pref. stock of F. & W. Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc.	2,500,000	2,500,000
Inv. in bonds of subsidiary	70,400	—	Cum. conv. 7% pref. stock of Isaac Silver & Bros. Co., Inc.	1,500,000	1,500,000
Common stock of co. (at cost)	123,992	361,399	Cum. 6% pref. stock of 306 Walnut Street Corp. (par val. \$100)	49,000	52,500
Furn., fixtures and improvement	10,297,785	10,978,663	Com. stk. of F. & W. Grand-Silver Stores, Inc.	2,962,623	2,962,615
Leaseholds	2,382,254	2,697,167	Surplus	1,350,434	5,646,239
Real estate	10,434,398	9,970,883	Total	29,937,433	31,743,060

Total \$29,937,433 \$31,743,060
 a After reserve for depreciation of \$2,680,034. b After reserve for amortization of \$405,326. c After depreciation of buildings amounting to \$344,638. d Represented by \$389,541 no par shares. e First mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds of Metropolitan Chain Properties, Ltd., due 1948. \$3,000,000. 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds of Metropolitan Corp. of Canada, Ltd., due 1947. \$1,241,500. 6% conv. sinking fund gold debentures of F. & W. Grand Properties Corp., due 1948. \$2,910,000; mortgage payable. \$2,247,608. f Metropolitan Stores, Ltd., \$2,000,000; F. & W. Grand-Silver Stores, Inc., \$6,000,000.—*V. 134, p. 1036.*

Hamilton Watch Co.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years—
 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.
 Gross profit on sales z. \$1,177,550 \$2,346,471 \$3,606,460 \$2,847,604
 Depreciation 141,891 125,579 159,462 161,334
 Selling & admin. exps. 804,920 874,517 948,139 863,764
 Other expenses 226,362 243,449 422,476 302,146
 Federal income taxes 138,436 235,288 188,541 —
 Net profit \$4,377 \$964,489 \$1,841,095 \$1,331,818
 Previous surplus 1,312,903 1,307,484 1,014,921 569,488
 Total surplus \$1,317,280 \$2,271,973 \$2,856,016 \$1,901,306
 Adjustments (net) 95,698 Cr. 51,840 18,128 Cr. 15,005
 Res. for anticip. inventory reduct. & re-val. of accounts rec. & invest. 327,424 — — —
 Preferred dividends 203,656 246,942 277,212 213,979
 Common divs. (cash) 350,220 763,968 753,191 687,410
 Common divs. (stock) — — 500,000 —
 Balance, Dec. 31 \$340,281 \$1,312,903 \$1,307,484 \$1,014,921
 Shs. com. stk. out. (no par) 400,000 x400,000 y200,000 y180,000
 Earnings per share Nil \$1.79 \$7.82 \$6.08

x Includes 2,332 shares held for conversion of old \$25 par stock. y Par value \$25. z After deducting all manufacturing costs, exclusive of depreciation.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets	1931.	1930.	Liabilities	1931.	1930.
Cash	\$ 455,648	\$ 226,266	Accts. & bills pay.	2,114,977	1,604,766
Bills receivable	840,820	902,154	Divs. payable	—	68,409
Accts. receivable	1,212,009	1,285,816	Accruals	43,256	136,035
Inventories	4,610,204	5,342,234	Federal taxes	9,900	143,236
Accrued int. rec.	3,169	4,954	Employees deposits	6,608	6,978
Cash val. ins.	44,465	67,829	Preferred stock	3,386,900	4,765,100
Insurance deposits	20,875	25,357	Common stock y5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Due from empl.	52,228	63,252	Surplus	340,281	1,312,903
Deferred charges	113,072	138,430			
Investments	362,000	462,000			
Non-op. prop.	190,883	194,170			
Fixed assets	x2,182,006	2,181,326			
Patents	1,331	1,331			
Treasury stock	528,935	1,847,672			
Good-will	284,037	284,037			
Total	10,901,923	13,027,427	Total	10,901,923	13,027,427

x After depreciation. y Represented by 400,000 no par shares.—*V. 134, p. 2919.*

Havana Docks Corp.—Bonds Called.—

A total of \$124,500 of 1st collateral lien 7% bonds, series A, dated July 1 1921, have been called for payment July 1 next at 100 and int. at the Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass.—V. 134, p. 3106.

Hazel-Atlas Glass Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. per share, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 18. Like amounts were paid on Oct. 1 1931 and on Jan. 2 and April 1 1932. The company on Jan. 2 April and July 1 1931 made the usual extra distributions of 25c. per share in addition to regular dividends of 50c. per share. A special extra of 25c. per share was also paid on July 1 1931.—V. 134, p. 3468.

Hercules Motors Corp.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about July 1. In each of the four preceding quarters a distribution of 20 cents per share was made as compared with 30 cents previously. Quarterly Earnings.—For income statement for three months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3647.

Hoskins Mfg. Co.—Common Dividend Decreased.—

A quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable June 26 to holders of record June 11. Previously, the company made quarterly distributions of 75 cents per share on this issue.—V. 134, p. 1967.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—Shipments Off.—

Table with columns for Month of Shipments, May '32, April '32, May '31. Shipments: 840 cars, 1,293 cars, 2,154 cars.—V. 134, p. 3468.

Independence Indemnity Co., Phila.—Meeting Adjourned.—

The stockholders' meeting called for May 23 to vote on a plan for the consolidation of this company with four other insurance companies has again been adjourned, this time to June 6, because of a lack of quorum, Secretary G. R. Dette, stated.—V. 134, p. 3830.

Indiana Limestone Co.—Reorganization—Time for Deposits Extended.—

More than 84% of the bonds and 80% of the debentures have been deposited under protective agreements and the reorganization plan dated March 1 1932, but in order to give to non-depositors a further opportunity to deposit the time within which deposits will be accepted and subscriptions to prior lien bonds will be received has been extended to Aug. 1 1932. All holders of bonds and debentures who have not deposited are urged to give the matter their prompt consideration.—V. 134, p. 3830.

Industrial Rayon Corp.—Dividend Halved.—

The directors on June 2 declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the outstanding 200,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. From Jan. 1 1931 to and incl. April 1 1932, quarterly distributions of \$1 per share were made.—V. 134, p. 3106.

Insuranshares Certificates, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table showing Earnings for 1931 and 1930. Includes Dividends earned, Interest earned, Profit on sales of securities, Total Income, Expenses, Net Income, etc.—V. 134, p. 3106.

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Condensed Balance Sheet for 1931 and 1930. Assets: Cash, Accr. divs. & int. receivable, Investments, etc. Liabilities: Notes pay., Acrued interest & expenses, etc.—V. 134, p. 3831.

Investments include collateral to secure bank loans, market value, \$2,172,108. b \$94,539 shares (no par) at stated value. c Cost price.

Market value (as above) \$4,968,290.—V. 134, p. 3831.

Insult Utility Investments, Inc.—Debenture Holders' Protective Committee.—

Debenture holders are informed that John C. Shaffer, Pres. of the J. C. Shaffer Grain Co. of Chicago, has consented to act as a member of the committee, and that he has been duly elected as such. It is the intention of the committee presently to add to its membership a representative business man residing in New England, in order that the holders of debentures in that section may be directly represented on the committee.

For the convenience of debenture holders residing in various sections of the country, the Straus National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, Union National Bank of Pittsburgh, the Pacific National Bank of San Francisco, the Mercantile Trust Co. of Baltimore, and the Integrity Trust Co. of Philadelphia, have been duly appointed by the committee, agents of the Empire Trust Co. of New York, the depository to receive deposits of debentures.

A number of developments affecting the rights and interests of debenture holders are now pending. The committee therefore respectfully requests all holders of debentures to immediately deposit them.

The committee as now constituted consists of: John J. McDevitt, Jr., Chairman, Philadelphia; John C. Shaffer, Chicago; S. P. Woodard, New York, and T. Alan Goldsborough, Washington, D. C. Counsel are Holmes, Rogers & Carpenter, 20 Broad St., New York City, and Sims, Strinsky, Brewer & Poust, Chicago. C. O. Bartels, Sec., 20 Broad St., New York, with Richard G. Jones, Asst. Sec., Chicago.

Judge Evans of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, has granted the petition of attorneys for the four New York banks for leave to appeal from the ruling of Judge Lindley.

Sale of Collateral Still Held Up.—

Judge Walter C. Lindley in a memorandum opinion filed in the United States District Court at Chicago has denied a motion of counsel for four New York banks to dissolve his restraining order of May 4 against the proposed auction sale by these banks of Commonwealth Edison, Peoples Gas and Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois stocks held by them as collateral against defaulted loans to Insult Utility Investments, Inc., and Corporation Securities Co. After reviewing the facts and the arguments Judge Lindley said:

"I am of the opinion that the motion to dissolve must be denied for the reason that the Court having jurisdiction of the res of the estate should continue to restrain a sale of the collateral involved, the situs of which is within this district, until the Court can be more fully advised as to all material facts. The motion is therefore denied."

Auction of the collateral held by the banks has been postponed until June 22.—V. 134, p. 3831.

International Business Machines Corp.—New Product.

This corporation, a pioneer in the recording door lock field, has introduced through its International Time Recording Co. Division, a new electrical recording lock for the doors of stores and other business establishments, which serves as a time clock for employees, provides protection against burglary, records the hourly inspections of a night watchman, and cannot be picked by thieves.—V. 134, p. 3989.

International Coal & Coke Co., Ltd.—Report.—

Table showing Report for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Includes Calendar Years, Net inc. after deprec., Depreciation, Dividends, Balance, surplus, Assets, Liabilities, etc.—V. 134, p. 1591.

International Mercantile Marine Co.—Bal. Sh. Dec. 31.

Table showing Balance Sheet for 1931 and 1930. Assets: Cash, U. S. Govt. securities, Other marketable securities, etc. Liabilities: Purch. money obligations payable, Accts. payable, etc.—V. 134, p. 3989.

a After depreciation of \$10,045,500. b Capital stocks of foreign subsidiary companies are pledged as collateral for 6% gold bonds. c Represented by 615,000 no par shares. Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1931 was published in V. 134, p. 3989.

International Silver Co.—\$1 Preferred Dividend.—

The directors on May 25 declared a quarterly dividend of 1% on the outstanding \$6,028,587 7/8 cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable July 1 to holders of record June 14. A similar distribution was made on April 1 1932. The last regular quarterly payment of 1 3/4% was made on this issue on Jan. 1 1932.—V. 134, p. 3468.

International Utilities Corp.—Reduces Stated Value.—

The stockholders have approved reduction in capital account from \$15,936,740 to \$10,000,000 without changing the number of issued shares. The balance will be carried to capital surplus.—V. 134, p. 2351.

Kellogg Switchboard & Supply Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing Earnings for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Includes Calendar Years, Net profit, Depreciation, Interest, Patent amortization, Federal tax, etc.—V. 134, p. 3989.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table showing Balance Sheet for 1931 and 1930. Assets: Cash, Marketable sec., Notes & accts. rec., etc. Liabilities: Notes pay., Accounts payable, etc.—V. 134, p. 3989.

Keystone Watch Case Corp.—Earnings.—

Table showing Earnings for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Includes Calendar Years, Net profits, Divs. on pref. stock, Divs. on com. stock, etc.—V. 134, p. 3989.

x Of this amount approximately \$400,000 represents profit derived from inventory acquired from the company's predecessor at prices below cost to manufacture and sold during the year.

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Liabilities— 1931. 1930. Plant assets— \$323,538 \$429,965 Common stock— \$1,475,300 \$1,475,300

—V. 134, p. 1774.

Kirsch Co.—Dividend Action Postponed.—

Action on the quarterly dividend due July 1 on the \$1.80 cum. conv. preference stock, no par value, has been deferred until June 20.

(B. B. & R.) Knight Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. Net loss of B. B. & R. Knight Corp.— x\$227,963 x\$876,980 x\$402,164

Capital stock & capital surplus Dec. 31— \$5,447,803 \$5,916,496 \$6,846,449

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Liabilities— 1931. 1930. Plant— x\$4,133,136 \$4,406,490 Cash— 266,740 237,039

Total— \$9,400,233 \$9,623,950 x After deducting \$1,022,398 reserve for depreciation. y After deducting \$14,457 reserve for bad debts. z Represented by 69,130 shares of no par value pref. stock.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Dividend Rate Reduced.—The directors on May 31 declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, par \$10, payable June 30 to holders of record June 10.

19'20. '21. '22. '23. '24. '25. '26-'27. '28. '29. '30-'31. '32. In cash (%)— 6 7 7 8 8 8 12 12 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16

Kreuger & Toll Co.—Certificates of Deposit Listed.—Grayson M.-P. Murphy, Chairman of the Protective Committee for the 5% secured debentures, has announced the receipt of cable advices that the certificates of deposit issued by the sub-depositary in London have been admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange.

Bankruptcy Petition Filed—Recommended in Report by Swedish Investigating Committee—Debts Placed at \$168,300.00—See under "Current Events" in last week's "Chronicle," p. 3910.—V. 134, p. 3990, 3832, 3648.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Sales.—Four Weeks Ended— May 21 '32. Apr. 23 '32. May 22 '31. Sales— \$18,286,184 \$17,190,044 \$20,487,199

Lehigh Valley Coal Co.—Bonds Called.—There have been called for payment as of Aug. 1 next \$76,000 of 1st & ref. 5% s. f. gold bonds, series of 1924, at 100 1/2 and int.

Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. Received for coal sold— \$28,136,126 \$36,337,744 \$41,626,235

Lunkenheimer Co.—Dividend Omitted.—The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about June 15 on the common stock, no par value.

Magma Copper Co.—To Close Plants.—The New York "Times," May 28, states: The mines and smelter of the Magma Copper Co. will be closed on July 1.

Maracaibo Oil Exploration Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. Net earnings— loss\$32,373 \$42,461 \$63,769

Lehman Corp.—To Retire Shares.—The directors have called a special meeting of stockholders for June 28 to propose retiring all shares of capital stock then held in the treasury.

Lit Brothers, Philadelphia, Pa.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended Feb. 1 1932. Loss for year— \$565,422 Previous surplus— 5,857,710 Balance— \$5,292,289 Dividends paid— 1,415,546

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets— Feb. 1 '32. Jan. 31 '31. Liabilities— Feb. 1 '32. Jan. 31 '31. Cash— \$1,735,882 \$1,844,372 Accounts payable— 1,031,012 1,247,663

Total— \$31,264,265 28,046,988 a Including \$51,651 appropriated to first preferred stock common stock held for retirement or resale. b 999,145 shares (no par). c Less allowance for doubtful accounts \$500,000. d Less allowance for depreciation of \$2,369,412.—V. 134, p. 1592.

Louisiana Oil Refining Corp.—To Discontinue Pref. Dividend.—The directors on May 28 voted to defer the quarterly dividend due Aug. 15 on the 6 1/2% cum. pref. stock, par \$100.

At a meeting of the directors to-day, it was decided that dividends on the preferred stock of Louisiana Oil Refining Corp. should be discontinued.

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Gross sales— \$13,061,668 \$18,029,919 \$27,237,066

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets— 1931. 1930. Liabilities— 1931. 1930. Fixed assets— \$16,566,210 18,120,945 Cash— 263,655 619,535

Total— \$21,145,698 23,166,947 x After depreciation and depletion of \$12,126,867. y Represented by 1,309,069 no par shares.—V. 134, p. 1038.

Marmon Motor Car Co.—Stock Increased.—
The stockholders on May 19 increased the authorized common stock to 500,000 shares from 400,000 shares, the additional 100,000 shares to be issued in exchange for 10,000 shares of 7% cum. red. pref. stock, par \$100, on the basis of 10 shares of common for each share of pref. stock. See also V. 134, p. 3649, 3628.

Massey-Harris Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—
Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Income from operations, Interest on borrowings, Bond interest & expense, etc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Land, build- ings, &c. \$8,803,937 16,272,705
Patents— 1 1
Inventories— 216,673,458 21,933,879
Ins. dep. & prep. expenses— 261,042 242,483
Bills and accounts receivable— 22,042,432 26,042,167
Cash— 1,658,582 1,290,387
Investments— 3,503,173 3,212,000
Australian current accounts— 3,445,038
Total— 52,942,625 72,438,659

x Represented by 729,409 shares of no par value. y After depreciation, &c., of \$5,989,593. z After contingency provision against realization of \$4,035,236. a After reserve of \$3,255,432.—V. 134, p. 3108.

Merck & Co., Inc.—Retires \$300,000 of Bonds.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930.
Operating profit— \$949,715 \$1,031,594
Depreciation— 130,994 174,050
Rentals— 137,047 145,689
Taxes— 123,173 131,470
Other deductions— 49,974 46,786
Operating income— \$508,528 \$533,608
Rent income— 17,551 17,133
Other income— 46,786 48,927
Gross income— \$572,864 \$599,668
Interest on bonds— 42,000 67,500
Normal amortization of bond discount— 8,129 15,065
Other deductions— 66,249 40,353
Federal and Canadian income taxes— 48,367 50,544
Net income— \$408,119 \$426,206
Surplus credits— 54,975 198,032
Surplus charges— Dr\$4,479 Dr\$191,548
Balance— \$378,615 \$432,690
Surplus Jan. 1— 679,623 666,934
Total surplus— \$1,058,238 \$1,099,624
Dividends paid— 420,000 420,000
Surplus Dec. 31— \$638,238 \$679,624

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Cash— \$1,657,714 \$1,089,904
Accts. & notes rec.— 811,449 781,338
Adv. to affil. cos & for joint accts.— 11,544 5,330
Accrued int. rec.— 758
Inventories— 3,143,593 3,880,314
Investments— 303,833 494,407
Land, build., mach. & equipment— 1,585,627 1,645,453
Deferred charges— 161,585 199,249
Goodwill, trade-marks— 2 2
Total— \$7,675,348 \$8,096,756
Represented by 100,000 shares (no par).—V. 132, p. 2403.

Merck Corp.—Annual Statement.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929.
Dividends received— \$275,192 \$275,192 \$158,353
Interest received— 1,177 1,745 22,499
Miscellaneous— 1,051 1,543 2,007
Total income— \$277,420 \$278,480 \$182,858
Expenses— 3,908 6,895 8,981
Net profit for year— \$273,512 \$271,585 \$173,877
Previous surplus— 365,989 363,804 325,451
Unrequired portion of res. for conting.— 247
Total surplus— \$639,748 \$635,389 \$499,329
Dividends on preferred stock— 269,400 269,400 135,800
Surplus Dec. 31— \$370,348 \$365,989 \$363,529

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Cash— \$8,039 \$5,037
Cts. of deposit— 30,000 40,000
Investments— 3,929,001 3,924,001
Real estates— 6,411
Total— \$3,967,040 \$3,975,450
x Represented by 40,000 shares of no par value.
Note.—Unpaid cumulative dividends on preferred stock on Dec. 31 1931 amounted to 34%.—V. 132, p. 2404.

Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd.—Pref. Stock Off List.—
The New York Stock Exchange on June 2 announced that it had stricken from its list this company's 8% non-cumul. pref. stock, par \$100.—V. 134, p. 3833.

Middle States Petroleum Corp.—Changes in Personnel.—
G. B. Leighton has been elected Treasurer. T. G. Benton, former Secretary-Treasurer, has been elected a Vice-President and re-elected Secretary.—V. 134, p. 3649.

Missouri-Kansas Pipe Line Co.—Appointment Approved.—
The Chancery Court of Delaware has approved the appointment of T. G. Essington as ancillary receiver in Illinois.—V. 134, p. 3833.

Montgomery Ward & Co.—Defers Class A Dividend.—
The directors on May 27 decided to defer the quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share due July 1 on the \$7 cum. pref. stock, no par value. The last regular quarterly payment on this issue was made on April 1 1932.—V. 134, p. 3833.

(Philip) Morris & Co., Ltd., Inc.—Earnings.—
Years End. Mar. 31— 1932. 1931. 1930. 1929.
Operating profit— \$509,735 \$389,618 \$419,380 \$611,006
Interest received— 19,531 19,350 52,826 90,304
Dividends received— 67,536 36,780 43,180 47,250
Other income items— 12,791 29,570 6,364 33,676
Total income— \$609,593 \$475,318 \$521,750 \$782,237
Sundry expense items— 50,759 3,491 41,968 97,690
Federal income tax— 60,000 54,920 53,349 54,000
Stephano Bros. guarantee— — — — 153,000
Net income— \$498,833 \$416,906 \$426,433 \$477,547
Dividends— 384,926 388,568 402,308 103,866

Balance Sheet March 31.
Assets— 1932. 1931.
Mach'y & equip.— \$122,306 \$124,860
Leaf tob., oper. supplies, &c.— 1,747,419 1,673,716
Cash— 833,160 1,008,310
Investments— 1,572,129 1,461,734
Cap. stock purch. for employees— 359,276 272,538
Accts. receivable— 168,872 222,632
Bills receivable— 97,474 27,250
Prepaid expenses— 21,990 22,852
Total— \$4,922,627 \$4,813,892
y Represented by 415,465 shares (par \$10).—V. 134, p. 3991.

Motor Wheel Corp.—Balance Sheet March 31.—
Assets— 1932. 1931.
Land, bldgs., machinery, &c.— \$6,609,162 6,952,742
Patents— 136,998
Cts. of dep. & c.— 553,709 45,604
Treasury stock— 226,128
Cash, &c.— 418,148 487,934
U. S. bonds— 1,097,141 1,799,342
Customers' notes & accts. receiv.— 652,131 1,043,654
Inventories— 1,520,860 1,821,399
Other assets— 1,269,492 1,507,250
Prepaid taxes, ins., bond dist., &c.— 64,756 168,429
Total— 12,185,398 14,186,462
x After depreciation of \$4,267,893. y Represented by 850,000 shares of no par value.—V. 134, p. 3992.

(J. L.) Mott Co., Inc., Trenton, N. J.—Sale.—
J. D. Orr, second Vice-President of the Guarantee Trust Co. of New York, trustee, representing his bank and three other bondholders owning a \$1,235,000 first mortgage, bought the company, June 1, with a bid of \$25,000. The company was sold on order of the U. S. District Court. Mr. Orr said the bondholders would form a holding corporation and would offer the plant for sale or rent.—V. 134, p. 3834.

Murray Corp. of America.—Balance Sheet March 31.—
Assets— 1932. 1931.
Land, bldgs., mach and equipment— 19,594,426 19,915,333
Patents & goodwill— 295,851 301,329
Cash— 1,776,789 2,103,534
Accts. receivable— 872,450 3,303,218
Inventories— 2,158,784 3,030,894
Invest. in affil. cos— 500,778
Dies & patterns— 1,839,550 1,105,531
Other assets— 343,133 377,415
Deferred charges— 250,018 251,137
Total— 27,131,003 30,889,168
x Represented by 763,598 no par shares.

To Change Par Value.—
The New York Stock Exchange has received a notice from the corporation of a proposed change in the authorized capital stock from 1,000,000 shares without par value to 1,000,000 shares with a par value of \$10 a share.—V. 134, p. 3992.

(F. E.) Myers & Bro. Co.—Dividend Rate Decreased.—
A quarterly dividend of 35 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable June 30 to holders of record June 15. Previously the company paid quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share on t. s. issue.—V. 134, p. 3834.

National Brick Co. of Laprairie, Ltd.—Resignation.—
Senator C. C. Ballantyne has resigned as President.—V. 134, p. 3992.

National Food Products Corp.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929.
Prof. on sale of invest. sec.— \$97,006 \$86,195 \$149,934 \$189,934
Dividends received— 6,417 6,172 172,123 188,934
Syndicate profit— 6,417 6,172 172,123 188,934
Miscell. inc. from sub.co.— 4,074 31,073 63,090 19,327
Interest received— 4,074 31,073 63,090 19,327
Total income— \$107,497 \$117,268 \$385,148 \$428,709
Interest paid— 145,464 148,361 124,877 62,630
Other expense— 39,347 43,635 57,608 32,082
Loss on sale of inv. secur.— — — 6,962
Prem. on life insurance— 13,507 13,949
Federal income tax (est.)— — — — 1,669
Net income— loss\$90,821 loss\$95,639 \$202,662 \$332,327
Dividends on cl. A stock— 46,877 418,507 \$187,507
Balance surplus— loss\$90,821 loss\$142,516 \$15,155 \$144,823
x In addition paid stock dividends on class B stock—7,528.48 shares, capitalized at \$30,113.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Liabilities— 1931. 1930. Investments \$5,595,941 \$5,796,745...

Total— \$5,841,564 \$6,007,686. Of the above investments, securities of a cost of \$4,942,872 and a market value of \$3,107,875 are pledged as collateral to gold bonds...

Nash Motors Co.—Transfer Agent.— On and after June 1, the Old Colony Trust Co. will act as transfer agent for the shares.—V. 134, p. 2737.

National Gypsum Co.—Accumulated Dividend.— The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.75 a share on the \$7 cum pref. stock payable July 1 to holders of record June 15 and covering the quarter from April 1 to June 30 1932...

National Industrial Bankers, Inc.—Omits Dividend.— The directors recently voted to omit the annual dividend ordinarily payable about this time on the common stock. On May 25 1931 a dividend of 50 cents per share was paid.—V. 128, p. 4170.

National Tea Co.—May Sales Off.— Period End May 21— 1932—4 Wks.—1931. 1932—20 Wks.—1931. Sales \$5,182,780 \$6,028,672 \$26,930,595 \$30,886,737

New England Equity Corp.—Earnings.— Years Ended Dec. 31— 1931. 1930. 1929. Net prof. after all chgs. & Fed. taxes \$396,289 \$442,398 \$378,548

Assets— 1931. 1930. Liabilities— 1931. 1930. Cash \$212,422 \$148,257 Preferred stock \$1,000,000 \$1,144,500

New Haven Clock Co.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. Net sales \$1,908,543 \$3,126,428 \$4,067,406

Assets— 1931. 1930. Liabilities— 1931. 1930. Real estate, &c. \$1,303,033 \$1,325,609 Preferred stock \$725,000 \$725,000

Total— \$3,288,402 \$3,931,879. After depreciation of \$1,794,739. y Represented by 71,960 no pa shares.—V. 134, p. 3288.

Newport Industries, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.— [Memorandum profit and loss account for year 1931 introducing results for period Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 1931, of the business acquired by Newport Industries, Inc. on Sept. 30 1931.]

9 Mos. from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 '31. 3 Mos. from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 '31. Year 1931. Sales—net \$1,703,002 \$429,235 \$2,132,237

* Exclusive of idle plant expenses: From Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 1931, \$66,830; from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31 1931, \$25,528; total, \$92,358.

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31 1931.

Assets— Cash in banks & on hand \$111,699 Accounts payable \$141,641 Marketable secs., at cost \$1,000,477

Total— \$4,993,739 Total— \$4,993,739. a 10,660.76 shares E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co. 6% non-voting deb. stock. b After depreciation of \$1,071,265. c Investments in and advances

to Armstrong-Newport Co., 50% interest, \$749,501; sundry investments, \$20,245. d A contingent liability for income and profits taxes of predecessor companies for the year 1917 and subsequent thereto is, in the opinion of counsel, amply cared for by the above reserve.—V. 134, p. 3470.

New York Investors, Inc.—Earnings.— For income statement for quarter ended March 31 1931, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3992.

Niles-Bement-Pond Co.—Common Dividend Omitted.— The directors on June 2 decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about June 30 on the common stock, no par value. On March 31 last a distribution of 15 cents per share was made on this issue, while during 1931 four quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share were paid.—V. 134, p. 2355.

Nipissing Mines Co., Ltd.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Total income \$105,000 \$370,000 \$390,000 \$390,000

Earnings of Nipissing Mining Co., Ltd. Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Gross \$791,900 \$1,236,514 \$1,545,829 \$1,974,605

Noranda Mines, Ltd.—50 Cent Dividend.— The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share, payable in United States funds on June 30 to holders of record June 15. On Dec. 29 1931 a similar dividend was paid.—V. 134, p. 3650.

Novadel-Agene Corp.—Earnings.— Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. Gross prof., incl. prof. on sales & roy. \$1,854,584 \$2,054,519 \$1,863,166

Assets— 1931. 1930. Liabilities— 1931. 1930. Cash \$668,131 \$856,057 Accounts payable \$159,709 \$138,168

Total— \$3,694,026 \$3,734,058 Total— \$3,694,026 \$3,734,058. x At cost (including \$530,663 for 13,378 shares of corporation's common stock). y After depreciation. z Represented by 159,506 shares (no par).—V. 132, p. 4779

Oliver United Filters, Inc. (Nevada).—Annual Report.

Edwin Letts Oliver, President, days in part: From Jan. 1 to May 31 the company functioned as an operating company as it had in 1929 and 1930. From June 1 to Dec. 31, the company functioned under the plan approved by the stockholders on April 14 1931, which transferred the assets of the company to the Orr-Oliver Corp. in exchange for 45% of the capital stock and 100% of the debentures of Orr-Oliver Corp.

The balance or 55% of the stock of Orr-Oliver Corp. is owned by Orr-Oliver, Inc., the stock of which is closely held and controlled by the management and staff of the Orr-Oliver Co., Inc.

During 1931 a close study of the European operations of Oliver United and Orr-Oliver Co. was made with a view to effecting economies, &c. and increasing sales. As a result of this study the direction of all European operations was concentrated at the Hague, Holland, under a new corporation, Orr-Oliver N. V., which is equally owned by Oliver United Filters, Inc. and the Orr-Oliver Co., Inc.

Sales in Europe during 1931 were fair, but have shown a marked improvement during 1932, particularly in England. Prospects in Europe for the year as a whole are good.

Because of unsettled business conditions during 1931 which showed no early indication of improvement and since it was evident that any dividends on A and B stock would have to be taken from surplus, the directors declared and paid during the year only \$1.50 per share on the A stock and 12½¢ per share on the B stock. It is manifest that continuance of dividends must depend upon improvement in volume of business and earnings. [See also V. 134, p. 3289.]

Profit and Loss and Earned Surplus Year Ended Dec. 31 1931. Loss from operations before providing for deprec. and amort \$71,893 Depreciation of plant, equipment, &c. to May 31 31,000

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Assets— Investments: Pref. and com. stock Dorr-Oliver Corp. \$2,042,765 6% 10-year deb. Dorr-Oliver Corp. 1,000,000 Other secur. owned at cost 30,726 Accounts and interest receiv. 32,681 Cash 5,083 Total \$3,111,256

Pierce, Butler & Pierce Mfg. Corp.—Reorganization.

A reorganization plan, dated May 5, has been approved by the reorganization committee, consisting of Arthur W. Loasby, Chairman, Edward J. Quintal, Arthur C. Allyn and Irving N. Beeler. E. W. Allen, Secy., 18 Pine St., N. Y. City. Milbank, Tweed, Hope & Webb, Counsel, 15 Broad St., N. Y. City. The depository is the Chase National Bank, 11 Broad St., N. Y. City.

Digest of Plan of Reorganization.

Present Capitalization and Funded Indebtedness.—The capitalization and funded indebtedness outstanding as of March 31 1932 is as follows: Federal Radiator Co. 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds—not exchanged \$35,700 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds due Jan. 1 1936, secured by mortgage on plant formerly of Federal Radiator Co. b171,440

Ohio Oil Co.—New Director.

E. B. Redpath, Secretary of the company, has been elected to the board of directors to succeed F. B. Parriott.—V. 134, p. 3993.

Owens-Illinois Glass Co.—Consolidation.

Completion of negotiations by which the Owens Illinois Pacific Coast Co., a subsidiary, will acquire the Illinois Pacific Coast Co., was announced on June 1 by C. N. Davis, President of the last-named concern.

Preferred stock of the Illinois Pacific company is entitled to \$10 in cash and \$10 in Owens-Illinois 10-year 5% debentures due in 1939, and one share of pref. stock in the Container Securities Co., organized to hold miscellaneous assets once owned by the Illinois Pacific company.

Shareholders will receive \$3 in debentures for each share held. Shareholders entitled to fractional shares of debentures will receive participating certificates issued by Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., San Francisco. Holders were requested to deposit their shares with Mitchell, Tully & Co. of that city.—V. 134, p. 3109, 3289.

Owl Drug Co.—Earnings.

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.

Gross profit \$4,935,715 Merchandise and operating expenses 5,732,749 Other income (net) Cr177,691 Depreciation 297,378 Net loss \$916,721 Surplus, Dec. 31 1930 1,585,639 Total surplus \$668,918 Preferred dividends 240,000 Surplus, Dec. 31 1931 \$428,918

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Assets— Cash \$301,455 Notes and other obligations 2,261 Accounts receivable 72,123 Merchandise inventories 2,896,906 Land and buildings 2,686,464 Lease, & improve, furniture, fixtures, utensils & mach. x3,048,886 Investments in stocks & bonds 46,499 Advances & preferred items. 231,169 Trade-marks, good-will, patents, &c. 5,563,183 Total \$14,848,947

x After reserves of \$2,512,095.—V. 134, p. 3835.

Packard Electric Co.—Initial Liquidating Dividend.

An initial liquidating dividend of one share of common stock of the General Motors Corp. for each three shares of Packard Electric Co. stock was distributed on May 21. See also V. 134, p. 2738.

Pan American Airways Corp.—To Reduce Capital.

The stockholders will vote July 6 upon a proposed recapitalization of the corporation by the reduction of its stated capital to an amount equal to \$10 for each of its issued shares and the amendment of its certificate of incorporation, as amended, so as to change the authorized and issued shares of capital stock of the corporation from shares without par value into shares having a par value of \$10 each.—V. 134, p. 2924.

Paramount Publix Corp.—Pays June 1 Interest.

The corporation on May 28 announced that it had deposited with the Chase National Bank as trustee, funds to pay the coupons due June 1 on its issue of 6% debentures.

It also announced that it had heretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellations \$750,000 par value of its 5½% debentures for cancellation as of June 1 in fulfillment of the sinking fund requirements on that issue.—V. 134, p. 3993.

Parker Pen Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Calendar Years—

1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Gross profits on sales \$2,404,416 \$3,659,065 \$4,508,844 \$4,077,569 Selling, general and adm. expenses 2,629,730 3,054,924 3,198,474 2,836,201 Net profits from oper. loss \$225,314 \$604,141 \$1,310,369 \$1,241,368 Other inc., less miscell. charges 62,587 27,916 57,588 70,284 Total profits loss \$162,727 \$632,057 \$1,367,957 \$1,311,652

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Cash \$231,709 \$115,007 Receivables 1,476,958 1,865,230 Inventories 632,307 938,697 Plant equipment 7,078,292 7,42,975

Patino Mines & Enterprises Consolidated, Inc.—Earnings.

For income statement for quarter ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 2924.

Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corp.—Bonds Called.

A tota. of \$61,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund bonds, due July 1 1952, have been called for payment July 1 next at 105 and interest at any of the following offices of Brown Brothers & Co.: 1531 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.; 59 Wall St., N. Y. City, or 60 State St., Boston, Mass.—V. 133, p. 3799.

a Payment of the above bonds has been assumed by the corporation. Funds for the payment of 20% of the principal thereof are on deposit with the trustee of the issue, available for payment to the holders upon exchange of such bonds for 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds of the corporation in the principal amount of the remaining 80% of such principal.

Proposed Capitalization and Funded Indebtedness.—

Authorized. To Be Outst'd'g. Federal Radiator Co. 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds—not exchanged \$35,700 \$35,700 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds due Jan. 1 1936 200,000 a171,440

a The amount of the above bonds outstanding will be subject to increase up to \$200,000 as the Federal Radiator Co. 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds are exchanged on the basis of 80% of the principal thereof, whereupon the amount of the outstanding Federal Radiator Co. bonds will be decreased accordingly.

New Company.—If the reorganization committee shall so determine, a new organization shall be organized to acquire the assets and business of the corporation, or so much thereof as the committee shall deem advantageous, subject to (a) lien of the mtge. securing such Federal Radiator Co. 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds as remain unexchanged and securing the 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds due Jan. 1 1936, constituting a lien only upon the plant formerly owned by Federal Radiator Co., and (b) such other existing liens, charges and encumbrances (other than the mortgage securing the old bonds) as the reorganization committee shall determine.

The new company will also assume and agree to pay in full all liabilities of the corporation for taxes, wages, services and merchandise, which have not been paid at the time of the acquisition by the new company of the assets and business of the corporation and such other liabilities as the reorganization committee may determine upon.

In so far as practicable, if the new company is utilized, title to the assets and business so acquired will be vested in it, but in certain instances, to the extent deemed advisable by the reorganization committee, certain of these assets may be transferred to one or more subsidiary companies, whose entire capital stock (except directors' qualifying shares) will be owned by the new company.

Description of New Securities.

First Mortgage Adjustment Bonds will be authorized for the aggregate principal amount of \$2,271,603. Bonds shall be dated April 1 1932, shall mature April 1 1952, shall be fully registered, int. payable annually on April 1 in each year, but int. shall be required to be paid and shall be payable only (a) if and to the extent that the corporation shall have had net earnings for preceding calendar year available for purpose of paying interest on new bonds and on new notes, and (b) if after the payment of the amount of interest to be paid the net working capital shall not be below a certain amount, nor the relation of current assets to current liabilities be below a certain ratio.

Unsecured Adjustment Notes authorized \$2,036,613; dated April 1 1932; shall mature April 1 1952, shall be fully registered. Int. payable annually at rate of not exceeding 6% per annum, payable annually on April 1 in each year; int. shall be required to be paid and shall be payable only (a) if and to the extent that the corporation shall have had net earnings for the preceding calendar year available for the purpose of paying interest on the new notes and on the new bonds, and (b) if after the payment of int. net working capital shall not be below a certain amount, nor the relation of current assets to current liabilities be below a certain ratio, all to be determined by the reorganization committee.

Common Stock authorized 150,000 shares (no par); will be issued to the extent provided in the plan. Holders shall be entitled to one vote for each share. All shares shall be deposited under a voting trust agreement for a period of 10 years. Voting trustees shall be three in number, and one of the original voting trustees shall be designated by the committee now representing the holders of the old bonds, one shall be a representative of the old notes selected or approved by the reorganization committee, and the third shall be I. N. Beeler.

Distribution of New Securities.

The plan will not seek to disturb or affect the situation in reference to the mortgage upon the Zanesville, Ohio, plant under which there are now outstanding \$35,700 Federal Radiator Co. 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds not exchanged and \$171,440 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds due Jan. 1 1936. It is planned, however, to permit the unexchanged Federal Radiator Co. bonds to continue to be exchangeable for bonds of the issue of 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds in the amount of 80% of the principal of such Federal Radiator bonds and the payment of the remaining 20% of principal in cash.

Holders of the old bonds, the old notes, the 7% and 8% pref. stocks and old com. stock who become parties to the plan, will be entitled, upon its consummation and the surrender of their certificates of deposit to receive, in respect of their deposits under the plan, new securities upon the following basis:

(1) Holders of Old Bonds will be entitled to receive a principal amount of new bonds equal to the principal of and unpaid int. accrued from Oct. 1

1931 to April 1 1932 upon old bonds, and new com. stock at the rate of two shares in respect of each \$100 of old bonds.

(2) Holders of Old Notes will be entitled to receive a principal amount of new notes equal to the principal of and unpaid int. accrued from July 31 1931 to April 1 1932 upon old notes, and new com. stock at the rate of two shares in respect of each \$100 of old notes.

(3) Holders of 7% Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive one share of new com. stock for each share of such pref. stock.

(4) Holders of 8% Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive one share of new com. stock for each share of such pref. stock.

(5) Holders of Old Common Stock will be entitled to receive new com. stock at the rate of one share of new com. stock for each 100 shares of old com. stock.

The bondholders' committee in a letter dated May 27 says in substance:

The corporation has defaulted in the payment of its \$1,957,968 outstanding unsecured 6% gold notes due Jan. 31 1932, and was also unable to meet the payment of interest due April 1 1932 on its \$2,200,100 1st mtge. 6 1/2% gold bonds due 1942. The inability of the corporation to make these payments is due primarily to the severe business depression which has resulted in greatly reduced sales and correspondingly substantial losses from operation.

Neither the addition of new funds, generously supplied by its principal creditors and stockholders during the past few years (no part of such contribution being made by the first mortgage bondholders), nor the severe economies which have been effected by its management, have been sufficient to offset the drain of fixed interest charges and decreased sales with consequent operating losses.

For the past several months the committee, representatives of the corporation's management, and representatives of the bank creditors and stockholders, have been considering these problems. After giving due consideration to the past history of the corporation and its prospects for the future, the conclusion has been reached that every effort should be made to preserve this old and well-established business as a going concern, so that its bondholders and other creditors may later have an opportunity to participate in profits which a revival of general business conditions may be expected to yield.

However, it is the considered judgment of the committee, the corporation's management and representatives of the principal creditors that a reorganization of the capital structure is absolutely and vitally necessary so that the corporation may reduce its fixed charges to a minimum and secure additional working capital which is required to keep the business alive. To attain these ends it was necessary to create a reorganization committee. In order to get the additional working capital arrangements have been made with four of the corporation's banks whereby they have agreed, conditioned upon the reorganization becoming effective, to make available a new 18 months' credit of \$500,000, an amount which the management considers adequate to keep the trade debt and other current liabilities on a current basis. This credit is to be unsecured except for the sale of the physical properties which constitute the security of the 1st mtge. bonds which would return but a relatively small percentage of the principal amount of such bonds. Accordingly, the committee recommends this plan.—V. 134, p. 2542.

It is the firm conviction of the committee, and others interested, that the consummation of this plan of reorganization is the only alternative to a liquidation of the enterprise. Not only would such liquidation entail heavy expense, but it is believed that under present conditions any forced sale of the physical properties which constitute the security of the 1st mtge. bonds would return but a relatively small percentage of the principal amount of such bonds. Accordingly, the committee recommends this plan.—V. 134, p. 2542.

Pittston Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Consolidated Income Accounts Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.

Sales, net	\$46,440,045
Cost of sales (exclusive of deprec., depletion & amortiz.)	37,414,711
Selling, general and administrative expenses	6,712,959
Total	\$2,312,374
Profit on miscellaneous operations	\$392,088
Sundry income (net)	\$292,035
Gross income	\$2,612,426
Interest paid, net	778,618
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	1,005,387
Provision for Federal taxes	95,298
Loss on sale and demolition of property, &c.	106,242
Consolidated net income	\$626,882
Portion of net income applic. to min. com. & pref. stkhldrs.	340,549
Net income for the year, x	286,333
Surplus, Dec. 31 1930 (adjusted)	192,858
Total	\$479,191
Surplus approp. under provisions of lease on anthracite coal properties	345,562
Dividends paid	408,538
Deficit, Dec. 31 1931	\$274,910
Earnings per share on 1,075,100 shares capital stock	\$0.26

x The consolidated net income for 1931 is before allowance for depreciation of approximately \$64,000 on certain buildings. Trucking equipment depreciation rates were revised in 1930 resulting in a reduction of approximately \$257,000 in the depreciation charged to operations for 1931 as compared with depreciation based on the rates previously used.

Consolidated Balance Sheet, December 31 1931.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$2,099,521	Notes pay. : Banks (\$1,223-, 404 secured)	\$5,024,964
Notes & accts. receivable	7,092,200	Others	300,601
Inventories	4,385,942	Accounts payable	1,205,053
Investments	64,385,942	Accr. wages, prop. taxes, &c.	771,460
Compensation insur. funds	196,201	Accr. rental & royalties on leased coal properties	317,512
Notes & accts. rec., custs., (not current)	195,937	Accr. liab. under Penn. comp. law, payable in 1932	88,354
Sundry claims & accts. rec.	85,505	Accr. liab. maturing in 1932	174,000
Claims agst. assoc. co. in dispute	404,640	Prov. for Fed. & State taxes	91,405
Land, bldgs., equipment &c.	424,357,216	Real est. mtgs., pay. on dem.	323,000
Lehlds. (coal distrib. props.)		Unearned income	14,747
net of amortization	539,033	Notes pay. & contr. obligs. mat. subseq. to 1932	606,205
Rights under lease of anthracite coal properties	1	Accr. liab. under Penn. comp. law, pay. subseq. to 1932	298,318
Prepaid exps. & deferred chgs.	659,455	Real est. mtgs. (\$27,325 maturing in 1932)	490,275
Organization expenses	229,076	Res. for pending ins. claims, contings., &c. (incl. prior years taxes \$83,649)	388,653
Good-will	10,043,103	1st mtge. & deb. bonds (\$215,000 due in 1932)	9,831,107
		Equity of min. stkhldrs. in sub.	8,974,512
		Com. stock (1,075,100 shs.)	16,126,500
		Paid-in surplus	5,587,140
		Earned surplus:	
		Approp. under provs. of lease on anthracite coal properties	732,543
		Deficit after above approp.	274,909
Total	\$51,071,442	Total	\$51,071,442

a Notes receivable, trade (\$19,464 pledged to secure notes payable to banks), \$330,659; accounts receivable—trade, \$7,125,572; miscellaneous, \$108,341; total, \$7,564,573; less, allowance for uncollectible accounts, \$472,374. b \$1,282,300 pledged to secure \$1,200,000 of notes payable to banks. c Stocks of non-controlled associated companies, including \$57,115 cost, par \$56,500 of treasury bonds of subs. (\$10,000 bonds pledged to secure \$4,000 of notes payable to banks), \$631,115; miscellaneous, \$152,494. d After allowance for deprec., &c. of \$5,526,417.

Contingencies liabilities of subsidiary corporations not wholly owned: Guarantee of association company's notes to banks and others and cus-

tomers' notes discounted, \$2,729,682. Amount claimed by an association company against a subsidiary corporation, which recognizes no liability thereon, \$303,698.—V. 133, p. 2114.

Pittsburgh Steel Foundry Corp.—Earnings—

Calendar Years—		1931.	1930.
Gross profits	-----	\$179,995	x\$156,101
Bond interest	-----	17,999	20,520
Preferred dividends	-----	29,083	30,181
Common dividends	-----	50,904	116,060
Federal tax reserve	-----	-----	15,278
Depreciation	-----	\$7,337	-----
Balance (deficit)	-----	\$5,329	\$25,939
Earns. per sh. on 60,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)	-----	Nil	\$1.50
x After depreciation.			

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1931.	1930.	Liabilities—		1931.	1930.
Cash	\$145,182	\$269,228	Accounts payable	\$15,234	\$73,072		
Accts. receivable	162,845	202,624	Accrued payroll	2,733	26,833		
Investments	86,740	97,734	Accrued bond int.	4,260	-----		
Inventories	243,494	363,245	Reserves	-----	20,138		
Plant, prop. & eqy.	2,464,100	2,522,728	1st mtge. bonds	284,000	324,000		
Deferred charges	2,304	2,772	Preferred stock	579,800	605,000		
			Com. stk. (60,000 shs., no par) & surplus	2,218,638	2,409,289		
Total	\$3,104,664	\$3,458,332	Total	\$3,104,664	\$3,458,332		

—V. 134, p. 2357.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Merger Attacked—

A suit was filed in Federal court at Fort Scott, Kan., May 27, by William Roy Carney, a shareholder, attacking the merger with Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp., claiming that the transfer of Prairie assets to the Consolidated Oil Corp. (Sinclair) is not legal under Kansas laws. A similar suit was recently filed in Chicago.—V. 134, p. 3994.

Process Corporation.—Earnings—

Calendar Years—		1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net sales	\$1,444,538	\$2,260,428	\$1,882,749	\$2,142,200	
Cost of sales & oper. exps	1,436,360	2,154,485	1,757,232	1,864,958	
Net miscellaneous items	-----	D99,898	C72,617	D77,952	
Other income	C75,537	-----	-----	-----	
Depreciation	50,878	49,865	46,774	-----	
Federal taxes	-----	8,600	13,750	34,649	
Net income	loss\$37,163	\$37,581	\$91,166	\$234,639	
Dividends	-----	11,998	25,499	120,000	
Balance	def\$49,160	\$12,082	def\$28,334	\$234,639	
Earns. per sh. on 60,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)	-----	Nil	\$0.62	\$1.52	\$4.54

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1931.	1930.	Liabilities—		1931.	1930.
Cash	\$368,059	\$279,453	Notes payable	\$3,110	\$3,100		
Accts. receivable	45,828	111,537	Accounts payable	1,484	12,619		
Inventories	72,990	123,769	Accruals	26,186	30,000		
Cash value insur.	2,353	2,032	Tax reserve	-----	11,600		
Fixed assets	384,045	433,681	Res. for refunds	10,800	11,000		
Deferred charges	26,619	35,641	Capital stock	x506,800	x506,800		
Good-will	1	1	Non-current notes	3,100	6,200		
Other assets	27,372	19,714	Surplus	375,297	424,509		
Total	\$926,767	\$1,005,828	Total	\$926,767	\$1,005,828		

x Represented by 60,000 shares (no par).—V. 132, p. 4256.

Producers & Refiners Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings, &c.

Calendar Years—		1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross sales and earnings	\$6,783,514	\$10,696,232	\$12,682,966	\$14,693,559	
Producing, oper., gen'l & adminis. expenses	6,429,966	8,969,415	9,765,632	10,072,632	
Gross earnings	\$353,548	\$1,726,817	\$2,917,334	\$4,620,926	
Other income	71,053	75,777	112,998	65,777	
Total earnings	\$424,601	\$1,802,593	\$3,030,332	\$4,686,703	
Res. for deprec. & deple.	2,099,666	3,190,190	3,451,294	2,831,870	
Interest and expense	5,381	598,086	715,665	920,349	
Canceled & surr. leases	377,803	-----	-----	-----	
Res've for intangible development costs	311,568	-----	-----	-----	
Net deficit	\$2,862,596	\$1,985,683	\$1,136,627	sur\$934,484	
Previous deficit	25,539,586	23,553,903	22,417,275	2,903,857	
Total deficit	\$28,402,182	\$25,539,586	\$23,553,903	\$1,969,373	
Adjustment of surplus	Lr.542,063	-----	-----	Dr20447,903	
Total deficit Dec. 31	\$28,944,245	\$25,539,586	\$23,553,903	\$22,417,276	

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

1931.		1930.		1931.		1930.	
Assets—		s		Liabilities—		s	
Fixed assets	x15,051,839	17,191,477	Preferred stock	2,845,350	2,845,350		
Investments	7,009,294	7,015,314	Common stock	37,438,950	37,438,950		
Deferred charges	6,976	2,353	Minority interest	-----	253		
Due from affil. cos.	349,512	259,596	Funded debt	315,758	446,637		
Prepayments	66,928	86,194	Notes payable	x10,005,400	x10,006,600		
Acct's receiv. payable from prod.	797,185	905,678	Accounts payable	299,051	548,600		
Cash	233,742	483,940	Notes & accts. pay. to affiliated cos.	2,850,000	2,000,000		
Notes receivable	30,199	5,911	Accruals	221,827	200,135		
Acct's receivable	295,374	396,843	Res. for ins., contingencies, &c.	8,173	7,722		
Inventories	1,199,211	1,607,447					
Deficit	28,944,246	25,539,586					
Total	\$3,984,509	\$3,984,247	Total	\$3,984,509	\$3,984,247		

x After depreciation, depletion and intangible development costs of \$28,086,488.—V. 134, p. 3652.

(Robert) Reis & Co. (& Subs.)—Annual Report—

Calendar Years—		1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net loss from oper.	\$408,612	\$563,795	\$299,473	\$101,530	
Int. paid less int. receiv.	57,656	109,402	90,579	37,922	
Special res. for mdse., advances, &c.	100,000	-----	-----	-----	
Total loss	\$566,267	\$673,197	\$390,052	\$149,452	
1st pref. dividends	-----	-----	118,125	157,500	
Balance, deficit	\$566,267	\$673,197	\$508,177	\$296,952	

Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31.

1931.		1930.		1931.		1930.	
Assets—		s		Liabilities—		s	
Plant, equip., &c.	y\$445,410	\$482,872	1st pref. stock	\$2,108,700	\$2,108,700		
Employ. stock acct	21,621	44,566	2nd pref. stock	75,000	75,000		
Cash	288,774	900,738	Common stock	x620,725	620,725		
Accts. & notes rec.	457,872	696,190	Notes payable	918,000	1,570,000		
Inventories	1,022,801	1,430,430	Accts. payable and accrued accts.	150,170	279,341		
Deferred charges	30,307	45,711					
Deposit with insurance companies	24,733	38,437					
Sundry investm'ts.	24,911	24,911					
Good-will	1	1					
Deficit	1,556,167	989,900					
Total	\$3,872,597	\$4,653,766	Total	\$3,872,597	\$4,653,766		

x Represented by 99,145 no par shares. y After depreciation of \$327,907.—V. 134, p. 3836.

Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp.—Interest Adjustment.—
The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange has been informed by counsel for the corporation that the latter intends to call upon holders of the company's part-paid certificates for 10-year 6% debentures and common stock interest for the accrued interest on the unpaid portion of the original purchase price of the certificates, payable on the regular interest date of the certificates. As a matter of convenience the corporation will deduct interest receivable on the unpaid principal of the bonds from interest payable on the entire principal when making regular interest payments.

In view of the difficulty of adjusting accrued interest equitably under these conditions, the Committee ruled that beginning June 1 and until further notice the debentures will be dealt in "flat."—V. 134, p. 3994.

Remington Rand, Inc.—To Change Par.—

The New York Stock Exchange has received a notice from the corporation of a proposed change in the par value of the common stock from no par to \$1 a share, each present share to be exchanged for one new share.—V. 134, p. 2544.

Republic Supply Co. of Calif.—Dividend Omission.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about July 15 on the capital stock, no par value. Distributions of 12 1/2 cents per share were made on Jan. 15 and April 15 last, as compared with 75 cents per share previously each quarter.—V. 133, p. 4171.

Reynolds Investing Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1931, 1930. Rows: Dividends received, Interest received and accrued, Profit on closed syndicates, Profit on option contracts, Net profit on sales of investment bonds, Total income, Net loss on sales of stocks, Loss before deducting expenses, Operating expenses, Interest paid and accrued, Amortization of debenture discount, Excess over cost of corp. debts. purch. & retired, Net loss for year, Dividends paid July 1, Total deficit.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Table with columns: Assets—, Liabilities—, Total. Rows: Cash, Accrued int. & divs. receiv., Notes receivable, Bonds (market value at current quotations, \$23,702), Stocks (market value on the basis of current published quotations, \$1,272,387), Stocks "special interests" (values as appraised by the company, \$3,032,381), Syndicate holding (market value of security at current quotation, \$37,500), Unamortized balance of office alterations, Unamortized discount & exp., Total.

In accordance with its constant practice the company has valued its investments securities at Dec. 31 1931, in three ways: (1) Those that have an active market, at the closing prices on Dec. 31 1931. (2) Two issues that have only a nominal market have been appraised (below cost) as follows: The large holding of the stock of Reyburn Co., Inc., the quotation on which at the nominal market on Dec. 31 was \$0.75, is appraised at \$3 a share, and United States Foil Co., class B common which at a nominal market on Dec. 31 closed at \$2.875, is appraised at \$9 a share. (3) Those that have no market are appraised, in accordance with the best judgment of the directors, at cost or less. In the last two classes are included all the holdings of stocks which are considered "Special Interests."—V. 132, p. 1824.

Rheinlbe Union.—\$312,000 Bonds Drawn for Redemp.—

Dillon, Read & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., as fiscal agents for the United Steel Works Corp. of Germany, announce that \$312,000 of Rheinlbe Union 20-year 7% sinking fund mtge. bonds have been drawn for redemption on July 1 out of monies to be paid for the sinking fund. The bonds designated for redemption are payable at par at the offices of Dillon, Read & Co. or J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. in New York. At the option of bondholders, principal and interest may likewise be collected in London in pounds sterling, or in Amsterdam in Dutch guilders, at the exchange rate prevailing on the day of presentation.—V. 133, p. 3800.

Richfield Oil Co. of Calif.—Foreclosure Asked.—

The U. S. District Court at Los Angeles has been asked by J. G. Rodman, as intervenor, to approve foreclosure proceedings on all the properties of the company. Mr. Rodman, holder of \$10,000 bonds, stated that he was acting for all other bondholders and asked that the Federal equity receivership be compelled to give priority to the trust indenture.—V. 134, p. 3994.

Richmond Radiator Co., New York.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows: Net loss, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Divs. on pref. stock, Prof. & loss sur. Dec. 31, Earns. per sh. of 68.287 shs. com. stk. (no par).

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Assets—, Liabilities—, Total. Rows: Plant, equip., &c., Patents and goodwill, Cash, Investment in real estate company, Long-term assets, Accts., notes & tr. acc. rec. (less res.), Stock in treasury, Due from empl. on subs. to pref. stk., Inventories, Deferred charges, Total.

a Represented by 59,563 shares of pref. stock or \$750,000 and 68,287 shares of common stock or \$339,344, all of no par value. b After deducting \$7,330,994 reserve for depreciation.—V. 134, p. 2739.

Roberts & Hall, Cincinnati.—Liquidating Dividend.—

The receiver has paid a liquidating dividend of 3%, bringing total paid in liquidation to date to 43%. Graham P. Hunt, receiver, states that with rare exceptions the only securities remaining unsold are those upon which there has been a dispute. Memberships in the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade have not been sold.—V. 131, p. 3889.

Russ Mfg. Co., Cleveland.—Proposed Sale.—

See Bastian-Blessing Co. above.—V. 134, p. 689.

Ross Gear & Tool Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows: Net inc. after all charges & Federal taxes, Earns. per sh. on 150,000 shs. cap. stk. (no par), Balance Sheet Dec. 31, Assets—, Liabilities—, Total.

Total—\$2,595,990 \$2,623,213 Total—\$2,595,990 \$2,623,213 x Represented by 150,000 shares (no par). y Includes 2,550 shares of company's capital stock as a temporary investment.—V. 134, p. 1974.

(Joseph T.) Ryerson & Son, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929. Rows: Net operating profit, Income from investment securities, Total income, Interest on 5% debentures, Provision for Federal income tax, Minority int. in Reed-Smith Co. net income, Consolidated net income for year, Previous earned surplus, Surplus adjustments, Total surplus, Dividends paid, Consolidated earned surplus, Earns. per sh. on 400,000 shs. com. stk. (no par), After operating administrative and selling expenses and depreciation.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Assets—, Liabilities—, Total. Rows: Cash & marketable securities, Notes & accts. rec., Inventories, Other accts. rec., 15-year debts., Company's ownstck acquired for resale to employees, Other investments, Land, Bldgs. & equip., Patents & good-will, Deferred charges, Capital stock, 15-year 5% sinking fund debts., Min. interest Reed-Smith Co., Reserves, Accounts payable, Capital surplus, Earned surplus, Total.

Total—16,666,022 18,039,210 Total—16,666,022 18,039,210 x After deducting reserves for depreciation of \$3,848,082. y Represented by 400,000 shares (no par).—V. 134, p. 689.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

Consolidated sales of the Safeway System for the four weeks ended May 2, 1932 are reported at \$18,199,105. Accumulated sales for the 20 weeks ended May 2, 1932 are given at \$91,876,705. A total of 3,491 stores are in operation.—V. 134, p. 3471.

St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co.—Balance Sheet

May 14 1932.—

Table with columns: Assets—, Liabilities—, Total. Rows: Bonds, Stocks, Home office & other real est., Mortgage & collateral loans, Cash & bank deposits, Accts. balances, Due from re-insurance company notes, &c., Accrued interest, Capital stock, Reserve for unearned prem., Unadjusted losses, Reserve for taxes, Reserve for unpaid bills, &c., Special reserve, Reserve for adjust. expenses, Fds. held for re-insur. treaties, Net surplus, Total.

—V. 132, p. 1053.

(E. W.) Scripps Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929. Rows: Dividends received, Interest received, Total income, Expenses, Interest paid, Amortiz. of bond discount & expense, Net income.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Assets—, Liabilities—, Total. Rows: Cash, Notes rec. from Scripps-Howard Cos., Notes rec. from office, empl. &c., Acrr. int. receiv'le, Divs. receivable, Accts. receivable, Adv. to R. W. Howard Co., Notes rec. for perm. adv. of funds to Scripps-Howard Cos., Notes rec. for adv. of funds used in develop. of eqpt., Stks. of controlled Scripps-Howard Cos., Stks. of non-contr. Scripps-Howard Cos., Stk. of N.Y. World Telegram Corp., Other investments, Deferred charges, Capital stock, Scripps-Howard Co.'s notes pay., Other notes pay., Curr. port. of long-term contr. oblig., Interest accrued, Taxes accrued, Trustee fees, &c., Long-term debt., Surplus, Total.

Total—47,136,731 46,985,481 Total—47,136,731 46,985,481 x Represented by 1,000 shares class A voting and 3,000 shares class B non-voting stock, all of no par value. y Of these notes \$500,000 at Dec. 31 1931 are non-interest bearing and can be paid in pref. stocks of controlled companies at par. Note.—Some of the investment securities of this company are held subject to a provision that dividends thereon of a minimum amount of \$392,154 per annum be paid to Miss Ellen D. Scripps during her lifetime.—V. 133, p. 495.

Schulte Retail Stores Corp.—Prof. Dividend Deferred.—
At a special meeting of the directors held on June 2, no
action was taken on the declaration of a dividend on the
8% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last regular quarterly
payment on this issue was made on Jan. 2 1932.
The directors on March 1 had decided to postpone action
on the April 1 dividend until this week.—V. 134, p. 3292.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Sales Again Decline.—
Period End. May 21— 1932—4 Wks.—1931. 1932—20 Wks.—1931.
Sales —————\$23,333,220 \$30,408,560\$102,134,920\$129,154,494
—V. 134, p. 3836.

Selected Industries, Inc.—Certificate Filed.—
Company has filed the necessary certificate with the Secretary of the
State of Delaware changing its prior stock, convertible stock and common
stock from shares without par value, to an equal number of shares of the
same class, having par values of \$25. of \$5 and of \$1 each per share respect-
ively, and otherwise changing Article Fourth of its certificate of incorpora-
tion.—V. 134, p. 3995.

Servel, Inc.—Earnings.—
For income statement for quarter ended April 30 see "Earnings De-
partment" on a preceding page.
Cash on hand on April 30 1932 was \$2,280,715, against \$1,735,892 on
April 30 1931.—V. 134, p. 3292.

Shaker Co.—Adjustment Plan.—
The company, controlled by Van Sweringen Co., is offering a plan to
holders of 7% 1st mtge. leasehold bonds to exchange them for refunding
mortgage 7% income bonds. The leasehold bonds are secured by 1st mtge.
on leasehold of land and seven apartment houses erected on the land in
Cleveland and adjacent to Shaker Heights. Principal and interest are
guaranteed by Van Sweringen Co., which operates the apartments.
The company says that in order to meet prior charges and properly
maintain and operate the property pending restoration of more nearly
normal business conditions on adjustment with holders of these bonds is
necessary. Of the original \$1,500,000, \$1,081,500 are outstanding, includ-
ing \$80,000 which matured May 1, but were not taken up. The time for
deposit has been limited to July 1, unless extended by the company. On
the plan becoming operative funds for payment of May 1 coupon will be
made available.—V. 118, p. 2449.

"Snia Viscosa" (Societa Nazionale Industria Appli-
cazioni Viscosa), Italy.—Earnings.—
(All Figures Given in Lire.)
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.
Profits on merchandise,
divs. on stock, &c.--- 66,840,308 42,136,447 47,666,133 99,680,812
Expenses, taxes, &c.--- 21,798,570 21,696,144 12,658,471 27,451,914
Net income ----- 45,041,738 20,440,303 35,007,662 72,228,898
Sinking fund 1930 --- 31,000,000 -----
Depreciation and various
amounts set aside--- 21,500,000 657,231,243 33,883,389 72,228,898
Profit ----- 23,541,737 667,790,940 1,124,273 -----
Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
(In Italian Lire)

Assets—
Freehold buildings \$5,000,000
Furniture and fittings 1
Freehold land e10,500,000
Producing factories e189,239,287
Subsidiary factories e12,074,285
Workmen's houses, dormitories, &c. a15,760,000
Shareholdings and interests in associated companies, &c. b29,316,592
Stocks of finished goods, raw materials and stores at factories
and depots, at cost or under c48,301,358
Customers and sundry debtors, less reserve for bad debts, &c. d25,520,707
Payments in advance, interest accrued, deposits, &c. 6,196,107
Cash in hand and at banks 152,116,174
Government securities and debentures, Italian and foreign 60,505,362
Debentures of "Snia Viscosa" purchased on the market 19,956,650
Bills receivable 12,354,911
Shares of "Snia Viscosa" 3,107,108
Securities deposited 107,068,310
Total 697,016,853
Liabilities—
Capital stock 350,000,000
Reserve 46,632,784
Mortgage debentures 89,930,500
Reserve for taxes 8,500,000
Reserve for indemnity to employees, payable on dismissal 11,500,000
Reserve for reconstruction of plant 20,000,000
Reserve for contingencies 1,500,000
Depreciation reserve, 1931—
For producing factories 20,000,000
For subsidiary factories 1,000,000
Workmen's houses, dormitories, &c. 500,000
Sundry creditors—Associated companies 4,814,692
Suppliers and sundry creditors 11,219,201
Accrued charges, &c. 9,809,629
Profit and loss account 23,541,737
Depositors of securities 107,068,310
Total 697,016,853
a After writing off 61,418,548 lire. b After reserve of 10,000,000 lire.
c After reserve of 24,000,000 lire. d After reserve for bad debts, &c.
e After writing off a total of 995,428,354 lire.—V. 134, p. 2926.

Solvay American Investment Corp.—Alters Collateral
for Notes.—
The New York Stock Exchange has received notice that the security
behind the corporation's 15-year 5% secured gold notes, series A, due 1942,
is as follows: \$200,687.60 cash; 380,758 shares common stock Allied Chem-
ical & Dye Corp.; 10,200 shares common stock American International
Corp.; 12,500 A. C. for participating debentures, Kreuger & Toll Co.;
3,200 shares capital stock Chase National Bank of New York; 642 shares
capital stock Guaranty Trust Co. of New York; 100 shares capital stock
First National Bank of New York; \$620,000 Solvay American Investment
Corp. 5% secured gold notes, series A, due 1942; 280,000 U. S. Treasury
3½s, due Oct. 15 1932.—V. 134, p. 3836.

(E. R.) Squibb & Sons, N. Y.—Earnings.—
The company reports net earnings of \$1,651,234 for 1931, an increase of
5% over profits of \$1,571,648 in 1930.
Regular quarterly dividends were paid at the rate of \$6 per annum on the
preferred stock, and \$1.50 per share on the common stock in place of \$1 as
heretofore. Earnings for 1931 were equivalent to five times the dividend
requirements of the preferred shares outstanding.
"Consolidated sales for the year were substantially the same in dollars as
the sales in 1930," says the report, "after converting the value of all sales
in foreign currencies into dollars at the prevailing rates of exchange.
"Charged to current expenses were all expenditures for research and exper-
imental work \$283,356 which was \$49,859 more than in 1930.
"Advertising expenditures in the newspapers and magazines in the United
States were substantially increased.
"The company has continued the 5-day week in the laboratories and offices
without reduction of pay to employees with excellent results to the company
and satisfaction to the organization."
Shareholders in the Squibb Plan, Inc. were not only numerically increased,
the report adds, but the average purchases of Squibb products by the mem-
bers increased and the total in profit-sharing was 46% more than the amount
distributed in 1930 to the shareholders.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
1931. 1930.
Assets—
Cash 1,462,703 652,114
Accts. receivable 3,072,648 2,990,712
Trade notes & ac-
cept. receivable 34,636 66,499
Other receivables 229,967 151,473
Inventories 2,163,723 2,613,149
Inv. in & advances
to affil. cos. 120,979 171,055
Sundry investm'ts 195,934 88,534
Divs. rec. on cum.
pref. stock 6,622
Treasury stock 371,829
Leaseholds 1,000
Deferred charges 640,881 568,817
Land, bldgs., mach.
& equipment b 3,293,482 3,449,434
Good-will, patents,
trademarks, &c. 1,192,854 1,194,434
Total 12,697,057 11,946,220
Liabilities—
Accounts payable 338,441 371,589
Notes & accept.
payable 3,554 45,801
Comms., disc., &c. 381,983 252,458
Prov. for Fed. Inc.
tax 232,086 191,892
Due affil. cos. on
open account 156,227 105,939
5% purch. m'wy
mortgage 87,500
Reserve 76,371 43,016
Capital stock c 6,805,157 6,793,448
Surplus 4,703,233 4,054,546
Total 12,697,057 11,946,220

a After reserve for doubtful accounts of \$97,488. b After reserve for
depreciation of \$1,493,245. c Represented by 59,440 shares \$6 1st pref.
stock and 450,949 shares of common stock, both of no par value.—V. 133,
p. 4341.

Standard Chemical Co., Ltd.—Smaller Dividend.—
An annual dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the capital
stock, no par value, payable June 27 to holders of record May 27. An
annual distribution of \$1 per share was made on June 26 1931.—V. 132,
p. 4430.

Standard Motor Construction Co.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929.
Loss for year. —————\$23,847 \$155,908 prof\$49,906
x After inventory write-down, reserve for doubtful accounts, &c.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Cash 4,503 \$46,252
Notes & accts. rec. 103,850 127,667
Merchandise 325,644 300,736
Land, buildings &
machinery 628,027 711,297
Investments 1 1
Patents 1 1
Deferred charges 888 3,855
Total \$1,062,914 \$1,189,810
Liabilities—
Accts. payable \$49,047 \$75,856
Notes payable 22,603 23,107
Salaries & wages
accrued 1,749 3,978
Deposits 1,978 5,524
Res. contingent 11,141 11,733
M'tge. payable 17,250 30,250
7% conv. pref.stk. 27,030 27,030
Common stock 932,117 \$1,012,230
Total \$1,062,914 \$1,189,810

a After deducting depreciation of \$513,775. x Common stock issued,
353,109 shares (no par), \$1,207,023; surplus from revaluation of plant
property, \$289,995; total, \$1,496,818; less deficit from operations, \$564,701.
—V. 133, p. 3106.

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.—Michigan Gas Station
Dispute.—
Federal Judge Ernest A. O'Brien at Detroit has entered a temporary order
restraining the Secretary of State from closing the 1,947 Michigan stations
of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana because of an alleged tax delinquency.
The order will be in effect until June 6 when an order for the Secretary of
the State to show cause why a temporary injunction should not be issued
has been set for hearing.
Having been restrained temporarily from revoking the license of the
company, the State turned to the local courts and filed suit for \$3,000,000.
Secretary of State Frank D. Fitzgerald has charged that the company is
delinquent \$1,599,000 in gasoline tax collections. This amount will be
claimed when the suit comes to trial, but \$2,000,000 is asked temporarily
to cover all exigencies.—V. 134, p. 3653.

Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky.—10% Cut in Pay.—
President W. E. Smith, on May 27, announced that the board had voted
to reduce salaries of officers and employees 10% and ordered economies
and operating changes. The salary cut, he added, affects all but a few
employees who hold minor jobs.—V. 134, p. 3997.

Standard Oil Export Co.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930.
Divs. received from Anglo-Amer. Oil Co., Ltd. \$1,903,883 \$4,148,546
Other income 381,364 388,699
Total income \$2,285,247 \$4,537,245
Operating expenses, &c. 361,760 394,503
Net income \$1,923,487 \$4,142,742
Dividends 3,824,930 3,824,420
Deficit \$1,901,443 sur\$318,322
—V. 132, p. 4079.

Stanolind Crude Oil Purchasing Co.—Bond Retirement.
This company, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, will
redem on Aug. 5 \$10,000,000 of its 5½% gold bonds, series A, due on
Jan. 1 1933. These bonds were originally issued by the then Sinclair Crude
Oil Purchasing Co. and still bear its name. Of \$42,000,000 of bonds issued,
approximately \$31,000,000 was outstanding on May 27. The redemption
will be at 102 and interest.
Funds for the redemption is being provided by Standard Oil Co. of
Indiana largely from funds acquired in connection with the sale of its interest
in the foreign properties of the Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co.
—V. 132, p. 3360.

Stern Brothers, N. Y.—New President, &c.—
William O. Riordan has resigned as Vice-President and General Manager
of Abraham & Straus, Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y., to become President of Stern
Brothers, it was announced on June 2. He will take up his new duties on
June 14.
Neal D. Mooers, now Vice-President and General Superintendent, will
succeed Mr. Riordan as general merchandise manager, and Richard H.
Brown, Assistant General Superintendent, will succeed Mr. Mooers as
General Superintendent of Abraham & Straus, Inc.

In taking over the Presidency of Stern Brothers, Mr. Riordan will fill a
vacancy which has existed since the resignation early this year of John W.
Appel Jr., from that position. J. Lawrence Gibson, Vice-President of the
Manufacturers Trust Co. is Chairman of the board of Stern Brothers.

Associated with Mr. Riordan in his new post will be Thomas W. MacLeod,
who has severed his connection with Best & Co. as merchandise manager,
and William Burkhardt, who has resigned as general merchandise manager
of G. Fox & Co., Hartford, Conn.

Recently, papers increasing the capital stock of Stern Brothers from
500,000 to 707,358 shares were filed with the Secretary of State in Albany,
N. Y.—V. 134, p. 1212.

Studebaker Corp.—Subsidiary Changes Name.—
The corporate name S. P. A. R. Sales Corp. has been changed to Stude-
baker-Pierce-Arrow-Rockne Sales Corp.—V. 134, p. 3836.

Superior Oil Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.
Gross income x\$1,138,871 \$2,790,628 \$4,700,207 \$1,717,343
Oper. expenses, &c. 615,016 1,266,833 1,668,044 972,525
Leases and unprov-
en acreage 1,127,765 804,320 501,327 95,203
Unusual losses and exps. 872,947 946,935 457,517
Depletion 1,127,264 1,371,275 590,570 798,036
Depreciation 133,191 159,621 167,071
Interest & amortization
Net loss \$1,864,364 \$1,684,369 sur\$826,261 \$662,153
x Includes other income of \$56,504 in 1931, \$17,759 in 1930 and \$182,341
in 1929.

Deficit Account Dec. 31 1931.— Deficit Jan. 1 1931, included in which,
as a credit, is appreciation of properties determined in prior years of \$7,583.

779, \$1,647,035; adjustments: Elimination from accounts of appreciation of prior years, \$7,583,779; charge off investments considered worthless: Investment in stock of Compania de Petroleo La Totonaca (Mexican property), \$1,546,844; investments in stock of other companies, \$140,074; write down sundry assets to estimated sound values, \$322,843; adjustment of depreciation and depletion reserves in respect to prior years on the basis of estimated underground oil reserves established at Dec. 31 1931, \$1,635,577; adjustment to reflect excess of appraised value of properties as determined by the receiver as at Dec. 31 1931, over net book value at that date, Cr. \$1,049,053; net loss for year ended Dec. 31 1931, \$1,864,363 deficit as at Dec. 31 1931, \$13,691,466.

Quarterly Earnings.—For income statement for 3 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, split into Assets and Liabilities.

Swedish Ball Bearing Co. (Aktiebolaget Svenska Kullagerfabriken).—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Swedish Ball Bearing Co. with columns for Calendar Years 1931, 1930, and 1929.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (All Figures in Swedish Krona). Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, split into Assets and Liabilities.

Swift & Co., Chicago.—Dividend Rate Reduced.—Obituary.—The directors on May 27 declared a dividend of 1% on the outstanding \$150,000,000 common stock, par \$25, payable July 1 to holders of record June 10.

Treasurer L. A. Carton, May 27, in a letter to the stockholders, stated:

The directors have been considering the question of the approaching July dividend, with the idea of equitably meeting the requirements in fairness to the company, the stockholders and its working organization, in promotion of stability and continued success.

The shareholders have received during the current year 4% in dividends, and the directors have voted to pay on July 1 to stockholders of record June 10 1932, an additional 1%, or 5% to date, involving a distribution to them of \$7,500,000.

The working organization during the same period has accepted a cut in their wages and salaries of 10%, and running expenses otherwise have been reduced an average of 16% from their peak, the upkeep of the physical properties of the company being absorbed in our running expenses.

In the depreciation of all values that has accompanied the course of business since 1929, world-wide causes, beyond our knowledge to analyze must be recognized in the returns from business, the foundations for which were interfered with beyond ordinary capacity to provide against.

We believe that normality, if not here at present, is on the way and will give company again the opportunity to serve the public profitably, as it has during the past 50 years of successful operation.

Edward F. Swift, Chairman of the board, died in a fall at his home at Chicago, Ill., on May 28.—V. 134, p. 3473.

Swift Internacional Corp.—Obituary—Status.—The following statement, signed by Charles H. Swift, Vice-President, was issued on May 30 to the shareholders:

We regret to announce the death on May 28 of Edward F. Swift, President of Compania Swift Internacional since its organization.

We take this occasion to inform you that the death of Mr. Swift in no way affects the business or financial status of your company as reported to you on May 4. The company has free liquid resources of over \$25,000,000 United States gold and no bank debts or any other obligations except current trade debts not yet due.

Todd Shipyards Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—Table with columns for Year End, March 31, 1931-32, 1930-31, 1929-30, and 1928-29.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1932, 1931, 1930, and 1929, split into Assets and Liabilities.

Transportation Indemnity Co. of New York.—Merger Proposed.—See Constitution Indemnity & Insurance Co. above.—V. 134, p. 3653.

Tubize Chatillon Corp.—Voting Trust Terminated.—The voting trust for class B common stock of Tubize Chatillon Corp., created by agreement dated Dec. 15 1923, as amended by supplemental agreement dated as of March 25 1930, has been terminated as of May 25 1932.

United Amusement Corp., Ltd.—Divs. Reduced.—Quarterly dividends of 45 cents per share have been declared on the class A and class B stocks, no par value, both payable June 15 to holders of record May 31.

U. S. Rubber Co.—Gets Tax Credit.—The company has been awarded credits of \$2,431,873 for 1919-20 by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Van Sweringen Corp.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Earnings for the Year Ended Dec. 31 1931 (Exclusive of Subsidiary).

Vertientes Sugar Co.—Interest Defaulted.—The interest due June 1 1932, on the 1st mtge. sinking fund 7% gold bonds, due 1942, is not being paid.—V. 134, p. 3474.

Waitt & Bond, Inc.—Class B Dividend Omitted.—The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about June 30 on the class B stock, no par value.

Waltham Watch Co.—Earnings.—Table with columns for Calendar Years 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, split into Assets and Liabilities.

Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc.—Receivership Suit.—A bill in equity was filed in the Federal District Court at Wilmington, Del., June 1, on behalf of Harry Koplar against the company and a group of directors, asking the appointment of receivers to manage the business.

Harold S. Bareford, Stanleigh P. Friedman, Abel Cary Thomas, Moe Mark, Morris Wolf and Sam E. Morris.

The plaintiff, who is a stockholder, alleges that the individual defendants have exercised their powers as directors to cause the corporation "to pay out many millions of dollars in transactions in which they, or some of them, had personal interests adverse to the corporation."

"Thus," the bill continues, "they purchased, with the funds of Warner Brothers Pictures, Inc., at excessive prices, the business of various music publishers . . . to create a job for a young man who had just left college and was the son of one of the Vice-Presidents of the corporate defendant."

The company issued the following statement after it had been informed of the pending suit:

"No copy of the petition has been received, but apparently the allegations are the same as those contained in two similar petitions heretofore filed by persons said to be associated with Mr. Koplar, in the State courts in Delaware.

"The first of the petitions so filed was dismissed some time ago. On the company's motion the second petition has been set down for a hearing on Monday next. The attorneys for these petitioners have withdrawn from that case.

"The allegations of this, the third petition, will be answered immediately and the matter pressed to a hearing at the earliest possible moment. The company will be represented by Hugh H. Morris, formerly Judge of the United States Court in Delaware."—V. 134, p. 3838.

Warchel Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Warchel Corp. for years ended Dec. 31, 1931, 1930, and 1929. Includes rows for Net sales, Cost of sales, Gross profits, Selling and shipping expenses, Administrative and general expenses, Interest paid, Provisions for Federal income taxes, Loss of sub. to date of disposition, Net profits, Convertible preferred dividends, Balance, surplus, and Earnings per share on common stock.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Consolidated Balance Sheet for Warchel Corp. as of Dec. 31, 1931, 1930, and 1929. Lists Assets (Cash, Notes & accts. rec., Inventories, Prepayments, Investments, Pats., good-will, &c., Land, bldgs., &c.) and Liabilities (Notes payable, Accounts payable, Accruals, &c., Preferred stock, Common stock, Surplus).

a Represented by 30,721 shares, no par. b Represented by 50,000 shares.—V. 134, p. 2363.

(S. D.) Warren Company.—Earnings.—

Income Account for Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.

Income Account for Warren Company for the year ended Dec. 31, 1931. Shows Gross sales, Less freight, discounts & credits, Net sales, Cost of sales (incl. deprec., \$442,660), Gross profit on sales, Administrative and selling expenses, Other charges net of other income, Net profit before bond interest, Bond interest, Net loss, Loss of subsidiary companies, Consolidated net loss, Surplus, Dec. 31 1930, Surplus credit adjustments, Total surplus, Dividends on common stock, Surplus debit adjustments, and Surplus, Dec. 31 1931.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Balance Sheet for Warren Company as of Dec. 31, 1931. Lists Assets (Cash, Accts. & notes receivable, Mutual insur. partic. div., Inventory, Advances on wood operations, S. D. Warren Co. bonds held for sinking fund, Investments, Fixed assets, Research work, Bond discount & expense, Deferred charges, Good-will) and Liabilities (Notes payable, Accts. payable & acer. items, Employees' deposits & accts. payable at interest, 1st submtg. 20-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds—Capital stock & surplus).

—V. 132, p. 3362.

Washington Oil Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Washington Oil Co. for calendar years 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Includes rows for Gross income for year, Oper. expenses, taxes, deprecia'n and deple'n, Net income, Dividends paid, Net earns. for year, Sbs. cap. stk. out. (par \$25), and Earned per share.

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Condensed Balance Sheet for Washington Oil Co. as of Dec. 31, 1931, 1930, and 1929. Lists Assets (Prod. & non-prod. prop., Compres. stations, real estate & buildings, Other equipment, &c., Investment securities, Materials, merch., oil stock, &c., Cash, Bills & accts. receiv.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Bills and accounts payable, Surplus).

—V. 134, p. 2363.

Wells Fargo & Co.—Balance Sheet April 30.—

Balance Sheet for Wells Fargo & Co. as of April 30, 1932, 1931, and 1930. Lists Assets (Real prop. & equip., Stocks, Bonds, Notes, Cash, Accounts receivable & prepaid expenses) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Reserve for unclaimed dividends & other liabilities, Reserve for claims, suits, &c., Profit & loss deficit).

—V. 130, p. 3736.

Western Electric Co., Inc.—Reduces Working Schedule.—

The company announces as a further measure of spreading work that commencing on July 1 1932, the maximum working schedule for all employees, including the officers, and staff, will be further reduced, from 5 to 4½ days per week, with corresponding reduction in remuneration.

Under this schedule, to the extent that the requirements of the business will permit, every effort will be made to close factories and offices at all locations on alternate Fridays.—V. 134, p. 2928.

(S. S.) White Dental Mfg. Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.—

Balance Sheet for White Dental Mfg. Co. as of Dec. 31, 1931, and 1930. Lists Assets (Cash, Accts. & notes rec., Inventories, Market securities, Other curr. assets, Plant (less deprec.), Patents, &c., Other assets, Deferred items) and Liabilities (Accts. pay. & acer., Notes payable, Coll. bank loans, Res. for taxes, Purch. money note, Mtge. payable, Res. for conting., Cap. stk. (par \$20), Capital surplus, Undiv. profits).

—V. 134, p. 3118.

Wickwire Spencer Steel Corp.—Receivers' Report.—

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Receivers' Report for Wickwire Spencer Steel Corp. as of Dec. 31, 1931. Lists Assets (Cash, Marketable securities, Notes and trade accept., Accounts receivable, Merchandise inventories, Subs. and affrl. cos., Wickwire Spencer Realty Corp., Mining companies, Miscell. notes and accts. rec., Miscellaneous investments, Real estate, buildings, machinery, &c., Unexpired insurance, prepaid expense, &c., Unamortized bond discount (Amer. Wire Fabrics Corp.)) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Ore contracts payable, Accrued accounts, Real estate mtge. (payable on demand), Receivers' obligations, Purch. money mtge. (1930-1934), Notes payable to bank, Accrued interest (deferred under receivership), Funded debt, Reserves for conting., &c., Reserve for capital & surplus and receivers' equity).

Total \$29,144,086

a Less allowances for doubtful accounts, discount, &c. b Notes receivable (secured by mortgage of \$375,000, pledged as collateral to secure note payable), \$374,976; capital stock—cost, \$500,000; total, \$874,976; less: Reserve for valuation of capital stock, \$500,000. c Investments in capital stock (pledged with trustee for 1st mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds, \$668,228, and accounts receivable, \$509,157. d Real estate, buildings, machinery, &c., \$27,744,266; less: Write-down of Goddard Works, \$1,000,000, and allowances for depreciation, obsolescence, replacement, &c., \$7,368,049. e Contract to purchase Goddard Works, due Aug. 1 1932. f Secured by mortgage. g Includes 1st mtge. sinking fund 7% gold bonds 1935, \$1,825,000; prior lien coll. and ref. mtge. 7% gold bonds, 1935, \$10,856,000; accrued interest (deferred under receivership), \$4,773,679; total, \$17,416,679; Less: Property account deposit, \$31,261, leaving a balance of \$17,385,418. Also includes 1st mortgage bonds of American Wire Fabrics Corp., \$1,044,500, and 10-year 7½% secured convertible gold notes, 1932 (secured by capital stock of American Wire Fabrics Corp.). —V. 133, p. 978.

Winn & Lovett Grocery Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Winn & Lovett Grocery Co. for years ended Dec. 26 '31, Dec. 27 '30, and Dec. 28 '29. Includes rows for Net sales, Cost of sales, General expense, Net profit, Miscellaneous income (net), Total income, Provision for Federal income tax, Net income, Previous earned surplus, Federal tax adjustment, Total surplus, Excess of organization expense over provision therefor, Dividends paid on 7% preferred stock, Dividends paid on class A com. stock, Fire loss, Total surplus, Earnings per share on 65,000 shares class B stock.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Consolidated Balance Sheet for Winn & Lovett Grocery Co. as of Dec. 26, 1931 and Dec. 27, 1930. Lists Assets (Cash in bank & on hand, Accts. rec., less res., Notes receivable, Inventories, Prepaid expenses, Due from Jefferson Creamery Co., Affiliated co., Due from officers & employees, Invest. (at cost), Prop., plant, & equip., less res., Deferred charges, Goodwill) and Liabilities (Notes payable, Accounts payable, Acrued liabilities, Prov. for Fed. tax., 7% preferred stock, Class A shares, Class B shares, Paid in surplus, Earned surplus, Sur. arising from red. of pref. stk.).

Total \$1,138,906 \$1,159,909 Total \$1,138,906 \$1,159,909 x 10,000 shares (no par). y 65,000 shares (no par).—V. 134, p. 3655.

Wetherbee, Sherman & Co.—Reorganization Plan.—

A plan of reorganization for the company, operator of iron mines and furnaces, providing for a scaling down of the company's capital structure and indebtedness, was announced May 16 by the reorganization committee headed by D. C. Borden. In formulating the plan, the committee announces that it has had the co-operation of a protective committee headed by R. O. Hayward, representing the holders of the company's first mortgage 6% bonds, and a committee headed by Lewis W. Francis, representing holders of the company's other securities, including equipment notes, Series A notes, prior preferred, preferred and common stocks.

Reorganization Committee.—D. C. Borden, Chairman, Walter Brown, William W. Lancaster, J. A. Stevenson Jr., Thomas F. Troxell, William C. Ladd and Spotswood D. Bowers, with Sherman & Sterling, Counsel, 55 Wall St., New York and George F. Nolte, Sec., 55 Wall St., New York.

The reorganization committee believes a prompt reorganization of the company necessary for the preservation of its properties, and urges all holders of securities of the company to deposit their securities with the depository of the protective committee representing such securities. The time for deposit of the various securities has been extended from May 31 to July 1.

Bondholders' Committee.—R. O. Hayward, Chairman, Dillon, Read & Co.; W. W. Ayres, Kean, Taylor & Co.; John V. W. Reynnders, Consulting Engineer; Paul M. Stieffler, Sec., 65 Cedar St., N. Y. City and Cotton, Franklin, Wright & Gordon, Counsel, 63 Wall St., N. Y. City.

Chemical Bank & Trust Co., depository, 165 Broadway, New York. Committee Representing Equipment Notes. Series A Notes. Prior Preferred, Preferred and Common Stock.—Lewis W. Francis, Chairman, Charles T. Ellis and Spotswood D. Bowers, Herbert M. Carpenter, Sec., 57 William St., N. Y. City and Laughlin, Gerard, Bowers & Halpin, Counsel, 57 William St., N. Y. City.

Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co., depository, 13 William St., N. Y. City.

An introductory statement to the plan says in part:

The pig iron market has been depressed for several years. Early in 1926 a plan for financial readjustment of the company was effected, under which among other things, the sinking fund provisions of the first mortgage bonds were waived for a period of five years. Under that plan the company was relieved from its then pressing obligations and additional working capital was supplied. The extension granted to the company under such plan expired on Dec. 31 1930. The company is now in default in complying with the sinking fund provisions of its first mortgage and in the payment of the \$2,000,000 series A and series B notes which matured on Dec. 31 1930 and has not sufficient funds to meet the interest due May 1 1932 on its first mortgage bonds.

The company suspended mining operations on Jan. 2 1932. Its furnace was shut down on Jan. 15 1932. To secure existing loans from the bank to meet current expenses (including interest) the company has pledged all or practically all of its iron ore, pig iron and ore concentrates previously mined but unsold. In addition, the company is liable as endorser on the note of one of its subsidiaries, Cubitas Iron Ore Co., to the bank, and has pledged as collateral therefor \$300,000 (entire issue) of first mortgage and collateral trust 6% 10-year bonds and 20,816 shares (more than 50%) of the common stock of Port Henry Mining Corp., another subsidiary of the company, whose iron mines are operated in conjunction with those of the company.

Conditions in the pig iron market have become increasingly unfavorable. The price of pig iron is low, there is a lack of sales demand, and the company is without adequate working capital with which to continue its operations.

Consolidated operations of the company and its wholly owned subsidiaries for the year ended Dec. 31 1931 showed a net loss of \$615,665 as against a net loss for the previous year of \$3,252.

The plan has been prepared to procure additional working capital and to reduce fixed charges by refunding or capitalizing indebtedness. Upon consummation of the plan, it is contemplated that there will be released approximately \$1,050,000 current assets and the Port Henry Securities now held by the bank as collateral for bank indebtedness and that fixed interest charges will be reduced by approximately \$350,000 per year, and indebtedness by about \$3,350,000, assuming bank indebtedness amounts to but is not greater than \$1,200,000.

Digest of Reorganization Plan.

Securities and Bank Indebtedness of the Company Dealt With Under the Plan.	
First mortgage bonds	\$3,600,000
Bank indebtedness (estimated and including interest)	1,200,000
Series A notes	500,000
Series B notes	1,500,000
Equipment notes	169,000
Prior preferred stock (par \$100)	753 shs.
Preferred stock (par \$100)	3,330 shs.
Common stock (par \$100)	30,000 shs.

New Company.—A new corporation is to be organized in New York and will acquire all of the properties and assets of the company, including (but without limitation of the generality of the foregoing): (a) all property and assets subject to the lien of the first mortgage, dated May 1 1922, securing the first mortgage bonds; (b) the pig iron, iron ore, sinter and (or) ore concentrates and (or) accounts receivable representing the proceeds of sale thereof now or hereafter held as collateral by the bank for bank indebtedness, whether of the company and (or) any of its subsidiaries; (c) the Port Henry Securities held by the bank as collateral; and (d) all bonds, stocks, securities and claims of the company; except such of the property and assets as the reorganization committee may determine to exclude with the approval of the bondholders' committee.

The new company and (or) a subsidiary or subsidiaries of it is to acquire and (or) own all of the assets of all of the subsidiaries of the company except such as the reorganization committee may determine to exclude with the consent of the bondholders' committee.

The new company is to assume and (or) to cause one or more of its subsidiaries to assume all or such of the obligations of the company and (or) of its subsidiaries not adjusted under the plan, including contingent obligations of the company and (or) of its subsidiaries, as the committees shall determine.

Such properties and assets of the company and of its subsidiaries as are acquired by the new company and (or) by a subsidiary or subsidiaries of it shall be acquired by the new company and (or) by a subsidiary or subsidiaries of it, either with or without proceedings in courts of competent jurisdiction, in such manner as the reorganization committee shall determine with the approval of the bondholders' committee, and the reorganization committee when approved by the deposit committee and the bank, is empowered to enter into any and all agreements with the deposit committees and the bank and (or) any of them respecting acquisition of property and assets by the new company and (or) any subsidiary or subsidiaries of it and exchanges of the securities of the new company and (or) the sales corporation.

There is also to be organized, in New York, a new corporation (called the sales corporation), having such corporate name, &c., as the reorganization committee with the approval of the deposit committees and the bank shall determine. The capital stock of the sales corporation shall consist of 100 shares (no par). The sales corporation is to enter into an agreement with the new company, under which the sales corporation will have, for the period of five years, the supervision of the disposition of the entire output of the new company and (or) its subsidiaries, the compensation of the sales corporation for its services to be at the rate of \$5,000 per month, with the provision that any interest paid on the \$1,800,000 income bonds of the new company to be purchased by the sales corporation shall be credited on such \$5,000 monthly compensation and likewise such compensation when paid shall be credited on the interest on the bonds. The sales contract shall be in the usual form and shall contain such other terms and provisions, not inconsistent with the foregoing, as may be determined by the committees.

In addition to the loans or advances by the bank to the company and (or) its subsidiaries to April 30 1932, the bank has made and (or) has agreed to make additional advances to the company for the purpose of meeting current operating requirements of the company and (or) its subsidiaries pending the consummation or abandonment of the plan and (or) to the company and (or) the new company for expenses in connection with such consummation and (or) efforts toward such consummation up to an aggregate (including advances heretofore made as aforesaid) of \$1,200,000 (including interest to May 1 1932) and may, but is not obligated to, increase such amount. All such advances so made and to be made are included within the term "Bank Indebtedness."

Upon consummation of the plan: (1) the bank is to receive from the sales corporation (a) the entire capital stock of the sales corporation, (b) \$1,200,000 five-year collateral promissory notes of the sales corporation secured by the pledge of \$1,800,000 of income bonds of the new company, and (c) if bank indebtedness exceeds \$1,200,000, a note of the new company, payable to the bank, in principal amount equal to the amount by which bank indebtedness exceeds \$1,200,000, secured in the same manner as loans or advances aforesaid by the bank have heretofore been secured by the pledge of current assets (but not the Port Henry Securities) in such amount as required by the bank and approved by the committees; (2) as consideration therefor, the bank (but without recourse) is to deliver to the sales corporation the evidences of all bank indebtedness, together with the collateral therefor, including current assets and the Port Henry Securities; and (3) the sales corporation, in consideration of the release by it to the new company of all bank indebtedness and collateral therefor to be delivered by the bank as aforesaid, is to receive from the new company, and the new company is to deliver to the sales corporation (a) \$1,800,000 of income bonds of the new company and (b) the note of the new company described in (c) above if bank indebtedness released is in excess of \$1,200,000.

Securities of New Company to Be Authorized.

6% income first mortgage bonds	\$3,600,000
% cumulative preferred stock (par \$50)	50,000 shs.
Class A stock (par \$10)	155,405 shs.
Class B stock (par \$10)	44,595 shs.
Class C stock (no par)	30,000 shs.

Securities of Sales Corporation to Be Authorized.

5-year 5% collateral promissory notes	\$1,200,000
Capital stock (no par)	100 shs.

Basis of Exchange for Those Entitled to the Benefits of the Plan.

First Mortgage Bonds.—The holders of the \$3,600,000 first mortgage bonds will be entitled to receive under the plan an aggregate of \$1,800,000 of income bonds and 36,000 shares of new preferred stock of the new company, that is to say, \$50 of income bonds and one share of new preferred stock for each \$100 of first mortgage bonds.

Bank Indebtedness.—The bank as holder of bank indebtedness will be entitled to receive under the plan for such bank indebtedness (including interest thereon up to May 1 1932) the following: (a) \$1,200,000 of 5-year 5% collateral promissory note (or notes) of the sales corporation; (b) the entire capital stock of the sales corporation; (c) if bank indebtedness exceeds \$1,200,000, the note of the new company, dated May 1 1932, payable to the bank, in a principal amount equal to the amount by which bank indebtedness (including interest up to May 1 1932) exceeds \$1,200,000, bearing interest from date at bank rate, and secured by current assets as aforesaid.

Series A Notes.—The holders of the \$500,000 of series A notes will be entitled to receive under the plan an aggregate of 3,228 shares of new preferred stock and 35,824 shares of class A stock of the new company, that is to say, 3,228-5,000 share of new preferred stock and 7 824-5,000 shares of class A stock for each \$100 of series A notes.

Series B Notes.—The holder (the bank) of the \$1,500,000 of series B notes will be entitled to receive under the plan an aggregate of 9,682 shares of new preferred stock and 107,472 shares of class A stock of the new company, that is to say, 9,682-15,000 share of new preferred stock and 7 2472-15,000 shares of class A stock for each \$100 of series B notes.

Equipment Notes.—The holders of the \$169,000 of equipment notes will be entitled to receive under the plan an aggregate of 1,090 shares of new preferred stock and 12,109 shares of class A stock of the new company, that is to say, 1,090-1,690 share of new preferred stock and 7 279-1,690 shares of class A stock for each \$100 of equipment notes.

Prior Preferred Stock.—The holders of the 753 shares of prior preferred stock will be entitled to receive under the plan an aggregate of 11,295 shares of class B stock of the new company, that is to say, 15 shares of class B stock for each share of prior preferred stock.

Preferred Stock.—The holders of the 3,330 shares of preferred stock will be entitled to receive under the plan an aggregate of 33,300 shares of class B stock of the new company, that is to say, 10 shares of class B stock for each share of preferred stock.

Common Stock.—The holders of the 30,000 shares of common stock will be entitled to receive under the plan an aggregate of 30,000 shares of class C stock of the new company, that is to say, one share of class C stock for each share of common stock.

Consolidated Income Account Years Ended Dec. 31 (Incl. Wholly-Owned Subs.).

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Sales and earnings	\$1,487,122	\$3,224,755	\$4,684,132	\$4,246,733
Mfg. costs & oper. exps.	1,603,821	2,643,628	3,977,278	3,727,428
Adm., sell. & gen. exps.	48,743	52,343	58,001	58,843
Balance, surplus	loss\$165,443	\$528,784	\$648,853	\$460,462
Dividends & int. receiv.	48,756	22,111	26,536	8,195
Total profit	loss\$116,687	\$550,895	\$675,389	\$468,657
Interest charges	403,881	385,823	377,723	400,660
Depletion & depreciation	95,097	168,324	208,967	205,574
Loss	\$615,665	\$3,251	pf.\$88,699	\$137,577

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931 (Incl. Wholly-Owned Sub. Cos.).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$47,095	Notes payable (secured)	\$765,000
Accounts receivable	384,310	Accounts payable, &c.	200,273
Inventories	1,237,180	Interest accrued	81,233
Co.'s own securities, &c.	22,818	Adv. on account of acc. rec.	296,411
Special funds in hands of trustees	64,463	Past due debt	2,169,000
Inv'ts in & advs. to affil. cos.	537,500	Res. for workmen's comp. liability	22,709
Property account	14,670,192	1st. mortgage 6s.	3,600,000
Deferred charges	573,794	8% prior pref. cumul. stock	75,300
Deficit	1,934,762	6% cumulative pref. stock	333,000
		Class A stock	3,000,000
		Class B stock	8,299,185
		Equity for class A, class B and class C stock	
Total	\$19,472,114	Total	\$19,472,114

Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31 1932.

[Giving effect to the proposed incorporation of the new company and to consummation of plan of reorganization dated as of April 30 1932.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in banks and on hand	\$41,877	Accounts payable, &c.	\$68,000
Accounts receiv., less reserve	223,714	Adv. on account of accs. rec.	165,042
Inventories	1,168,977	Reserve for workmen's comp. pension liability	21,739
Co.'s own securities, &c.	22,548	6% income first mtge. bonds	3,600,000
Special funds in hands of trustees	64,463	6% cumulative pref. stock	2,500,000
Inv'ts in & advs. to affil. cos.	557,250	Class A stock	1,554,050
Property account	14,658,625	Class B stock	445,950
Deferred charges to operations	441,010	Equity for class A, class B and class C stock	8,823,592
Total	\$17,178,463	Total	\$17,178,463

x Of the class C stock denomination 30,000 shares without par value authorized and issued.

Note.—No provision has been made for an undetermined liability to Port Henry Mining Corp. for ore mined.—V. 121, p. 473.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co., Ltd.—Interim Div. on Ordinary Shares.

The directors have declared an interim dividend of 1s. 6d., less tax, on the ordinary stock. On Dec. 1 last, an initial distribution of like amount was made.—V. 134, p. 3655.

Wright Aeronautical Corp.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net sales	\$9,557,826	\$5,477,560	\$10,379,245	\$8,781,516
Expenses, incl. deprec'n.	8,124,677	6,557,140	9,432,616	6,088,993
Depreciation	1,210,880	1,059,433	831,705	311,115
Net income	\$222,269	\$2,139,013	\$114,924	\$2,381,408
Other income	62,449	111,822	883,109	364,430
Total income	\$284,718	\$2,027,192	\$998,032	\$2,745,838
Federal taxes reserve	—	—	97,194	312,067
Extraord. deductions	88,098	171,233	—	—
Net income	\$196,620	\$2,198,424	\$900,837	\$2,433,771
Dividends paid (cash)	—	—	(\$2) 1049,527	(\$2) 539,666
Balance, surplus	\$196,620	\$2,198,424	\$148,690	\$1,894,105
Shs. cap. stk. outst'd/g (no par)	599,857	599,857	599,857	300,000
Earned per share	\$0.32	NIL	\$1.50	\$8.11

Capital surplus account follows: capital surplus Dec. 31 1930, \$6,452,743; deduct: deficit from operations Dec. 31 1930, \$1,348,257; provision for contingencies, \$883,340; write-down of fixed properties to estimated ultimately realizable values, \$1,394,782; additional Federal taxes, 1928, \$2,278; capital surplus, Dec. 31 1931, \$2,874,086.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1931.		1930.		1931.		1930.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Mach., eq., &c.	\$6,563,141	9,248,380	Capital stock	2,999,285	2,999,285		
Cash	422,458	158,417	Accts. payable	469,853	407,254		
Accts. & notes rec.	683,379	1,152,289	Deposits	20,862	102,891		
Inventories	3,632,378	4,283,155	Accr. wages, sal., &c.	17,770	17,449		
Int. rec. & ins. dep.	84,966	52,980	Due to affil. cos.	73,039	—		
Misc. investment	98,310	113,510	Sundry reserves	23,752	47,546		
Due from affil. cos.	1,054,452	—	Capital surplus	2,874,087	6,452,743		
Patents, &c.	37,511	38,396	Earned surplus	196,620	1,348,257		
Deferred expenses	379,993	550,562	Def. pay. to affil. for purchase of plant, assets, &c.	3,845,961	4,593,777		
			Res. for conting.	2,440,000	2,325,000		
Total	12,961,229	15,597,688	Total	12,961,229	15,597,688		

x After depreciation reserve of \$2,666,490. y Represented by 599,857 no par shares.—V. 134, p. 3479.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

Friday Night, June 3 1932

COFFEE on the spot was quiet at 10½ to 10¾c. for Santos 4s and 8½c. for Rio 7s. On May 31 cost and freight offers from Brazil were in moderate supply and prices unchanged to a few points higher; prompt Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 10.45 to 11c., 3s at 10.35 to 10.70c., 3-4s at 10 to 10.65c., 3-5s at 10.05 to 10.60c., 4-5s at 9.85 to 10.30c., 5-6s at 9.70 to 10.05c., 6s at 9.55 to 10c., 6-7s at 9.40 to 9.50c., 7s at 9.70c., 7-8s at 8.95 to 9.30c., Peaberry 3s at 10.30c., 3-5s at 10.30c. and 4s at 10 to 10.10c. In New York spot coffee was in moderate demand and about unchanged at 10½ to 10¾c. for Santos 4s and 8½c. for Rio 7s. On June 1 cost and freight offers in fair supply and slightly firmer. Prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s were offered at 10.45 to 10.95c., 3s at 10.35 to 10.75c., 3-4s at 10 to 10.30c., 4-5s at 9.85 to 10.00c., 5s at 10 to 10.25c., 5-6s at 9.70 to 10c., 6s at 9.55 to 10c., 6-7s at 9.40 to 9.50c., 7s at 9.70c., 7-8s at 8.95 to 9.30c., Peaberry 2-3s at 10.70c., 3-4s at 10.40c. and 4s at 10.10c. Victoria 7-8s were here at 7.80c. On June 1, according to the Department of Commerce, cable advices from its representative abroad announced May 31 say that political disturbances in Sao Paulo have caused slight setback in Brazilian business revival, although continued exchange control and destruction of surplus coffee should prove stabilizing factors. The arrivals of mild coffee in the United States during the month of May were 220,408 bags, while deliveries for the same time were 257,418. Stocks of mild coffee in the United States on June 1 were 344,015 bags, against 381,025 a month ago and 285,779 last year. On May 31 Rio futures here on European and New Orleans buying closed 6 to 10 points net higher with sales of 7,000 bags; Santos 4 to 8 points net higher with sales of 9,000 bags.

To-day, cost and freight offers from Brazil were in rather small supply at a shade easier prices. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 10.90 to 11c.; 3s at 10.35 to 10.65c.; 3-4s at 10 to 10.65c.; 3-5s at 10.15 to 10.30c.; 4-5s at 9.80 to 10.20c.; 5s at 10c.; 5-6s at 9.80 to 10.05c.; Peaberry 3-5s at 10.30c. E. Laneville put the world's visible supply on June 1 at 6,942,000 against 6,723,000 on May 1, and 6,386,000 on June 1 1931. Arrivals during May of Brazil 488,000 against 661,000 in previous month and 586,000 in May, last year; milds 513,000 against 483,000 in previous month and 608,000 in same month last year; arrivals of milds for 11 months in United States 2,942,000 against 3,254,000 in the same period last year and 3,233,000 in the same period two years ago; in Europe 4,608,000 against 4,530,000 in the same period last year and 4,252,000 in same period two years ago; deliveries during May, United States, 895,000 against 1,122,000 in previous month and 958,000 in May last year; Europe 922,000 against 1,103,000 in previous month and 982,000 in same month last year; total world's deliveries for 11 months United States 10,351,000 against 11,286,000 in previous period and 10,342,000 two years ago; Europe 10,698,000 against 10,605,000 in previous period and 10,481,000 two years ago; Southern ports 842,000 against 1,037,000 in previous period and 986,000 two years ago. G. Duuring & Zoon cabled their monthly statistics as follows: Arrivals of all kinds during May 1,053,000, of which Brazilian 532,000. Deliveries of all kinds during May 977,000 of which Brazilian 500,000. Stocks in Europe on June 1, 2,367,000; world's visible supply June 1, 6,939,000 against 6,682,000 on May 1. On the 1st inst., futures declined 3 to 12 points with sales of 9,000 bags of Santos and 2,500 of Rio. Selling by local traders helped to bring about a decline. Support was lacking.

On the 2d inst. futures closed 7 points off to 1 higher with trading light, including only 3,500 bags of Rio, which ended 2 to 7 points off, and 5 lots of Santos, which closed 1 to 6 points lower. Maracaibo, Trujillo, 9½ to 9¾c.; fair to good Cucuta, 10½ to 11c.; prime to choice, 11¼ to 11¾c.; washed, 10¾ to 11c.; Colombian, Oceana, 10¼ to 10½c.;

Bucaramanga, natural, 10¼ to 10¾c.; washed, 10½ to 11c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 11¼ to 11½c.; Medellin, 12½ to 12¾c.; Manizales, 11½ to 11¾c.; Mexican, washed, 14 to 15c.; East India, Ankola, 23 to 34c.; Mandheling, 25 to 32c.; genuine Java, 23 to 24c.; Robusta, washed, 9¼c.; Mocha, 13½ to 14½c.; Harrar, 12 to 12½c.; Abyssinian, 10¼ to 10½c.; Nicaragua natural, 10¾c.; Guatemala, good, 11½ to 12c.; Bourbon, 10¾ to 11c. To-day futures here closed 2 to 4 points lower on Rio with sales of 4,000 bags and 2 points lower to 2 higher on Santos with sales of 6,000 bags. Final prices for the week are 6 to 10 points lower on Rio and 11 points lower to 5 points higher on Santos.

COCOA.—To-day prices closed 3 to 4 points higher with sales of 74 lots. July ended at 3.87c.; September at 4.02c.; December at 4.17c.; January at 4.21c., and March at 4.32c. Final prices show a decline for the week of 11 points.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	8½ @	December	6.31 @
July	6.50 @ nom	March	6.32 @
September	6.42 @ nom	May	6.32 @ nom

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	10¾ @	December	9.05 @ nom
July	9.40 @ nom	March	8.99 @ nom
September	9.20 @ nom	May	8.99 @ nom

SUGAR.—On May 31 prices closed 1 to 3 points net lower with sales of 9,650 tons. New lows have latterly been reached. Cuba sold. Spot raws were dull and futures were quiet. Refined was 3.75c. with a disappointing trade. Of actual sugar the sales included 8,000 tons of Cubas in warehouse here and 6,000 tons in warehouse at Norfolk over the week-end for shipment to the United Kingdom at 4s. 6d. equivalent to .64c. f.o.b. Also a quantity estimated at 7,000 to 7,500 tons of June shipment Cuba was said to have been sold to Russia at the equivalent of .65c. f.o.b.; 4,000 tons of Philippines sold at 2.57c. a new low price. On May 31, London, over our holiday, showed little change, opening unchanged to ¼d. above Friday's closing levels. The London terminal market at 3:15 p. m. was steady at prices ½d. higher to ½d. lower as compared with opening. London cables said: Terminal market quiet, but steady. Cargo old crop Cuba sold 4s. 6d. Parcel British West Indies same parity. Probable additional buyers. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 50,884 tons against 34,561 in the previous week and 51,662 in same week last year; meltings 44,617 tons against 51,064 in previous week and 47,064 in same week last year; importers' stocks 162,432 tons against 159,346 in previous week and 156,145 in same week last year; refiners' stocks 175,134 against 171,953 in previous week and 162,813 in same week last year; total stocks 337,566 tons against 331,299 tons in the previous week and 318,958 in the same week last year. On the 1st inst. futures advanced 1 to 3 points. Spot raws were quiet. Albrecht & Co. suspended in Liverpool, but it had no effect here. Hedge covering and other trade buying especially by Cuban interests acted as a support. The selling was mostly Wall Street liquidation.

On June 1 London opened unchanged to 1¼d. lower. It was announced from the rostrum of the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange that F. Albrecht & Co. of Liverpool had notified the Exchange they were unable to meet their obligations. London terminal at 3:15 p. m. was steady and ½d. lower to ½d. higher, as compared with the opening. On May 31 the Sugar Institute, Inc., stated the total melt and total deliveries of 14 United States refiners up to and including the week ending May 21 1932 and same period for 1931 were as follows: Melt: 1932, Jan. 1 to May 21, 1,390,000 long tons; 1931, Jan. 1 to May 23, 1,580,000. Deliveries—1932, Jan. 1 to May 21, 1,200,000; 1931, Jan. 1 to May 23, 1,390,000. Havana cabled: "Past week arrivals, 29,865 tons; exports, 42,878 tons; stock, 1,231,939 tons; centrals grinding, 14. The exports were distributed as follows: To New York, 3,260 tons; Baltimore, 1,441 tons; New Orleans, 9,272; Savannah, 5,078 tons; interior United States, 202 tons; Miami, 104 tons; Charleston, 961 tons; Nassau, 79; United Kingdom, 22,431, and to Germany, 50 tons." On the 2d inst. futures fell 2 to 3 points after being at one time 3 to 5 points off; the sales were 15,300

tons. European selling had a depressing effect. A lot of 2,000 tons of Philippines sold at 2.58c. and 41,000 tons Porto Rico late June at 2.62c. Refined remained at 3.75c. with only a moderate trade. On June 2 the London market opened unchanged to 3/4d. higher. London terminal at 3:15 p. m. was easy at 1/4 to 3/4d. decline. London also cabled market quiet. Sellers of old crop at 4s. 6d. Buyers indifferent. Parcel afloat sold at 4s. 5/4d.

To-day futures closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 21,550 tons. Final prices are 2 points lower for the week. Some 18,000 bags of Porto Ricos due the middle of the month, also 2,500 tons of Philippines afloat; 5,000 bags of Porto Ricos for June 8 clearance; 10,000 bags of Porto Ricos, prompt clearance and 39,000 bags Porto Ricos loading June 15 to Savannah, all at 2.60c. There was a report also that a quantity of Cubas ex-store, probably in Norfolk, variously estimated from 5,000 to 6,000 tons had been sold to the United Kingdom at 4s. 6d., equivalent to .64c. f.o.b. There was a rumor that a cargo of Porto Ricos sold late Thursday to Galveston at 2.62c. The trade and commission houses were good buyers of futures here. Contracts were scarce. Spot raws 2.60 to 2.62c. Licht's estimate of European beet sowings excluding Russia indicate a total decrease of 4,000 hectares. Italy's sowings estimated at 14,000 hectares less than on April 18, and Spain estimated at 10,000 more than on that date are the only notable changes. To-day, London was easy at the outset with first prices 3/4d. to 1d. lower on the near months and 1/4d. lower on the later.

Closing quotations follow:

Spot unofficial	0.60@	January	0.74@	0.75
July	0.59@	March	0.80@	0.85
September	0.66@	May	0.84@	0.85
December	0.73@			

LARD.—On May 28 futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower. On May 31 futures declined 8 points; prime Western cash was 4.25 to 4.35c.; refined for the Continent, 4 3/8 to 4 1/2c.; for South America, 4 5/8 to 4 3/4c.; for Brazil, 5 3/8 to 5 1/2c. On the 1st inst. futures declined 10 points with corn at new low levels and the stock market falling. Western hog receipts were 76,800, against 76,600 last year. Contract stocks at Chicago for the month of May increased to 10,644,000 lbs., against an increase of 24,459,000 in May last year. Prime Western cash, 4.10 to 4.20c.; refined to Continent, 4 3/8c.; for South America, 4 5/8c.; Brazil, 5 3/8c. On the 2d inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower. Hogs advanced 5c. and grain advanced. Prime Western cash, 4.10 to 4.20c. To-day futures closed 2 to 5 points higher. Final prices are 15 to 17 points lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	3.75		3.75	3.67	3.65	3.70
July delivery	3.85		3.77	3.77	3.75	3.80
September delivery	3.95		3.87	3.77	3.80	3.82
December delivery						

Season's High and When Made—		Season's Low and When Made—	
May	7.00 Nov. 14 1931	May	3.70 May 14 1932
July	5.50 Feb. 1 1932	July	3.62 June 2 1932
September	3.90 June 1 1932	September	3.72 June 2 1932
October	3.92 June 1 1932	October	3.77 June 2 1932

PORK steady; Mess, \$16.25; family, \$15.25; fat backs, \$11.25 to \$13.75. Ribs, Chicago, cash, 4.37c. Beef steady; Mess nominal; packet nominal; family, \$12.50 to \$13; extra India 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 dull; pickled hams, 14 to 16 lbs., 9 1/4c.; 10 to 12 lbs., 9 3/4c.; bellies, clear f.o.b. New York, 8 to 12 lbs., 7 3/4c.; 6 to 8 lbs., 8c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 5 7/8c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 6 1/4c. Butter, lower grades to higher than extra, 13 1/2 to 18 1/2c. Cheese, flats, 10 1/2 to 20c.; daisies, 11 to 16c.; Young America, 11 1/2 to 17 1/2c.; lower grades, all sorts, 10 to 12 1/4c. Eggs, medium to special packs, 11 1/2 to 17 1/2c.

OILS.—Linseed was rather quiet and easier at 6.1 to 6.2c. for carlots cooperage basis. For tank cars 5.5 to 5.6c. was quoted, 1 to 5 bbls. 6.9 to 7.0c.; two tank wagons, 5.7 to 5.8c. Flaxseed was lower. Duluth declined to \$1.13 per bushel on the 2nd inst. According to the Department of Agriculture a reduction in the acreage of flax this year is indicated. The soil conditions on the whole are much better this year, however. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 2 7/8 to 3c.; tanks, New York, 3 1/4c. Corn, crude, tanks, f.o.b. western mills, 2 7/8 to 3c. Olive, denatured, spot, 60 to 61c.; shipment, 63c. China wood, N. Y. drums, carlots, 6c.; tanks, 5 3/8c.; Pacific Coast tanks, 5c. Soya Bean, tank cars f.o.b. western mills, 2.80c.; carlot, delivered N. Y., 3 3/4 to 4c.; L.c.i., 4 1/2-4c. Edible, olive, \$1.65 to \$2.15. Lard, prime, 8 1/4c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 6c. Cod,

Newfoundland, 21 to 26c. Turpentine, 43 3/4 to 48 3/4c. Rosin, \$3.05 to \$6.10.

COTTONSEED OIL sales to-day, including switches 10 contracts. Crude S. E. nominal. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	3.40@	October	3.65@	3.72
June	3.45@	November	3.70@	3.77
July	3.55@	December	3.75@	3.83
August	3.50@	January	3.80@	3.86
September	3.61@			

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline was in good demand. Consumption is steadily gaining. At New York Harbor refineries' asking prices were the same as those quoted at the end of last week. The New England market was rather easier for bulk gasoline, however, and occasional price shading was reported. The bunker oil market showed a marked improvement. Consumption of grade C is on the increase, while stocks are not very large. The cargo market was firm at around 55c. For bunkering purposes refiners quoted 75c. at New York Harbor refineries. Diesel oil was steady at \$1.50 at refineries. Domestic heating oils were quiet and unchanged. Kerosene was quiet but steady at 5 1/2 to 6c. for 41-43 water white in tank cars refineries. The Shell Co. of Canada, Ltd., is planning to erect a new refinery in Montreal East at an expense of upward of \$2,000,000.

Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in an article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."

RUBBER.—On May 31 prices declined 4 to 8 points with sales of 500 tons of No. 1 standard. Actual rubber was weaker. No. 1 standard futures closed with July, 2.73 to 2.75c., Sept., 2.83 to 2.88c., Dec., 3c., Mar., 3.16 to 3.18c., new "A" June, 2.68c., spot and June outside, 2 11-16 to 2 3/4c. On May 31 London opened dull and unchanged to 1-16d. higher than on Friday, and at 2:35 p.m. was quiet. Spot June and July, 1 3/4d.; July-Sept., 1 13-16d. London closed easy and unchanged to 1-16d. lower; spot, June and July, 1 11-16d. July-Sept., 1 3/4d.; Oct.-Dec., 1 13-16d. Singapore closed steady and unchanged; June, 1 1/2d. On the 1st inst. new low record prices illustrated the persistent weakness. No. 1 standard closed 5 to 8 points lower with sales of 1,130 tons; of new "A", 10 tons. Actual rubber was also lower. No. 1 standard contract closed with July 2.68c.; Sept., 2.75c.; Dec., 2.94c.; Jan., 3.00c.; March, 3.11c.; No. 1 B standard, July, 2.65c.; July, 2.68c.; Aug., 2.73c.; new "A" June, 2.65c. nominal; July, 2.72c. sold and 2.68c. nominal; Aug., 2.73c.; Sept., 2.75c.; "AB," June, 2.65c.; July, 2.68c.; Aug., 2.73c.; Sept., 2.75c. Outside prices: Spot and June, 2 5/8 to 2 3/4c.; July, 2 3/4c.; July-Sept., 2 13-16c.; Oct.-Dec., 3c.; Jan.-March, 3 3-16c.; spot first latex thick, 3 5/8c.; thin pale latex, 3 3/8c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 2 5/8c.; rolled brown crepe, 2 3/8 to 2 7-16c.; No. 2 amber, 2 11-16c.

On June 1 London closed steady, unchanged to 1-16d. up; spot, 1 3/4d.; June, and July, 1 11-16d.; August, 1 3/4d.; September, October and December, 1 13-16d. Singapore closed quiet and 1-16d. lower; June, 1 7-16d.; July-Sept., 1 1/2d., and Oct.-Dec., 1 9-16d. Malayan shipments for the month of May, according to Rubber Exchange advices, totaled 40,297 tons, against 36,670 tons in April and 44,281 tons in May last year. On June 2 prices again fell to a new low. July sold at 2.60c. Spot markets were also off to new lows. The sales of No. 1 standard were 1,160 tons. Prices dropped 8 points at one time on July closing with the list 3 points lower to 1 higher. The Department of Commerce summary stated the world's stocks at the close of April at 634,409 tons, against 634,513 tons in February and 630,267 tons at the close of January. Malayan production for 1932 on the basis of the first four months' results is estimated at 256,000 tons, against 239,538 tons in 1931. No. 1 standard contract closed with July 2.65c., Sept., 2.76c., Dec., 2.92c., Jan., 2.98c., Feb., 3.04c., and Mar., 3.10c. "No. 1 B" June, 2.62c., July, 2.65c., "New A" June, 2.62c.; July, 2.65c.; Aug., 2.71c.; "A B" June, 2.62c.; July, 2.65c., and Aug., 2.71c. Outside prices: spot, June and July, 2 11-16c. July-Sept., 2 3/4c.; Oct., 2 15-16c.; Jan.-Mar., 3 3/8c.; spot, first latex thick, 3 11-16c.; thin pale latex, 3 11-16c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 2 5/8c.; rolled brown crepe, 2 3/8c.; No. 2 amber, 2 11-16c.; No. 3, 2 5/8c.; No. 4, 2 1/2c. On June 2 London closed steady and unchanged to 1-16d. decline; June, 1 11-16d.; July, 1 11-16d.; August, 1 11-16d.; September, 1 3/4d.; October-December, 1 3/4d.; January-March, 1 13-16d., and April-June, 1 1/2d. Singapore closed steady and unchanged; June, 1 7-16d.; July-September, 1 1/2d. Singapore was closed Friday in honor of the King's birthday. To-day prices closed 1 to 4 points lower with sales of 45 lots of No. 1 standard. That contract closed with July at 2.64c.; September, 2.74c.; December, 2.90c., and March, 3.08 to 3.10c. Final prices are 15 to 17 points lower for the week. To-day London opened quiet and unchanged and at 2:39 p. m. was still quiet and unchanged; June, July, August, 1 11-16d., closing at that. Unofficial estimate of rubber stocks in Great Britain for the week ending June 4 shows: London, 950 tons decrease; Liverpool, 50.

HIDES.—The Exchange was closed on May 28. On May 31 prices closed 11 to 25 points lower on old contracts and 10 to 25 lower on new. Sept. old ended at 4.20c.; new at 4.15c.; Dec. old 4.80 to 4.90c.; new, 4.85c.; March old and new, 5.25 to 5.40c. On May 31, outside sales reported included 4,000 Colorado steers, April-May at 3 3/4c.; 4,000 branded cows, April-May at 4c.; 8,000 frigorifico steers, May at 4 9-16c.; 2,500 frigorifico light steers, May at 4 15-16c. On the 1st inst. prices declined 7 to 15 points on

old contracts with new ending 15 points off to 5 points higher with sales of 1,040,000 lbs. June old closed at 3.55 to 3.65c.; new, 3.55c.; Sept. old 4.13c.; new, 4.05c.; Dec. old 4.70 to 4.80c.; new, 4.75c.; March old, 5.15 to 5.25c.; new, 5.30c. On the 2nd inst. prices on old contract were 3 points lower to 5 up and new 20 points lower to 5 higher with sales of 1,400,000 lbs. Also 11,000 May frigorifico steers sold at 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. and 1,000 June light frigorifico steers at 4.15-16c. Common dry hides quiet. Packer hides sold slowly. Closing prices for futures: Old contract, June, 3.60c.; Sept., 4.10c.; Dec., 4.67 to 4.80c.; March, 5.10c.; new contract—June, 3.60c.; Sept., 4.00c.; Dec., 4.70c. and March, 5.10 to 5.30c. Outside prices: Packer native steers and butt brands, 4c.; Colorados, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; bulls, 3c.; Chicago light native cows, Oct.-Dec., 4c. New York City calfskins, 9-12s, \$1.15 to \$1.25; 7-9s, 60 to 70c.; 5-7s, 45 to 50c. To-day futures closed unchanged to 10 points higher with sales of 17 lots, June ending at 3.70 to 4c.; July, 3.85c.; Sept., 4.11 to 4.18c. and Dec., 4.71 to 4.85c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Sugar room tonnage was in good demand. Business in general was brisk early in the week at lower rates.

CHARTERS included grain, 35,000 qrs., Montreal, May-June, A. R., 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Portugal, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; north Spain, 10c.; south Spain, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; if Spain and Portugal, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. more; 32,000 qrs., Gulf, June 1-15, Greece, 3s. 3d.; prompt Gulf, Greece, 2s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; same trade, 3s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 34,000 qrs., Montreal, first half June, Birkenhead, 1s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; London, 5,000 qrs., 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. prompt, Montreal-Antwerp-Rotterdam, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Bordeaux-Dunkirk, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. prompt, A. R., 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Havre-Dunkirk, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; prompt June, Gulf, Greece, 3s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; prompt, same trade and rate, first half June, and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. less for June 20 cancelling; steamer berthed, Montreal-Antwerp-Rotterdam, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Booked: Some loads Hamburg at 6c.; 10 Havre-Dunkirk, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Montreal-Rotterdam, May, 7c.; 29 loads Montreal-Rotterdam, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; prompt, 3 loads Montreal-Marseilles, 10c.; prompt, 1 load New York-Hamburg, 6c.; 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ loads Montreal-Rotterdam, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 5 Montreal-Antwerp, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 3 Montreal-Marseilles, 10c.; 5 New York-Liverpool, 1s. 6d.; 3 Baltimore-London, 1s. 6d.; 6 Montreal-Rotterdam, July 1-11, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Sugar: Steamer, 7,000, 5, second half June, Cuba-United Kingdom-Continent, 14s.; 3 ports, 15s. 9d.; 2 ports, N. and S. side; prompt Santo Domingo-United Kingdom-Continent, 14s.; Norfolk, prompt, United Kingdom-Continent, 11s. 6d.; Santo Domingo, June, United Kingdom-Continent, 14s.; prompt, Norfolk-United Kingdom-Continent, 11s. 9d.; Cuba, June-July, Odessa, 15s. 9d. Coal: Hampton Roads, end June, Rio, \$1.90. Trips: West Indies round, continuation, 50c.; prompt Canadian West Indies round, 75c. Nitrate soda, prompt, Hopewell, Bordeaux-Hamburg range, two ports, \$1.90.

COAL.—May prices are expected to continue during June, East and West tidewater and line, on both anthracite and bituminous. At Chicago the nominal price is \$1.50 for smokeless mine run and domestic sizes. Lump and egg on the run-of-mine contracts is freely offered. The nominal price is \$1.75, which, it is stated, is sometimes cut to \$1.35. In Greater New York, effective June 1, the retail price of domestic sizes, including pea, of anthracite was advanced 15c. a net ton on broken, egg, stove and chestnut, and 10c. on pea. Wholesale prices remained unchanged. Wholesale trade remains abnormally dull at the West, even with egg and stove transits offered at 25c. to 50c. under the circular. Anthracite production for three weeks to May 21 totaled 2,431,000 tons, compared with 3,160,000 tons a year ago, or 700,000 tons weekly. The trans-Hudson hard coal movement in the May 14 week dropped to 1,152 cars, compared with 2,350 cars in the preceding week and with 1,668 cars one year ago.

TOBACCO.—There was a routine business here at generally steady prices. The sales for the past week in the Southern markets were as follows: At Mayfield—466,350 lbs. at an average of \$3.15, or 21c. higher than the preceding week. At Paducah—55,765 lbs., average \$2.79, or 22c. lower. At Murray—77,295 lbs., averaging \$3.36. At Hopkinsville—402,930 lbs. of dark tobacco, average of \$4.08, or 41c. lower. At Clarksville—702,180 lbs., averaging \$5.04, a rise of 70c. At Springfield—790,870 lbs. for the week, average of \$4.93, or 73c. lower. At Havana sales were 1,623 bales, including 1,110 Remedios, and 513 of Vuelta Abajo. Washington, D. C.—According to figures released by the Department of Internal Revenue covering the first 10 months of the fiscal year 1932, all classes of domestic cigars showed a decrease of 12.72%. From 4,701,834,312 cigars withdrawn during the first 10 months of the 1931 fiscal period, figures for the same period this year dropped to 4,103,834,281, a loss of 598,000,031. Washington wired the U. S. Tobacco Journal: A general sales tax again threatens the tobacco industry as well-authenticated reports circulated here to-day indicated that President Hoover was actively if not openly backing this solution of the country's financial problem. Although the tobacco industry has not been seriously considered as a subject for special industrial taxes, a general sales tax of from 2 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % would be especially severe on cigars, where in the case of most class A goods, half the present profits would be taken away. Hartford.—The Hartford County Farm Bureau Agent has returned from Washington, D. C., with 33 tobacco loan checks from the United States Government, which will be used in financing the 1932 crops of as many growers. The loan is approximately \$40 per acre and not more than \$400 to any individual. Producers obtaining the loan have signed a mortgage note which automatically becomes a lien on the crop when harvested. Baltimore wired: Severance of the shackles of the Sunday "blue laws" which have bound Baltimore for more than 200 years is having a very favorable effect on sales of cigars, cigarettes, tobaccos and allied lines. At the May primary election an ordinance liberalizing Sunday was passed by a majority of more than 83,000 and the law became effective Sunday, May 8.

SILVER.—On May 31 prices here closed 32 to 45 points higher with sales of 1,000,000 ounces, closing with June at

28.15c.; Aug., 28.51c.; Sept., 28.70c.; Oct., 28.80 to 28.90c.; and Dec., 29.15c. On the 1st inst. prices closed 16 to 30 points higher with sales of 1,250,000 ounces. July ended at 28.52c.; Sept., at 28.86 to 28.95c.; Oct., 29.05c., and Dec. at 29.40c. On the 2d inst. futures closed 22 to 28 points lower with sales of 375,000 ounces, ending with July 28.30 to 28.40c.; Sept., 28.64c.; Oct., 28.80 to 28.90c., and Dec. 29.15 to 29.30c. To-day prices closed 2 to 12 points lower with sales of 250,000 ounces, July ending at 28.25 to 28.37c.; Oct., 28.78 to 28.85c.; and Dec., at 29.05c. Final prices are 28 points higher for the week on July.

COPPER of late was quiet, owing to a lower stock market and the generally bearish feeling prevailing in the trade. Export sales were under 100 tons on the 2d inst., the smallest business in several days. The domestic market was called 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ c., with the inside figure more general. Bare and magnet wire were reduced $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Weatherproof wire was down $\frac{1}{4}$ c. In London on the 2d inst. standard fell 15s. to £26 for spot and futures; sales, 100 tons spot and 600 futures. The bid price of electrolytic was the same at £30 10s. and the asked price £31, a drop of 10s.; at the second London session spot standard advanced 2s. 6d. and futures rose 1s. 3d. on sales of 200 tons of futures. On May 31 futures closed 20 to 44 points lower; no sales. July ended at 3.80c.; Sept. at 3.88 to 4.50c., and Dec. at 4.10c. On the 1st inst. futures closed unchanged; July, 3.80c. On the 2d inst. futures here closed 5 to 14 points higher; no sales. July ended at 3.86c.; Sept. at 4 to 4.30c.; Dec. at 4.15 to 4.49c. To-day June closed at 4.10c.; July, 4.15c.; Aug., 4.20c.; Sept., 4.25c.; Oct., 4.30c.; Nov., 4.35c.; Dec., 4.40c.; Jan., 4.50c.; Feb., 4.60c.; March, 4.70c.; April, 4.80c., and May, 4.90c., all nominal; sales, 50 tons.

TIN on the 2nd inst. dropped $\frac{1}{4}$ c. to 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for spot Straits. Trading was light. The Ford Motor Co. bought a carlot it was reported on Tuesday at 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ c., the market price that day. London at the first session on the 2nd inst. dropped £2 17s. 6d. on all descriptions with standard £119 5s. for spot and £121 10s. for futures; sales 200 tons of spot and 500 tons of futures; spot Straits ended at £123 10s. Eastern c.i.f. London advanced £12s. 6d. to £125 12s. 6d. on sales of 100 tons; at the second London session standard rose 7s. 6d. on sales of 50 tons of spot and 100 tons of futures. On May 31 futures closed 25 points lower to 10 points higher; no sales. July ended at 20.10c.; Sept. at 20.50c. and March at 21.70c. On the 1st inst. prices closed 15 points higher; no sales. July ended at 20.25 to 20.45c.; Sept. at 20.65c.; Dec., 21.25c.; March, 21.85c.; and May, 22.25c. On the 2nd inst. futures here closed 10 points lower with no sales, July ending at 20.15c.; Sept. 20.55c. and Dec. 21.15c. To-day there were no sales and June closed at 20.25c.; July, 20.45c.; Aug., 20.65c.; Sept., 20.85c.; Oct., 21.05c.; Nov., 21.25c.; Dec., 21.45c.; Jan., 21.65c.; Feb., 21.85c.; March, 22.05c.; April, 22.25c. and May 24.45c. all nominal.

LEAD was quiet at 3c. New York and 2.90c. East St. Louis. In London on the 2d inst. prices declined 3s. 9d. to £10 1s. 3d. for spot and £10 6s. 3d. for futures; sales, 150 tons futures. Most of the activity here is in the East.

ZINC was dull and easier at 2.85c. East St. Louis and probably less. There were rumors that the metal was available this week at 2.80c., but they could not be confirmed. In London on the 2d inst. prices fell 5s. to £11 16s. 3d. for spot and £12 2s. 6d. for futures; sales, 100 tons spot and 350 tons of futures.

STEEL.—In structural steel a better business is reported but railroads are buying but little. Orders for fabricated steel last week totaled 31,000 tons, the largest in many weeks. Prices have declined on auto steel; alloy steel bars, it is stated, have sold at \$1 under the official price. The composite price of scrap is off to \$7.33, a new all-time low. Orders for fabricated steel in this country last week were for over 30,000 tons, the largest in any week since last December.

PIG IRON was still quiet. The trading is just a routine affair awaiting better times. Some reports say that eastern Pennsylvania is quoted \$13.50 to \$14 at furnace. That would seem to indicate that at least on some orders \$13.50 is accepted. It is said that there will be no further importations of Dutch iron at Philadelphia until next autumn. Shipments are said to have increased in a few districts of the United States but here in the East no change is reported.

WOOL.—Boston wired a Government report on May 31: "The recent slight improvement in the wool market has been based upon a relatively few transactions. Some domestic wools, however, are beginning to show a little resistance to pressure for lower prices. Receipts of domestic wool at Boston during the week ended May 28 estimated by the Boston Grain and Flour Exchange amounted to 1,995,000 lbs., as compared with 648,900 lbs. during the previous week." Boston quotations:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine, 16c.; fine clothing, 13 to 14c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ -blood combing, 16 to 17c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ -blood clothing, 13 to 14c.; $\frac{3}{8}$ combing, 16 to 17c.; clothing, 13 to 14c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ combing, 13 to 14c.; low $\frac{1}{4}$ -blood, 12 to 13c. Territory, clean basis, fine staple, 40 to 42c.; fine, fine medium French clothing, 38 to 40c.; fine, fine medium clothing, 37 to 38c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ -blood staple, 38 to 40c.; $\frac{3}{8}$ -blood, 33 to 35c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ -blood, 29 to 30c.; low $\frac{1}{4}$ -blood, 27 to 28c. Texas, clean basis, fine 12 months, 40 to 42c.; fine 18 months, 32 to 34c.; fall, 28 to 30c.; pulled, scoured basis, A super, 40 to 41c.; B, 35 to 37c.; C, 32 to 33c.; mohair, original Texas adult, 22c.; fall kid, 48c.; spring kid, 40c.

Washington wired May 31: "April wool consumption declined heavily and was less than 50% that of the corre-

sponding month last year, says the United States Census Bureau. The total consumption in reporting mills during April was 17,500,748 lbs., against 25,454,882 in March and 42,527,006 in April of last year. The April consumption included 14,028,858 lbs. in the grease, 1,943,942 of scoured wool and 1,527,948 of pulled wool."

Apparent available supplies of wool on May 1 in Australia, New Zealand, Argentina and Uruguay are estimated at 8% greater than supplies on the same date a year ago, but 15% less than supplies on May 1 1930, when stocks were unusually high, says the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in its current report on world wool prospects. Exports from these four countries of the Southern Hemisphere up to May 1 in the current season are placed at 1,246,000,000 pounds, a decrease of 4% compared with the corresponding period of 1930-31, but 16% greater than exports in that period of 1929-30. Australia and New Zealand have shipped more wool so far this season than last, but exports from the South American countries have decreased. Fleeces from sheep shorn on Western ranges in the United States are reported as being generally lighter than last year's and on May 1 sheep and range conditions were considerably below normal. The Bureau says that Russia has more sheep than any other country of the world, but the larger proportion are of the unimproved type. The clip to be shorn in Australia the latter part of this year will be "unusually good, both in quality and average weight per fleece," it is expected. Weather conditions have improved in New Zealand and the Bureau says "there is now a fair chance of ewes entering the winter in average condition." In Liverpool on May 31 the East India carpet wool auction opened with prices from 5 to 10% below those at the last sale. The sale was to continue until Thursday, 15,500 bales being offered.

In London on May 27 it was announced that the auctions will close on June 3rd instead of on June 8, as originally planned. Offerings of 8,000 bales chiefly New Zealand and South American greasy cross-breeds, the bulk of the former going to Yorkshire, while the latter were purchased by the Continent on the recent basis of prices. Details:

Queensland, 540 bales; greasy merinos, 7½ to 8½d. West Australia, 258 bales; scoured merinos, 9 to 13d.; greasy, 5 to 6d. New Zealand, 2,202 bales; greasy merinos, 6 to 10d.; scoured crossbreeds, 10½ to 14½d.; greasy, 3½ to 7½d. Puntas, 4,502 bales; greasy merinos, 4½ to 7½d.; scoured crossbreeds, 4½ to 11d. Falklands, 462 bales; greasy crossbreeds, 4½ to 9½d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 3½ to 8½d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London on May 30 offerings 10,700 bales. Liberal buying by home and the Continent was resumed, with prices equivalent to those of last week. Details:

Sydney, 496 bales; greasy merinos, 9 to 18d. Queensland, 127 bales; scoured merinos, 13½ to 17½d. Victoria, 1,442 bales; scoured merinos, 7½ to 16d.; greasy, 9 to 11½d. West Australia, 446 bales; greasy merinos, 6½ to 9½d. New Zealand, 3,741 bales; greasy crossbreeds, 3¼ to 9½d. Cape, 1,238 bales; greasy merinos, 3½ to 8½d. Puntas, 2,749 bales; greasy merinos, 5½ to 7½d.; greasy crossbreeds, 5½ to 9½d. Falklands, greasy crossbreeds, 3¼ to 8¼d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 4 to 8d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London on May 31 offerings 10,785 bales, chiefly New Zealand greasy crossbreeds, met with active demand, especially from Yorkshire on the recent basis of values. Australian and Cape merinos were rather frequently withdrawn at firm limits. Details:

Sydney, 1,029 bales; greasy merinos, 8½ to 10½d. Queensland, 583 bales; scoured merinos, 14 to 17d. Victoria, 817 bales; scoured merinos, 13 to 15½d.; greasy, 8½ to 11½d. South Australia, 268 bales; greasy merinos, 7½ to 10d. West Australia, 799 bales; greasy merinos, 3¼ to 9d. New Zealand, 6,225 bales; scoured crossbreeds, 5½ to 13½d.; greasy, 3 to 11½d. Cape, 1,064 bales; greasy merinos, 4 to 7½d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 3½ to 8d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London on June 1 offerings, 12,000 bales, chiefly of New Zealand and Puntas greasy crossbreeds, the former going to Yorkshire and the latter to the Continent. Prices firm. Firm limits led to frequent withdrawals, chiefly Australian and Puntas selections. Details:

Sydney, 106 bales; greasy merinos, 9½ to 11½d. Queensland, 310 bales; scoured merinos, 9 to 17d. Victoria, 673 bales; greasy merinos, 8¼ to 11d. West Australia, 429 bales; greasy merinos, 5½ to 9½d. New Zealand, 3,822 bales; scoured merinos, 10 to 16½d.; greasy, 7 to 8d.; greasy crossbreeds, 3½ to 8d. Cape, 1,159 bales; scoured merinos, 8 to 14d.; greasy, 4½ to 10d. Puntas, 4,902 bales; greasy crossbreeds, 5½ to 10½d. Peruvian, 605 bales; greasy crossbreeds, 6 to 7d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 3 to 9½d., latter quarterbred lambs.

In London on June 2 offerings 10,150 bales consisted in about equal proportions of merinos and cross-breeds, the former being frequently withdrawn at firm limits. The cross-breeds met brisk sale, the bulk going to Yorkshire at late values. Details:

Sydney, 1,095 bales; greasy merinos, 6 to 10½d. Queensland, 937 bales; greasy merinos, 7½ to 10½d. Victoria, 1,067 bales; scoured merinos, 10½ to 15½d.; greasy, 8 to 10d. West Australia, 1,296 bales; greasy merinos, 6½ to 9½d. New Zealand, 5,023 bales; scoured merinos, 12 to 18d.; scoured crossbreeds, 12½ to 16½d.; greasy, 2¼ to 7½d. Cape, 667 bales; greasy merinos, 4½ to 7d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 3¼ to 9d., latter halfbred lambs.

The American Woolen Co. revised downward its prices of serves, unfinished worsteds cheviots, mixtures and fancy worsteds from 7½ to 30c. a yard.

SILK.—On May 31 prices closed 2 to 4 points lower with sales of 1,410 bales. June ended at \$1.08, Aug. at \$1.16 to \$1.17; Sept., Oct. and Nov. at \$1.18, and Dec. and Jan. \$1.18 to \$1.19. On the 1st inst. futures closed 2 points lower to 2 points higher with sales of 1,940 bales. June ended at \$1.07 to \$1.10; July, \$1.12 to \$1.15; Aug., \$1.14 to \$1.16; Sept., \$1.18 to \$1.19; Oct. and Nov., \$1.18 to \$1.20; Dec. and Jan., \$1.19 to \$1.21. On the 2d inst. futures here closed 2 to 3 points higher with sales of 1,670 bales. June ended at \$1.12 to \$1.20; July, \$1.14 to \$1.22; Aug., \$1.19 to \$1.23; Sept., \$1.25; Oct., \$1.26; Oct., Nov. and Dec., \$1.25 to \$1.26, and Jan. \$1.26 to \$1.27. To-day

futures ended 3 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 70 lots. June ended at \$1.12 to \$1.20; July, \$1.12 to \$1.20; Aug., \$1.19; Sept., \$1.26; Oct., \$1.25; and Nov., Dec. and Jan., \$1.26. Final prices are unchanged to 5 points higher for the week.

WOOL TOPS.—To-day futures closed quiet and unchanged to 200 points lower. All months ended at 50.00c. bid. Boston spot unchanged at 54.50c. Antwerp unchanced to ½d. lower with sales of 230,000 lbs. Roubaix 30 to 40 lower with sales of 176,000 lbs.

COTTON

Friday Night, June 3 1932.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 64,258 bales, against 54,967 bales last week and 37,536 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1931, 9,458,637 bales, against 8,360,665 bales for the same period of 1930-31, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1931 of 1,097,972 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	1,338	1,667	979	1,726	749	985	7,444
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	1,659	1,659
Houston	689	273	394	1,398	354	2,428	5,536
Corpus Christi	—	13	14	49	—	4	80
New Orleans	1,200	3,935	11,237	47	607	2,499	19,525
Mobile	180	600	371	6,013	4,665	1,420	13,249
Pensacola	—	—	—	—	144	—	144
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	259	—	259
Savannah	597	578	1,004	356	155	112	2,802
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	12,061	—	12,061
Charleston	25	—	16	31	62	46	180
Lake Charles	—	—	—	—	—	55	55
Wilmington	19	46	721	12	3	104	905
Norfolk	45	—	10	7	16	48	126
Baltimore	—	—	—	183	—	50	233
Totals this week.	4,093	7,112	14,746	9,822	19,075	9,410	64,258

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1931 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to June 3.	1931-32.		1930-31.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1931.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1930.	1932.	1931.
Galveston	7,444	2,254,171	1,420	1,392,730	595,308	499,780
Texas City	1,659	241,597	—	111,548	28,320	17,428
Houston	5,536	3,155,003	2,456	2,826,388	1,235,130	888,077
Corpus Christi	80	428,688	67	573,484	49,552	33,186
Beaumont	—	25,959	—	25,064	—	—
New Orleans	19,525	1,985,043	12,725	1,415,887	1,021,210	656,288
Gulfport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	13,249	493,028	970	591,871	169,753	250,698
Pensacola	144	72,444	592	63,974	—	—
Jacksonville	259	27,597	—	493	17,099	1,348
Savannah	2,802	325,094	1,128	707,887	237,457	352,219
Brunswick	12,061	42,036	—	49,050	—	—
Charleston	180	127,861	569	291,857	102,222	151,730
Lake Charles	55	137,921	189	60,158	56,699	—
Wilmington	905	52,346	44	63,684	11,110	8,144
Norfolk	126	64,773	292	154,571	50,156	66,128
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	—	—	—	1,175	203,706	226,828
Boston	—	933	—	6,187	14,405	3,706
Baltimore	233	24,066	450	24,645	3,488	1,083
Philadelphia	—	77	—	12	5,389	5,213
Totals	64,258	9,458,637	20,902	8,360,665	3,801,004	3,161,856

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1931-32.	1930-31.	1929-30.	1928-29.	1927-28.	1926-27.
Galveston	7,444	1,420	5,258	3,643	10,158	3,947
Houston	5,536	2,456	6,086	7,198	7,831	7,811
New Orleans	19,525	12,725	16,256	4,816	13,299	13,133
Mobile	13,249	970	2,871	3,923	1,181	4,070
Savannah	2,802	1,128	6,989	1,336	2,096	11,176
Brunswick	12,061	—	—	—	—	—
Charleston	180	569	3,657	555	1,336	6,836
Wilmington	905	44	102	189	199	1,689
Norfolk	126	292	640	1,017	1,099	1,988
N'port News	—	—	—	—	—	—
All others	2,430	1,298	979	1,691	610	5,387
Total this wk.	64,258	20,902	42,838	24,368	37,809	56,037
Since Aug. 1—	9,458,637	8,360,665	8,040,765	8,913,478	8,130,640	12,417,155

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 109,157 bales, of which 27,916 were to Great Britain, 4,300 to France, 15,692 to Germany, 6,193 to Italy, 34,070 to Japan and China, and 20,986 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 86,265 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 7,878,287 bales, against 6,264,872 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended June 3 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	4,817	188	2,651	1,039	—	8,728	3,343	20,766
Houston	2,393	212	3,288	5,154	—	12,407	14,101	37,555
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	—	475	475
Corpus Christi	—	—	1,832	—	—	—	—	1,832
New Orleans	5,923	3,900	6,086	—	—	11,551	2,867	30,327
Mobile	—	—	—	—	—	—	200	200
Pensacola	—	—	144	—	—	—	—	144
Savannah	2,290	—	—	—	—	1,284	—	3,574
Brunswick	12,061	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,061
Norfolk	432	—	301	—	—	—	—	733
San Francisco	—	—	—	—	—	100	—	100
Lake Charles	—	—	1,390	—	—	—	—	1,390
Total	27,916	4,300	15,692	6,193	—	34,070	20,986	109,157
Total 1931.	17,096	1,384	21,457	12,900	—	22,873	10,555	86,265
Total 1930.	4,580	6,525	9,106	5,669	—	8,802	17,671	52,353

From Aug. 1 1931 to June 3 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	250,824	109,364	236,031	166,536	---	941,025	299,760	2,003,570
Houston	215,373	202,182	544,411	212,856	---	950,046	361,695	2,486,563
Texas City	25,088	16,601	44,862	8,064	---	43,236	30,205	168,056
Corpus Christi	81,020	18,817	30,851	32,850	---	139,205	37,921	340,664
Beaumont	8,408	2,128	5,970	---	---	6,059	3,237	25,802
New Orleans	289,680	77,257	207,940	141,342	---	387,861	109,181	1,213,261
Mobile	108,397	10,349	127,524	16,617	---	207,768	25,574	496,229
Jacksonville	4,840	---	6,892	---	---	---	122	11,854
Pensacola	14,492	---	61,762	374	---	11,449	1,966	90,043
Savannah	96,869	179	98,430	750	---	197,887	13,333	407,448
Brunswick	16,228	---	25,093	---	---	200	515	42,036
Charleston	62,557	3	64,947	---	---	35,046	16,687	179,240
Wilmington	186	---	11,893	23,900	---	---	2,358	38,337
Norfolk	23,398	522	12,907	---	---	7,863	2,561	47,251
New York	3,080	225	1,956	100	---	18,974	3,160	27,495
Boston	959	---	42	100	---	---	3,141	4,242
Baltimore	45	---	34	---	---	---	---	45
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	34
Los Angeles	24,848	610	12,143	1,842	---	144,187	6,205	189,835
San Francisco	2,084	---	142	---	---	41,769	1,565	45,560
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	---	760	760
Lake Charles	6,208	9,507	27,354	7,261	---	---	9,632	59,962
Total	1,234,584	447,744	1,521,214	612,592	---	3,132,575	929,578	7,878,287
Total 1930-31	1,062,904	923,449	1,621,755	461,373	29,279	1,446,282	719,830	6,264,872
Total 1929-30	1,239,316	810,094	1,694,367	643,518	78,040	1,185,017	684,783	6,335,135

Note.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above table reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to give returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the month of April the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 16,771 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 18,224 bales. For the nine months ended April 30 1932 there were 155,886 bales exported, as against 173,157 bales for the nine months of 1930-31.

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:

June 3 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	1,500	2,000	5,000	18,000	1,000	27,500	567,808
New Orleans	8,573	557	8,265	8,153	2,994	28,542	992,668
Savannah	2,300	---	---	---	---	2,300	235,157
Charleston	---	---	---	---	---	---	102,222
Mobile	2,823	---	---	18,363	100	21,286	148,467
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	---	50,156
Other ports*	1,500	1,000	3,000	22,000	500	28,000	1,596,898
Total 1932--	16,696	3,557	16,265	66,516	4,594	107,628	3,693,376
Total 1931--	7,087	4,948	8,335	42,368	2,472	65,210	3,096,646
Total 1930--	6,283	3,100	10,390	43,909	2,700	66,382	1,656,971

* Estimated.

Cotton declined to the lowest prices seen since 1848 owing to disappointing news from Washington, declines for a time in the stock market, textiles dull, favorable weather and a conviction firmer than ever that the acreage reduction will be entirely inadequate. At the same time the nights are too cold over much of the belt. Stocks of late have been better. Washington tax news has improved, and there is now rather better demand for goods on this side however dull Manchester may be.

On May 28th in the end prices hardly wavered from a straight line and closed a single point lower after being 2 to 3 points higher. There was some liquidation of July but not enough really to affect the prices. Schwabach & Co. estimated the decrease in acreage at only 8.2% and Procter & Gamble at 9. Stocks and wheat were lower or irregular. Some beneficial rains fell in the Carolinas and the forecast was for generally fair weather. Supplies of course are large and June weather just ahead is usually the best ideal of what cotton weather should be. Add to this that July liquidation confronted the market. This seems to explain the bearish feeling here. The chart readers took the ground if the price should penetrate to new lows a rather severe decline could take place. That idea was borne out later in the week. New Orleans as well as local operators sold. India and the Continent also were believed to be selling. Spot cotton was slow; the sales at 10 southern markets last week were 20,212 which was 5,000 less than in the same week last year. For a long time this season the weekly sales greatly exceeded those of the corresponding week last year. The buyers here of futures were the mills, spot firms and the shorts. Some foreign interests that sold July bought later months. Worth Street was firmer at the end of the week. The sales had been larger of print cloths at 3c. for 38 1/2 inch 64x60s and 4c. for 39 inch 80 square. Mill agents refused low bids. The influences at work in a small market kept cotton futures practically on an even keel. There was to be something different later.

On May 31st prices suddenly shot over the brink of a sort of Niagara, plunging downward 27 to 29 points on July liquidation, a drop of 1 to 4 points in stocks and 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 c. in wheat. Moreover early in the day the news looked bad from Washington. The sales tax bill was not to become a law. Stop orders hastened the decline. The discouraged public so far as it was in cotton let go. The downfall of the German Chancellor and his Cabinet caused uneasiness in Europe as well as here. Liverpool was noticeably weak. Long liquidation was large. The weather in the main was good. Worth Street was less active. Manchester's trade was reported bad. The total world's consumption of American cotton for the season it is feared will probably fall short of earlier estimates of 12,750,000 to 13,000,000 bales. The Fossick Bureau stated that weevils were present in the southern two-thirds of the belt, with these pests numerous in Crittenden County, Ark. for the first time since 1923. But

the line of least resistance for prices was plainly downward and July touched the lowest since 1898.

The world's consumption of American cotton during April was 1,078,000 bales compared with 1,149,000 in March and 1,004,000 in April last year, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. The total consumption in nine months of the year ending April 30 was approximately 9,443,000 bales compared with 8,258,000 in the same period last season. The decrease from March to April this year was due almost entirely to reduction in mill activity in this country. The consumption in the United States declined from 477,000 bales in March to 358,000 in April, but total consumption by all foreign countries combined increased from 672,000 to 720,000 bales. The consumption by the United States was undoubtedly smaller in May than in April, and it is doubtful whether total consumption abroad has increased much, if any, during the past month.

On the 1st inst. prices at first advanced as much as 10 points, with budget news better, stocks up, and the trade buying. But they soon ran into liquidation, home and foreign. Stop orders were caught, stocks reacted, the suspension was announced of the well known firm of Albrecht & Co. of Liverpool, and prices struck downward here, ending 22 to 26 points net lower. New lows, the lowest since 1848, were reached. In Liverpool there was forced liquidation following the announcement of the suspension. Liverpool, the Continent, Bombay, Japanese interests, Wall Street, the co-operatives, and the South sold. Rallies were feeble and brief. Manchester was dull and depressed. As to acreage Clement Curtis & Co. estimated the decrease at only 7.1%; Fairchild at only 6.8%. Worth Street was quieter. Six Southern fine goods mills operating 6,000 looms are reported to have closed for four weeks, and two indefinitely. The weekly report was rather unfavorable in some respects, though promising in others. The summary said: "Temperatures were mostly seasonable though they were rather too low for good growth in most Northern sections, especially in Oklahoma. Rain is needed in Northern Carolina, parts of Tennessee and in Oklahoma, but in nearly all other sections moisture is sufficient for the present. In Texas progress and condition are fair to good, with abundant sunshine and moderate temperatures. In Oklahoma growth was slow because of cool nights and dry soil, but the general condition of the crop is good, with some still planting in the Northwest. In Central sections of the belt the weather was mostly favorable, especially in Arkansas, but higher temperatures would be helpful, while there is some complaint of too much moisture in parts of the Gulf area. In the Atlantic States satisfactory progress was rather general; but higher temperatures are needed in the North and more moisture in Northern North Carolina, where stands are irregular, principally because of dryness. But nothing at all bullish counted; neither the trade buying nor the covering, nor the efforts of some to bring about a rally on the strength of a better technical position. Gloom dominated all day. Volkart Bros. estimated the consumption at 12,800,000 bales, and the carryover at 12,948,000 bales. But the market suddenly brightened next day.

On the 2nd inst. prices advanced 24 to 28 points, with the technical position better, the Washington tax news more favorable, and the stock market higher. Most of the cotton rise was held. There were no more of those prices, the lowest in the history of the New York Cotton Exchange. The market vibrated to a powerful swing to a higher level. There was less foreign selling. In fact, to all appearances Japanese and other interests bought to at least a fair extent. The Continent bought later, after some selling from that direction early. Wall Street bought freely. It seemed to be to cover as the higher market for stocks and bonds helped to thrust cotton prices upward. The selling was by the South, Liverpool, and, apparently, the co-operatives. But it soon died down. Liverpool was higher than due, despite the reported suspension of J. R. Brooke & Co., supposedly with small liabilities. There was buying for a rally in Liverpool, and also trade calling. It is true that Manchester advices were bad. They stated that both the yarn and cloth markets were disorganized. Buyers there were cautious. Worth Street was dull as regards print cloths, while fine and fancy grades were also dull and weak. But paramount factors were bullish. The short account had expanded, stocks and grain stiffened, and it was said that Congress would probably adjourn before July. Some think cotton is pretty thoroughly liquidated.

To-day prices advanced 5 to 8 points early, with stocks strong, grain higher, Worth Street reported more active at 3 to 4c. for popular constructions, and Oklahoma rains over five inches, and heavy precipitations also in the Southeast. But later it was a different story. Washington wired that the so-called Garner "pork barrel bill" had been favorably reported by the House Committee, stocks declined, wheat broke sharply, and cotton joined the downward moving procession. Prices ended at a net decline of 12 to 16 points. Many of Wednesday's and Thursday's buyers sold freely. Some of the selling was put down, as usual, to Far Eastern interests. The weekly mill takings, according to the Cotton Exchange figures, made anything but a good showing. The forecast was for wet weather at the South. The exports for the week were stated by the Cotton Exchange as 111,000 bales against 89,000 bales a year ago. Waco, Tex., reported the best demand for spot cotton in some time. Dallas wired that in spite of absence of any real cotton weather, the

progress of the Texas crop in the past week was generally fair, except in localities where heavy rains caused erosion. Although humid atmosphere encouraged weevil and other insects it checked grasshoppers, and no appreciable insect damage is reported anywhere in Texas. It is still unseasonably cool in that State. Final prices show a decline for the week of 42 to 46 points. Spot cotton ended at 5.15c for middling, a decline for the week of 45 points. Fertilizer sales in seven important cotton-growing States, it is stated, were 37,000 short tons in May this year compared with 63,000 short tons during the same month last year, 75,000 short tons two years ago, and 102,000 short tons three years ago. Total sales from Dec. 1 to May 31 were \$47,000 short tons this season against 1,473,000 short tons in the same period last season, 2,344,000 short tons two seasons ago, and 2,271,000 short tons three seasons ago.

Staple Premiums 60% of average of six markets quoting for deliveries on June 9 1932.

Table with columns for 15-16 inch, 1-inch & longer, and various cotton grades like Middling Fair, Strict Good Middling, etc., with associated prices.

Differences between grades established for delivery on contract June 9 1932. Figured from the June 2 1932 average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Table showing price differences between various cotton grades, including Middling Fair, Strict Good Middling, Good Middling, etc., with 'on' and 'off' designations.

*Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been: May 28 to June 3— Sat. 5.60, Mon. 5.30, Tues. 5.05, Wed. 5.30, Thurs. 5.15, Fri. 5.15.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table of futures prices for cotton from May to June 1932, showing ranges and closing prices for each day.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending June 3 1932 and since trading began on each option:

Table showing the range of future prices for cotton from May 1932 to June 1932, comparing weekly ranges with ranges since trading began.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows: Foreign stock as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday) we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Large table of visible supply of cotton, detailing stocks at Liverpool, London, Manchester, and various international ports (Hamburg, Bremen, Havre, Rotterdam, Barcelona, Genoa, Ghent, Antwerp), along with continental and European stocks, and exports to-day.

Continental imports for past week have been 75,000 bales. The above figures for 1932 show an increase over last week of 144,406 bales, a gain of 599,972 over 1931, an increase of 2,492,463 bales over 1930, and a gain of 3,701,155 bales over 1929.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Table of movement in 15 towns, showing receipts, shipments, and stocks for weeks ending June 3, 1932, and June 5, 1931. Lists towns like Ala., Birmingham, Eufaula, Montgomery, Selma, etc.

Total, 56 towns 18,678,560,233 45,999,152,618 20,569,482,945 48,812,100,921

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma. The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 28,542 bales and are to-night 516,949 bales more than at the same period last year. The receipts at all towns have been 1,891 bales less than the same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS:

The quotations for middling upland at New York on June 3 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table with columns for years from 1932 to 1926 and corresponding cotton prices.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table showing Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Contr't, Total) from Saturday to Friday.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:—

Table comparing overland movement for 1931-32 and 1930-31, including shipped amounts and deductions.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 2,895 bales, against 8,430 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 5,535 bales.

Table showing In Sight and Spinners' Takings, Receipts at ports to June 3, and other market statistics.

Table showing Movement into sight in previous years for 1930-1928.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table showing Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on Saturday through Friday for various locations like Galveston, New Orleans, etc.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing New Orleans Contract Market quotations for various months from June to June.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that temperatures have been mostly seasonal during the week except that they have been somewhat too low for good growth in the most northern portions of the cotton belt. Rain is needed in some sections though moisture has been sufficient for present needs in most parts.

Texas.—The progress and condition of cotton are fair to good in this State. There has been abundant sunshine and moderate temperatures.

Memphis, Tenn.—Cotton is progressing. Rain is needed in most localities.

Large table showing Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer readings for various Texas locations like Galveston, Abilene, Brenham, etc.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing river heights at New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, and Vicksburg for June 3 and June 5, 1931.

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 30, in full below:

TEXAS.

WEST TEXAS.

Brady (McCulloch Co.)—Cotton 90% planted, 65% up. Weather has been favorable this week for planting and cultivating, some fields pretty grassy. We are about two weeks late. Farmers are blue over prices.

Snyder (Scurry Co.)—Rain on 24th ranging from one half to one and a half inches leaves planting about 50% completed. Fields in a poor state of cultivation. Warm dry weather desired.

NORTH TEXAS.

Clarksville (Red River Co.)—This has been another week favorable to the cotton crop prospect. We have not had rain in any section for something like two weeks. Some farmers would like to see a rain but the cotton crop is not suffering from lack of it. Plant is up to a good stand and is healthy looking. Crop is from 60% to 75% chopped, and no reports of insect damage.

Forney (Kaufman Co.)—Weather for past two weeks rather favorable for cotton growth and culture, with following exceptions: nights slightly cool, and some cotton affected with lice, and rain latter part of week together with some hail damaging approximately 5% of acreage in this territory. Crops are well worked out and in good state of cultivation. Prior to damage practically 100% planted, due to damage possibly 3% to 5% to be replanted. 25% chopped. Severe damage has been reported in west-central portion of county in Crandall Territory, affecting some 10,000 acres, a large portion of which will have to be replanted.

Greenville (Hunt Co.)—All planted, stand good. Farmers report they have cotton five to six inches high. Slow rain to-day.

Paris (Lamar Co.)—A hail storm southwest of Paris did considerable damage which will doubtless cause replanting of probably 500 to 800 acres. First planting completed and 75% acreage chopped, fields clean, plant fine and healthy.

Sherman (Grayson Co.)—Cotton conditions in this section continue good. Chopping well under way and fields are in fine state of cultivation. Few days of warm weather last week started plant growing and it now has good color and looks healthy. Think conditions this section around 85%.

Terrell (Kaufman Co.)—Farmers have had good weather until the rain Thursday night in spots. In these spots they had heavy rain, or rain and hail and wind, which damaged the cotton very seriously. Otherwise, crop is doing well, and no insect menace is talked about yet. Our acreage is still estimated 10% decrease.

CENTRAL TEXAS.

Athens (Henderson Co.)—Crop has made very satisfactory progress this week. Planting is completed and crop is 60% chopped with an average stand. We have ample moisture and with warm weather of past few nights plant is making better growth. Scattered reports of lice and weevils but they do not appear to be doing any serious damage.

Ennis (Ellis Co.)—95% planted, but 15% to be replanted account of hail storm. Had two and a half inch rain and wind storm Thursday night, May 26, and south of Ennis a strip two to three miles wide across the county had a big hail storm which destroyed all crops in this area and will all have to be replanted. Crop two weeks late. Lots of fleas showing.

Wazahachie (Ellis Co.)—Heavy rains and hail Thursday night caused slight damage in some sections. Some replanting necessary. Crop making good progress.

SOUTH TEXAS.

Alice (Jim Wells Co.)—Clear weather all week. Very favorable for growth of plant and field work. Corn needs rain but cotton does not yet.

Edinburg (Hidalgo Co.)—After making a fair inspection of the crop and conversing with some of the most reliable ginners, it is generally conceded that there is a reduction of approximately 20% in acreage. The recent rains were very beneficial and crop is making good progress at this time. The stalk is growing fast and putting on fruit better than average due to the small amount of insect damage to date.

San Antonio (Bexar Co.)—Weather first part of week was ideal, but latter part has been cloudy and nights have been too cool. Had half inch rain Wednesday. Crops have made fair progress.

San Marcos (Hays Co.)—Favorable weather this week. Crop has made good progress, most of fields are clean.

Sinton (San Patricio Co.)—Cotton made fair headway this week, no rain and farmers got in good week of work. Some weevil and fleas reported but no more damage than is usual at this time of year. Fields fairly clean.

OKLAHOMA.

Chickasha (Grady Co.)—Cotton 98% planted, 90% up to good stand, 5% decrease in acreage. Raining here to-day which is very beneficial. Nights have been too cool past several days. Grasshoppers doing some damage.

Marietta (Love Co.)—90% cotton planted, 80% up to good stand. Last few nights too cool for cotton to make much progress. About same acreage as last year. High winds have sapped moisture and a moderate rain would be beneficial. Farmers catching up and chopping will begin next week. Some fields grassy but on the whole about an average. Cotton needs warm weather now.

Hugo (Choctaw Co.)—Beneficial rains fell over the dry sections late Saturday and Sunday morning.

ARKANSAS.

Ashdown (Little River Co.)—Planting complete, 80% up poor to good stands. Balance will not germinate until it rains. We need a good rain followed by hot and dry weather. Plant very small.

Blytheville (Mississippi Co.)—Because of cool dry weather in early part of season planting has been irregular, ranging from normal to 10 days late, but is about completed now. Stands are fairly good on early planting, and very little replanting will be necessary. Crop is about 40% chopped out. Weather past week has been warm with good rains over most of the territory, and plant is healthy and growing rapidly. Acreage is about same as last year, and labor plentiful. Acreage in feed and food crops also about same as last year and in excellent condition.

Conway (Faulkner Co.)—Cotton planted early, which was about half the crop, is up to good stand and most of it chopped out, but has grown slowly because weather has been too cold and too dry. Later planting shows poor stand or none at all. An inch rain Thursday night will probably bring up all to stand. Weather for the past week has been warmer—more rain would help.

Little Rock (Puaski)—Weather favorable during past week—good rains generally beneficial—cultivation good—warm weather with showers in some sections would further advance crop—no complaints of insect damage.

Newport (Jackson Co.)—Light rain fell last week which was very beneficial. About 90% of crop planted and 50% to 60% up to good stands. Probably 15% chopped out. Labor plentiful and at a cheap price. State of cultivation good. No insects of any sort—heavy soaking rain needed.

Pine Bluff (Jefferson Co.)—Weather has been more or less cloudy for a day or two. Friday morning our local weather station reported 71-100 inch rain, an inch more would be welcome. The cotton plant so far has no enemies. Some complaints of poor stands in "stiff buck shot" land. The season to date is almost a duplicate of the last. The temperature is some higher, and not near so dry. From outward appearances Mother Earth is again pregnant with another great yield of cotton and feed stuff of all kinds for man and beast. She gave us two crops of huckleberries last year.

Searcy (White Co.)—Acreage this year 90% to 95% of last year; food crops are about the same as last year but late on account of harvesting berry crop—most of crop planted and about 50% up to good stand; rainfall light but had a good general rain this week that helped considerably—labor plentiful.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports (1932, 1931, 1930), Stocks at Interior Towns (1932, 1931, 1930), Receipts from Plantations (1932, 1931, 1930). Rows include months from Feb to June.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1931 are 10,121,342 bales; in 1930 were 8,857,662 bales, and in 1929 were 8,551,545 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 64,258 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 35,716 bales, stock at interior towns having decreased 28,542 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were nil bales and for 1930 they were 4,368 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

Table titled 'Cotton Takings, Week and Season' comparing 1931-32 and 1930-31 across categories like Visible supply, American in sight, and Total takings.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills—3,904,000 bales in 1931-32 and 3,818,000 bales in 1930-31—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 13,566,069 bales in 1931-32 and 12,515,906 bales in 1930-31, of which 9,121,069 bales and 7,444,906 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:

Table showing India Cotton Movement from All Ports (Bombay, Other India) for 1931-32, 1930-31, and 1929-30, categorized by week and since Aug 1.

Table titled 'Exports from' showing cotton exports for the week and since August 1, categorized by destination (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total).

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 43,000 bales. Exports for all India ports record a decrease of 46,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 1,683,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is quiet. Merchants are buying very sparingly. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

Table showing Manchester Market prices for 1932 and 1931, listing various cotton grades and their prices.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Table showing Alexandria Receipts and Shipments for 1931-32, 1930-31, and 1929-30, categorized by Receipts and Shipments.

Export (Bales)—	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool.....	4,000	190,141	---	115,370	---	138,963
To Manchester, &c.....	---	140,253	4,000	112,236	---	143,079
To Continent and India.....	8,000	526,929	8,000	500,962	6,000	423,473
To America.....	3,000	43,754	---	19,980	---	101,805
Total exports.....	15,000	901,077	12,000	748,548	6,000	807,320

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending June 1 were 25,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 15,000 bales.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 109,157 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

		Bales.
GALVESTON —To Bremen—May 24—Neidenfels, 2,651-----		2,651
To Liverpool—June 1—Lucille de Larrinaga, 3,135-----		3,135
To Manchester—June 1—Lucille de Larrinaga, 1,682-----		1,682
To Genoa—May 31—Quistconck, 949-----		949
To Dunkirk—May 28, Thode Fagelund, 188-----		188
To Leghorn—May 31—Quistconck, 90-----		90
To Lisbon—June 1—Sahale, 175-----		175
To Oporto—June 1—Sahale, 1,625-----		1,625
To Gothenburg—May 28—Thode Fagelund, 207-----		207
To Corunna—June 1—Sahale, 169-----		169
To Gijon—June 1—Sahale, 200-----		200
To Passages—June 1—Sahale, 236-----		236
To Gydria—May 28—Thode Fagelund, 731-----		731
To Japan—June 1—Kirishima Maru, 8,290-----		8,290
To China—June 1—Kirishima Maru, 438-----		438
NEW ORLEANS —To Manchester—May 21—Eglantine, 85-----		85
May 24—Patrician, 1,188-----		1,273
To Japan—May 28—Skramstad, 4,951-----		4,951
June 1—Liberator, 5,700-----		10,651
To Bremen—May 31—Tripp, 6,035-----		6,035
To China—May 28—Skramstad, 900-----		900
To Lapaz—May 26—Suriname, 100-----		100
To Liverpool—May 24—Patrician, 2,740-----		2,740
May 28—Lasbek, 1,910-----		4,650
To Havre—May 26—San Diego, 546; West Cambo, 2,000-----		2,546
May 28—West Camak, 704-----		3,250
To Rotterdam—May 28—West Camak, 1,417-----		1,417
To Gydria—June 1—Thode Fagelund, 650-----		650
To Ghent—May 28—West Camak, 400-----		400
To Gothenburg—June 1—Thode Fagelund, 200-----		200
To Hamburg—May 31—Phoenicia, 51-----		51
To Dunkirk—May 26—San Diego, 150; June 1—Thode Fagelund, 500-----		650
To Antwerp—May 26—San Diego, 100-----		100
NORFOLK —To Bremen—May 28—City of Norfolk, 301-----		301
To Liverpool—June 2—Atlantian, 350-----		350
To Manchester—June 2—Atlantian, 82-----		82
HOUSTON —To Bremen—May 25—Neidenfels, 1,034-----		1,034
May 28—York, 2,162-----		3,196
To Dunkirk—May 28—Thode Fagelund, 212-----		212
To Gothenburg—May 28—Thode Fagelund, 143-----		143
To Copenhagen—May 28—Thode Fagelund, 150-----		150
To Gydria—May 28—Thode Fagelund, 1,269-----		1,269
To Hamburg—May 28—Yorck, 92-----		92
To Japan—May 28—Kirishima Maru, 5,578-----		5,578
May 31—Skramstad, 392; Asuka Maru, 8,167-----		8,559
June 1—Tatsuma Maru, 3,000-----		11,559
To China—May 28—Kirishima Maru, 1,162-----		1,162
May 31—Skramstad, 848-----		2,010
To Liverpool—May 28—Lucille de Larrinaga, 1,803-----		1,803
To Manchester—May 28—Lucille de Larrinaga, 590-----		590
To Genoa—May 28—Quistconck, 961-----		961
May 31—Ida Zo, 2,068-----		3,029
To Leghorn—May 28—Quistconck, 10-----		10
May 31—Ida Zo, 300-----		310
To Naples—May 28—Quistconck, 500-----		500
To Syra—May 31—Ida Zo, 13-----		13
To India—May 31—Ida Zo, 21; City of Lyons, 545-----		566
To Barcelona—June 1—Aldecoa, 2,764-----		2,764
June 1—Lafcoino, 2,456-----		5,220
To Venice—May 31—Maria, 924-----		924
To Trieste—May 31—Maria, 391-----		391
CORPUS CHRISTI —To Bremen—May 28—Friderun, 1,754-----		1,754
To Hamburg—May 28—Friderun, 78-----		78
MOBILE —To Barcelona—May 26—Aldecoa, 200-----		200
SAVANNAH —To Liverpool—May 31—Atlantian, 381-----		381
To Manchester—May 31—Atlantian, 1,909-----		1,909
To Japan—June 1—Menestheus, 1,284-----		1,284
BRUNSWICK —To Liverpool—May 31—Uranienborg, 12,061-----		12,061
PENSACOLA —To Bremen—May 31—Wacosta, 144-----		144
SAN FRANCISCO —To Japan—(?), 100-----		100
TEXAS CITY —To Oporto—June 1—Sahale, 375-----		375
To Lisbon—June 1—Sahale, 100-----		100
LAKE CHARLES —To Bremen—May 28—Tripp, 1,390-----		1,390
Total-----		109,157

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Barrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High		Stand-		High		Stand-	
	Density.	ard.	Density.	ard.	Density.	ard.	Density.	ard.
Liverpool	.45c.	.60c.	.60c.	.75c.	Shanghai	*	*	
Manchester	.45c.	.60c.	.60c.	.65c.	Bombay	.40c.	.55c.	
Antwerp	.45c.	.60c.	.60c.	.65c.	Bremen	.45c.	.60c.	
Havre	.31c.	.46c.	.46c.	.60c.	Hamburg	.45c.	.60c.	
Rotterdam	.45c.	.60c.	.60c.	.75c.	Piraeus	.75c.	.90c.	
Genoa	.40c.	.55c.	.55c.	.60c.	Salonica	.75c.	.90c.	
Oslo	.50c.	.65c.	.65c.	*	Venice	.50c.	.65c.	

* Rate is open.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	May 13.	May 20.	May 27.	June 3.
Forwarded.....	52,000	31,000	54,000	49,000
Total stocks.....	603,000	626,000	620,000	624,000
Of which American.....	275,000	297,000	296,000	297,000
Total imports.....	38,000	47,000	51,000	67,000
Of which American.....	22,000	40,000	35,000	37,000
Amount afloat.....	123,000	106,000	141,000	131,000
Of which American.....	78,000	49,000	80,000	75,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Quiet.	Moderate demand.	Quiet.	Moro demand.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.
Mid.Upl'ds	4.41d.	4.36d.	4.32d.	4.17d.	4.08d.	4.10d.
Sales	---	---	---	---	---	---
Futures Market opened	Quiet but st'dy, 4 to 6 pts. dec.	Quiet but st'dy, 2 to 4 pts. dec.	Quiet but steady, unchanged to 2 pts. adv.	Barely stdy 10 to 14 pts decline.	Steady, 7 to 12 pts. decline.	Steady, 9 to 10 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.	Quiet but steady, 4 pts. dec.	Quiet, 7 to 8 pts. decline.	Barely stdy 13 to 14 pts. decline.	Steady, 8 to 9 pts. decline.	Barely stdy 11 to 13 pts. decline.	Very stdy., 9 to 11 pts. advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

May 28 to June 3.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12.15 p. m.	12.30 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	4.00 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	4.00 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	4.00 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	4.00 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	4.00 p. m.
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
New Contract.	---	---	4.17	4.11	4.10	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
May	---	---	4.13	4.07	4.05	4.05	3.99	3.92	3.90	3.83	3.77	3.85
June	---	---	4.12	4.07	4.05	4.04	3.98	3.91	3.89	3.82	3.76	3.84
July	---	---	4.13	4.08	4.06	4.05	3.99	3.92	3.90	3.83	3.79	3.86
August	---	---	4.13	4.08	4.06	4.05	3.99	3.92	3.90	3.83	3.79	3.86
September	---	---	4.13	4.08	4.06	4.05	4.00	3.92	3.91	3.84	3.79	3.87
October	---	---	4.13	4.08	4.06	4.05	4.01	3.93	3.92	3.85	3.80	3.88
November	---	---	4.14	4.09	4.07	4.06	4.02	3.95	3.94	3.87	3.82	3.91
December	---	---	4.16	4.11	4.09	4.08	4.01	3.93	3.92	3.90	3.85	3.94
January (1933)	---	---	4.19	4.14	4.12	4.11	4.05	4.04	4.03	3.97	3.91	4.00
February	---	---	4.22	4.17	4.15	4.14	4.08	4.01	4.00	3.93	3.88	3.97
March	---	---	4.25	4.20	4.18	4.18	4.12	4.04	4.03	3.97	3.91	4.00
April	---	---	4.27	4.22	4.20	4.20	4.14	4.06	4.05	3.99	3.93	4.02
May	---	---	4.30	4.25	4.23	4.22	4.16	4.09	4.08	4.01	3.96	4.04
June	---	---	---	---	4.24	4.19	4.11	4.11	4.04	3.98	4.07	4.08

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, June 3 1932.

FLOUR prices on May 31 declined 10c., but the reduction did not stimulate business. It remained quiet. Prices later continued to drift downward. On the 2nd inst. prices were rather firmer, with wheat up.

WHEAT declined some 3½ to 4c. during the week owing to favorable crop reports from the winter and spring wheat sections, declines in the stock market and frequent disappointments as to the tax news from Washington. Another trouble was the failure of the speculation to broaden out to the extent that was expected. But of late the export demand has been better, tax news also better, and the stock market more optimistic. On May 28 prices ended ¾ to ½c. lower, except on May, which was ¾c. higher. Some decline in stocks had an effect in bringing about liquidation by professionals and others. Rumors that export sales were 1,000,000 bushels of Manitoba did not seem to be taken seriously. The weekly forecast was for normal temperatures and some rain, which would benefit spring wheat. Liverpool advanced ½ to ¾d., owing to the raising of the French mill foreign wheat quota to 50% compared with 45% previously and 40% early in the week. It looked like a scarcity of French wheat. On May 31 prices declined 1½ to 1¾c. net, with stocks lower, Washington news for a time unsatisfactory, and little demand. Crop reports were not favorable, but they had lost their effect.

On the 1st inst. prices declined 1 to 2c., and at one time they were down as much as 2½c. to the lowest prices since 1897. The imposition of a tax of 5c. on each \$100 valuation on trades in futures by the Senate more than offset bullish private crop estimates. Big selling struck a practically helpless market. On June 1 the average private crop estimate was: Winter wheat, 433,000,000 bushels; spring wheat, 253,000,000 bushels against 104,806,000 last year; oats, 1,298,000 bushels, and rye, 43,000,000 bushels. The May 1 average was 461,500,000 bushels of winter wheat, and the Government total 440,781,000 bushels. Winter wheat production last year was 787,465,000 bushels.

On the 2nd inst. prices closed ½ to ¾c. higher, owing to a better technical position and a sharp advance in stocks and cotton. There was a rally of 1¼c. from the low of the morning. Shorts covered an sold-out bulls rebought. Reports from the spring wheat belt were favorable. Rains in the Northwest and much of Canada caused an early decline of ½c., but it was short-lived. To-day prices closed 1c. lower on news that the House Ways and Means Committee had favorably reported the Garner Bill, a reaction in stocks, and fine weather in the American and Canadian spring wheat belts. Prices, largely under the blow of news about the Garner Bill, plunged downward 2c. from the high level of the day. Russian crop news was more favorable. But export sales were reported to have been made late yesterday by the Farmers' National of 1,000,000 bushels of domestic

wheat to Greece. There was some buying said to be against export sales of Manitoba. Some were disappointed at the failure of the market to attract a broader outside buying in response to the larger export sales of late. Stop orders were unearched on the decline. Final prices show a decline for the week of 3/8 to 3/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BONDED WHEAT AT NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for May, July, October.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for No. 2 red.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for May delivery, July delivery, September delivery, December delivery.

Season's High and When Made / Season's Low and When Made table for wheat futures.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for May delivery, July delivery, October delivery, December delivery.

INDIAN CORN has declined with wheat, as usual, and also because of favorable weather and a lack of vigorous cash business. On May 28 prices closed unchanged to 3/8c lower, May being the weakest. There was evening up trading in May. The shipping demand was poor. On May 31 prices declined 3/4 to 1 1/8c, with wheat off, crop comments cheerful, and shipping demand slow. On the 1st inst. prices declined 1 1/8 to 2c, with the weakness in wheat the main factor. Many stop orders were caught.

On the 2nd inst. prices advanced 5/8 to 3/4c. Shorts covered. The influence of wheat was, as usual, felt. The buying side became more popular. To-day prices closed 1/4 to 3/8c lower, with the weather fine, wheat off, and stocks reacting from their best prices. At one time there was a good rally on light country offerings and some increase in the cash trade. But later July led the downward turn as professionals sold, with stocks sagging and wheat, as usual, asserting its influence for good or ill. Final prices are 2 1/4 to 3 3/8c lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for No. 2 yellow.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for May delivery, July delivery, September delivery, December delivery.

Season's High and When Made / Season's Low and When Made table for corn futures.

OATS have felt the depression in other grain, especially as the crop advances are favorable. On May 28 prices advanced 1/8 to 1/4c on covering. On May 31 covering by May shorts put that month up 1 1/4c. Distant months ended unchanged to 1/4c lower. On the 1st inst. prices fell 5/8 to 3/4c, with September and December down to the previous lows of the season. On the 2nd inst. prices advanced 1/4 to 1/2c, in sympathy with the rise in other grain. Charters were made for 850,000 bushels to Lake Erie ports. To-day prices ended 3/8 to 1/2c lower, not only because of the decline in other grain, but also because of favorable crop news, especially from Iowa. Final prices are 1/2 to 5/8c lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for No. 2 white.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for May delivery, July delivery, September delivery, December delivery.

Season's High and When Made / Season's Low and When Made table for oats futures.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for May delivery, July delivery, October delivery.

RYE has declined in response to the lower prices for wheat, but also because of a lack of sharp export demand and because of very favorable crop accounts from the

Northwest. On May 28 prices ended unchanged to 3/4c lower, regardless of reports of a good export trade in Canada. On May 31 prices declined 1 to 1 1/8c, with wheat lower. On the 1st inst. prices closed 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c lower under the pressure of liquidation and a lack of support. On the 2nd inst. prices declined 3/8 to 3/4c, the latter on July, but rallied with other grain later and ended 1/8c lower to 1/2c higher. To-day prices closed 7/8 to 1 1/4c lower, with little export demand and favorable crop reports from the Northwest. Final prices for the week show a decline of 4 1/2 to 5 3/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and rows for May delivery, July delivery, September delivery, December delivery.

Season's High and When Made / Season's Low and When Made table for rye futures.

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Table listing prices for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley in New York and Chicago.

FLOUR.

Table listing prices for Spring pat. high protein, Spring patents, Clear, first spring, Soft winter straights, Hard winter patents, Hard winter clears, Fancy Minn. patents, City mills, Rye flour patents, Seminola, Oats goods, Corn flour, Barley goods, Coarse, Fancy pearl, and 4 and 7.

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:

Table showing receipts of flour and grain at seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, May 28, 1931, 1932, and 1933.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, May 28 follows:

Table showing total receipts of flour and grain at seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, May 28, 1931, 1932, and 1933.

* 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 28 1932, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing exports from various ports for Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, and Barley.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1931 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week May 28 1932.	Week July 1 1931.	Week May 28 1932.	Since July 1 1931.	Week May 28 1932.	Since July 1 1931.
United Kingdom.	115,360	2,737,518	909,000	38,752,000	42,000	319,000
Continent.	23,844	1,627,311	3,375,000	99,217,000	-----	187,000
So. & Cent. Amer.	2,000	215,453	368,000	13,834,000	-----	11,000
West Indies.	4,000	445,914	1,000	192,000	3,000	89,000
Brit. No. Am. Colonies.	-----	11,962	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other countries.	-----	211,777	9,000	2,854,000	-----	-----
Total 1932	145,204	5,249,935	4,662,000	154,849,000	45,000	606,000
Total 1931	154,595	10,542,806	5,408,000	180,670,000	-----	287,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, May 28, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat.		Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	1,019,000	11,000	68,000	2,000	3,000	-----
" afloat	109,000	75,000	99,000	-----	-----	-----
Boston	1,141,000	-----	5,000	-----	-----	-----
Philadelphia	3,913,000	40,000	36,000	7,000	1,000	-----
Baltimore	5,042,000	78,000	21,000	30,000	1,000	-----
Newport News	397,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans	986,000	34,000	22,000	-----	-----	-----
Galveston	2,257,000	-----	-----	-----	49,000	-----
Fort Worth	2,350,000	267,000	222,000	1,000	10,000	-----
Buffalo	10,442,000	4,042,000	1,395,000	239,000	150,000	-----
" afloat	1,083,000	59,000	156,000	-----	-----	-----
Toledo	3,969,000	40,000	719,000	3,000	6,000	-----
Detroit	163,000	16,000	31,000	46,000	33,000	-----
Chicago	16,324,000	10,899,000	1,923,000	2,748,000	143,000	-----
" afloat	404,000	-----	358,000	-----	-----	-----
Milwaukee	6,511,000	434,000	356,000	191,000	224,000	-----
Duluth	16,209,000	47,000	1,036,000	1,925,000	248,000	-----
Minneapolis	24,563,000	27,000	2,352,000	3,571,000	1,336,000	-----
St. Louis	1,303,000	14,000	54,000	-----	9,000	-----
St. Joseph, Mo.	6,283,000	1,034,000	210,000	5,000	-----	-----
Kansas City	36,841,000	463,000	34,000	48,000	69,000	-----
Wichita	1,122,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Hutchinson	3,574,000	47,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
St. Joseph, Mo.	5,108,000	394,000	438,000	-----	-----	-----
Peoria	4	-----	211,000	-----	-----	-----
Indianapolis	1,222,000	1,485,000	309,000	-----	-----	-----
Omaha	15,104,000	248,000	267,000	19,000	5,000	-----
On Lakes	194,000	-----	614,000	-----	-----	-----
On Canal and River	516,000	74,000	62,000	-----	-----	-----

Total May 28 1932	168,153,000	19,828,000	10,640,000	9,193,000	2,287,000
Total May 21 1932	169,530,000	20,562,000	11,133,000	9,174,000	2,352,000
Total May 30 1931	193,730,000	11,412,000	9,439,000	9,822,000	4,611,000

Note.—Banded grain not included above: Barley—New York, 1,000 bushels; Erie, 282,000; total, 283,000 bushels, against 1,285,000 bushels in 1931. Wheat—New York, 1,586,000 bushels; New York afloat, 1,514,000; Buffalo, 3,307,000; Buffalo afloat, 67,000; Erie, 126,000; Canal, 783,000; total, 7,986,000 bushels, against 7,902,000 bushels in 1931.

Canadian—	Wheat.		Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
Montreal	5,178,000	-----	404,000	2,166,000	407,000	-----
Ft. William & Port Arthur	46,378,000	-----	965,000	5,028,000	2,164,000	-----
Other Canadian	6,812,000	-----	1,117,000	371,000	239,000	-----
Total May 28 1932	58,368,000	-----	2,486,000	7,565,000	2,810,000	-----
Total May 21 1932	60,328,000	-----	2,844,000	7,255,000	3,117,000	-----
Total May 30 1931	48,373,000	-----	5,291,000	10,681,000	10,785,000	-----

Summary—
American—168,153,000 19,828,000 10,640,000 9,193,000 2,287,000
Canadian—58,368,000-----2,486,000 7,565,000 2,810,000

Total May 28 1932	226,521,000	19,828,000	13,126,000	16,758,000	5,097,000
Total May 21 1932	229,858,000	20,562,000	13,977,000	16,429,000	5,469,000
Total May 30 1931	242,309,000	11,412,000	14,730,000	20,503,000	15,396,000

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, May 27, and since July 1 1931 and 1930, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	Week May 27 1932.	Since July 1 1931.	Since July 1 1930.	Week May 27 1932.	Since July 1 1931.	Since July 1 1930.
North Amer.	6,561,000	301,743,000	337,384,000	31,000	2,195,000	1,522,000
Black Sea	256,000	109,996,000	104,414,000	663,000	33,219,000	32,207,000
Argentina	2,411,000	133,481,000	10,881,000	5,378,000	354,549,000	228,112,000
Australia	4,189,000	148,885,000	118,544,000	-----	-----	-----
India	800,000	9,003,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Oth. countr's	504,000	31,926,000	38,000,000	450,000	20,511,000	40,347,000
Total	13,551,000	726,631,000	708,231,000	6,522,000	410,474,000	2,181,000

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED JUNE 1.—

The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended June 1, follows:

The first part of the week brought considerably warmer weather to most sections of the country, and for a few days thereafter high temperatures for the season were experienced east of the Mississippi River. From the 26th to the close of the week, however, an extensive "high" moved southward from the western Canadian Provinces, attended by a sharp drop in temperature, with unseasonably cool weather prevailing in the central and eastern portions of the country. In the more eastern States the morning of May 30 was especially cool, with frosts and freezing temperatures in mountain sections extending as far south as West Virginia. The first half of the week had widespread rains, but thereafter the weather was mostly fair.

Chart I shows that the week as a whole was cooler than normal over much the greater portion of the country. The greatest minus departures appear in a wide belt extending from western Kentucky, western Tennessee and northern Arkansas northward over the Great Plains and northern Rocky Mountain States. In this area the week was 3 to 7 degrees cooler than normal. The temperature averaged above normal in most of the Northeast and the far Southwest, and near normal in the Lake region, the Southeast and Pacific coast districts. As indicated on Chart I, freezing temperatures were reported over considerably wider areas than is usual for this season of the year. First-order station reports show freezing weather locally in the interior of the Northeast, in the middle Appalachian Mountain districts, at higher elevations in the Southwest, and over a considerable area of the Northwest extending as far south as Valentine, Neb.

Chart II shows that more or less rain occurred in all sections of the country, except the far Southwest. In some Atlantic areas, eastern Tennessee and the eastern portion of the Ohio Valley the amounts were light, but elsewhere east of the Rocky Mountains they were mostly moderate to generous. Heavy rains occurred in parts of Texas and Oklahoma, and the weekly totals exceeded an inch in numerous places from Missouri and eastern Kansas northward. There were also some heavy falls in the extreme lower Mississippi Valley and in a number of localities in Florida. A large area of the Southwest had practically a rainless week.

Warm weather crops in general made slow to only fair progress in Central and Northern States because of unseasonably cool weather, especially the latter part of the week. At the close of the period, however, a favorable rise in temperature was in progress rather generally east of the Rocky Mountains. The week brought light to heavy frosts, with more or less local damage to tender vegetation in most of the more northern States from New England to the interior of the Pacific Northwest, but harm, in general, was not serious. Light frosts occurred as far south as the northern Ohio Valley and freezing temperatures to the mountain districts of West Virginia.

In the Southern States the week was mostly favorable, especially in the Southeast, where crops are responding vigorously to the improved moisture conditions. There were additional rains in most southern sections, but they were insufficient in Oklahoma and more moisture is needed; rains would be helpful also in a few other places, such as northern North Carolina and Tennessee. Somewhat warmer weather is needed, but as a general rule growing vegetation is making satisfactory advance in the Southern States.

The Lake region, upper Mississippi Valley and the northern half of the Great Plains received beneficial moisture, which was especially timely in Nebraska and adjoining sections. The cool weather and rains destroyed many grasshoppers in the northern Great Plains, especially in the Dakotas. There were further favorable showers in the Pacific Northwest.

A considerable area in the central valleys, including West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, central and southern Illinois, southeastern Iowa and Missouri, is needing moisture, especially for pastures, meadows and truck crops, while the western third of Kansas continues dry, and rains would be helpful for the top soil from northern North Carolina northward to New England.

SMALL GRAINS.—In the Ohio Valley the need of rain that has been rather acute in the western part has now extended into the eastern and southern sections, although in these latter districts progress and condition of wheat continue good; in the drier central and western parts progress and condition vary from poor to very good, with rains still needed; beneficial falls occurred in some localities. In the central-western wheat belt notably in Missouri and Nebraska, timely rains were of much benefit, but wheat is reported short in the latter State. The western third of Kansas continues dry and more moisture is generally needed in Oklahoma; in the former State wheat is nearly all headed in the eastern two-thirds, but is very poor to poor in the western third, while condition is very irregular in Oklahoma, ranging from poor to very good.

In the Northwest grains continue to do well in most parts and although cool weather retarded growth in the north Pacific area, condition remains satisfactory. Harvest continues in the Southeast and wheat has headed north to Pennsylvania.

In the spring wheat region mostly favorable advance and condition were noted, although there was some slight frost injury locally. Oats range from poor to fair in the Southwest, with harvest begun to southern Oklahoma; condition ranges from fair to good in most central sections of the country. Flax is still being seeded in Northern States, while rice improved with ample water in Louisiana.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following résumé of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures somewhat below normal; rainfall light to locally heavy. Planting corn finished in north. Wheat heading poor to good; oats average fair. Transplanting sweet potatoes and tobacco continues; tobacco delayed somewhat by slow development of plants. Truck, meadows and pastures excellent.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Weather mostly favorable for harvesting early potatoes, oats and hay, and favored growth and cultivation of corn, tobacco, peanuts and truck, except too dry locally. Too cool for cotton near close, and week's progress poor in north; stands irregular near north border account insufficient moisture. Peaches doing well.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Favorable except one series of showers checked winter cerea harvests. Cotton progress, stands and condition good and chopping active in north. Corn good progress, and stubble lands being turned for late corn and some cotton. Tobacco, tree fruits and pastures improved. All fields well cultivated.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Warm weather at beginning of week, with additional rains middle part, quite favorable. Planting cotton finished, with chopping continuing in north; stands much improved and growth fair to good, though slightly checked by coolness at close. Corn much improved and growth very good; planting continues. Harvesting cereals general. Peanuts, cane, pastures, tobacco plants and truck responding vigorously to abundant moisture.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Moderate rains, locally excessive, and damaging in some districts, but more needed in small areas of peninsula. Corn good and some early excellent; being laid by. Lowlands too wet locally in west and central for melons. Setting sweet potatoes continues. Peanuts, cane and all truck much improved. Progress and condition of cotton good, but rains unfavorable locally in west.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Quite general light to heavy rains, with nearly normal temperatures first half; dry and cool thereafter. Moisture mostly helpful to vegetation, but retarded farm work; fields grassy locally in south. Progress and condition of corn, potatoes, truck, vegetables, ranges and pastures mostly fair to good; oats and miscellaneous crops average fair. Condition of cotton mostly fair to good; too much rain and cool nights unfavorable for best growth; chopping continues in north and some localities of south.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Light to moderate rains and more needed locally; warmth needed generally. Progress in cultivation of cotton

mostly fair to good, with growth and color rather poor to fair. Progress of corn poor to fair. Progress of pastures and truck fair to good.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Temperatures moderate; heavy rains in most of south and in north-central, but otherwise light. Complaints of too much moisture locally in south, with weedy fields; week otherwise mostly favorable. Progress of cotton fairly good and condition good, but crop late. Progress and condition of corn very good. Cane made good progress and rice improved by ample water.

Texas.—Houston: Moderate to warm; no rain in extreme west and south and along coast; light showers elsewhere and heavy in some north-central and west-central portions. Abundant sunshine and moderate temperatures beneficial to crops, but some damage locally in north-central by winds, hail and washing rain. Progress and condition of cotton mostly fair to good; planting about completed and chopping progressing. Progress and condition of wheat, corn and barley mostly good, but oats fair; corn tasseling to north, while oat and barley harvests progressing. Condition of truck, citrus and ranges fair to good.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Cool, especially at night; sunshine deficient; light to moderate showers beneficial, but more rain needed in most sections. Progress of winter wheat fair; condition irregular, ranging from poor to very good; ripening fast. Progress of corn poor as too cool and dry; condition generally very good; cultivation good. Progress of cotton rather poor account cool nights and dry soil; condition generally good; cultivation good and chopping begun in south portion; still planting in northwest. Oats poor; harvest begun in south.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton very good, due to moderate to heavy rains in nearly all portions and warmth, except last of week; stands and cultivation excellent; condition excellent and chopping progressing. Progress of corn excellent; crop well cultivated and condition and stands excellent. Wheat and oats only fair in most portions, due to lack of moisture of previous weeks. Weather very favorable for meadows, pastures, potatoes, sweet potatoes, truck, fruit and berries.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Cool, with mostly light rains. Planting corn about completed; progress and condition very good, but needs rain. Cotton unusually good stands; some cultivation. Progress of winter wheat fair; condition very good. Oats making good growth. Tobacco being transplanted; plants showing well, although soil unfavorably dry.

Kentucky.—Louisville: First half warm; last half cool. Moderate rainfall over about half of State; some localities supplied with sufficient moisture, but most districts too dry and general soaking rains badly needed. Oats began heading in west; will be short unless rains come soon. Condition and progress of wheat very good; in full head. Some tobacco setting where heaviest rains and many plants ready, awaiting rain; some machine setting. Corn planting about over; germination of last-planted poor; stands of early good; color yellow. Pastures drying.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, June 3 1932.

The beginning of a new month, far from bringing to light any signs of a genuine turn upward in textile volume, has found general dullness and unsettlement of values accentuated by the lateness of the season, which emphasizes the caution of buyers with respect to summer goods without encouraging them to order fall goods more freely, in view of the still unresolved complications in Washington. Textile markets shared in the somewhat better feeling engendered by the Senate's adoption of the \$1,115,000,000 tax bill, and the somewhat brighter outlook for a quick passage of adequate Government economies and substantial modification of the extravagant relief projects which were recently offered on every hand. But there remains no assurance that the necessary legislation is going to be put through with the speed which is conceded to be so urgently needed, while, on the other hand, even the modified forms of financial relief for unemployment and business are subject to much criticism from many reliable quarters. Most observers seem to incline to the belief that the proposed expansion of the resources of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, designed, as Secretary Mills put it yesterday, to make the money markets (currently overflowing with stagnant funds) available to industry, is sound. Certainly there is something to be said for Secretary Mills's opinion that a balanced budget and provision for relief to destitute citizens and embarrassed industrial enterprises would help the country to weather further storms between now and the time when a genuine turn for the better is experienced in business. The question is whether the plans under consideration will work out in practice, and that question is being put pointedly from more than one quarter—whether, for instance, the Government is risking financial disaster in a field which is too gigantic for it to cover adequately. Proposed loans to States and various other proposals which involve drains on the Government's depleted Treasury also are fostering disquietude in many quarters. There is thus a general confusion of ideas as to exactly what should be done at Washington, coincident with a general conviction that something should be done immediately to balance the budget and at the same time relieve unemployment without undermining the country's credit. Until this situation clarifies appreciably leaders of all the major industries despair of any real betterment in business conditions, and textile markets are resigned to continued dullness at least for the duration of the current month. All divisions are more or less subject to price unsettlement, and a general move to curtail more drastically has not yet found much reflection, though it is hoped that values will begin to stabilize in the near future, if only because they have already fallen so far. Somewhat better business has been going forward recently at retail, largely done on low qualities, but producers do not expect to benefit materially by this condition, as retailers have a certain amount of stocks to clean out and are bent upon keeping their inventories down to a minimum.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The cotton goods division has displayed a slightly better undertone in the past few days as the movement for curtailment, considered by many to be a direct reflection of recent insistent declines in values rather than of the propaganda so widely current now, has attained greater impetus. It is stated in one quarter that May will not have been a month of further accumulations, notably in print cloth mills. Restriction of production in both the print cloth and narrow sheetings divisions is reported to be in excess of 50% of normal operations, with the prospect that it will be continued at around the present rate until midsummer. While it is expected that some mills will continue to take whatever business they can get, with secondary regard to prices, it is understood that the bulk of available supplies is in strong hands. Meanwhile, there is a growing tendency to close down mills altogether rather than continue to do business at a loss. Some mills, it is reported, are unable to get business at all, even if they were willing to submit to substantial losses. Shutdowns of mills include not only coarse goods makers, but also those of fine goods. One source of the currently somewhat improved confidence displayed by some buyers, exemplified in the greater willingness of some of them to contract ahead at current prices, was attributed to the belief that shutdowns of mills in coming weeks, together with the curtailment already in process, will prevent any appreciable accumulations during the summer. While the amount of curtailment now under way is not ascertainable, owing to the great irregularity occasioned by various degrees of part-time operations in some quarters and complete stoppage of machinery in others, the trend of production is steadily downward. There has been a slightly better demand for print cloths and broadcloths in the past two or three days, it is reported, though this has continued to be largely limited to spot and nearby orders. Better business in sheer cottons, reflecting, it is understood, conviction on the part of retailers and wholesalers that the outlook is for relatively larger consumption of these fabrics, is a bright spot in the fine goods division. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's constructions are quoted at 2 5/16c., and 28-inch 64x60's at 2 7/16c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's constructions are quoted at 3 3/8c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 4c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Activity in woolens and worsted markets remains generally slow, and few observers apparently expect any marked improvement before July. Duplicates coming to hand for men's wear goods are slightly better, both in the number of orders and in respect of individual volume, in some directions, it is reported, but no general movement can be said to have begun. The movement of women's wear goods is meanwhile getting slowly under way, though sellers are said to be hard put to it to supply samples and model cuts in answer to numerous requests. The American Woolen Co.'s announcement of the lowest prices since 1914 on worsted suitings reflects, it is understood, the decline in raw wool and reduced production and overhead costs. Other large worsted producers are expected to revise their prices proportionately in the near future, to those of the American Woolen Co. which have been reduced in a range of from 15 to over 20%. The reductions reflect the policy of the company voiced earlier in the season to the effect that it would hold itself ready to meet conditions of competition or declines in the raw product. As the women's wear division enters the fall season, values are estimated to be at or close to all-time lows, and further important adverse changes are not expected in coming months. The outlook for women's wear goods is considered favorable, and mills are not greatly concerned with present relative dullness.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—A better volume of dress goods and men's suitings is reported to be moving out of the hands of linen importers, who attribute the improvement to the release of a pent-up demand for summer goods incident to warm weather. The statistical position is very good, stocks having been substantially depleted by recent orders. Prices are accordingly fairly firm, and certain printed lines are said to have changed hands at advanced prices. On the other hand, crashes have been sold down to the point where business on them is no longer profitable, but this is an exception rather than a rule in local linen goods markets at present. Buying of burlaps continues less than seasonal notwithstanding improved activity in the automotive industry. Business continues confined to spot orders, usually for less than carload lots. Prices, however, have continued fairly steady. Light weights are quoted at 3.10c., and heavies at 4.35c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND FINANCING IN MAY.

State and municipal permanent bond financing during May was on a slightly larger basis than in the previous month, although, as was the case in April, several large flotations in May accounted for virtually half of the aggregate for that period. As previously pointed out by us, investment bankers appear to be confining their purchases to the obligations of only such municipalities as are in sound financial condition, and have shown the ability, beyond question, to provide for bond service charges on outstanding and currently incurred obligations. The municipalities, however, which do not find themselves in the most desirable circumstances, because of extravagant borrowing or extravagant expenditures, encounter the utmost difficulty in negotiating new loans. There is certainly no avid demand for municipal bonds at the present time. As one illustration of this the New York "Times" in its issue of Wednesday reported that the municipal bond market the day before (May 31) appeared to be entirely without bids and offers to sell "at the market" went unclaimed regardless of price. The writer added that "one deal in New York City 4 1/4% bonds due in 1981, usually one of the most active of City's issues, was reported put through in the morning at 78, or an indicated yield of 5.57%. This, it is pointed out, contrasts with a price of 107 1/4, or a 3.87% yield, quoted exactly a year ago.

The aggregate of sales of long-term municipal bonds in May reached \$85,631,469, which compares with \$69,710,020 in the preceding month and with \$174,998,521 in May 1931. The total for the month of last year was swollen as a result of issues of \$52,000,000 by the City of New York, \$19,337,000 by Detroit, Mich., and \$15,547,000 by Westchester County, N. Y. New York City contributed \$6,200,000 to the total for the month just passed, having awarded publicly \$5,000,000 of 5 1/2% home and emergency work relief bonds, due from 1934 to 1937 incl., at par, while \$1,200,000 5% certificates of indebtedness, also for relief purposes, due \$400,000 on May 27 from 1933 to 1935, were taken by the city's sinking funds. Its issue of \$52,000,000 last year consisted of 3% rapid transit corporate stock, due May 1 1935, which was awarded to a syndicate headed by the National City Co., of New York, at 2.997% basis. In January 1932 the City sold \$100,000,000 6% 1935-1937 special corporate stock at a price of par. The municipal bond awards of \$1,000,000 or more that occurred during May are assembled in the following:

- \$14,545,950 Westchester County, N. Y., bonds and certificates of indebtedness, comprising \$12,002,000 bonds, of which \$8,102,000 are 4 1/4s, due from 1933 to 1965 incl., and \$3,900,000 of 4 1/4s, due from 1933 to 1981 incl.; also \$2,543,950 3% certificates of indebtedness, dated May 26 1932 and due on June 5 1933. The bonds were awarded to a syndicate headed by the Guaranty Co. of New York at a price of 100.017, the net interest cost basis being about 4.3796%. The certificates were successfully bid for by R. W. Pressprich & Co. of New York, which paid a price of par plus a premium of \$1,705, equal to 100.06, a basis of about 2.99%.
- 10,000,000 State of Minnesota bonds, consisting of \$7,000,000 4 1/4s, due from 1937 to 1947 incl., and \$3,000,000 4s, due \$1,000,000 annually from 1934 to 1936 incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by the Chase Harris Forbes Corp. of New York. Price paid was 100.153, the net interest cost to the State being about 4.20%.
- 5,000,000 State of Missouri 4 1/2% road bonds awarded to a syndicate managed by the Continental Illinois Co. of Chicago at 103.197, a basis of about 4.26%. Due on April 1 from 1950 to 1955 incl.
- 5,000,000 Nassau County, N. Y., 4 1/2% bonds, divided into four issues, due serially from 1941 to 1961 incl., purchased by Dillon, Read & Co. of New York and associates, at 101.69, a basis of approximately 4.38%.
- 5,000,000 New York, N. Y., 5 1/2% home and emergency work relief bonds, due \$1,250,000 each year from 1934 to 1937 incl., awarded at a price of par to the Chase National Bank and the National City Bank, both of New York, jointly. The successful tender and a similar offer on behalf of the city's sinking funds constituted the only offers received for the issue. The security investment affiliates of the banking institutions made public re-offering of the bonds at prices to yield from 5.23 to 5.56%, according to maturity. As noted in the text matter above, the city also sold \$1,200,000 5% certificates of indebtedness to its own sinking funds.
- 4,856,000 Boston, Mass., 4 1/2% bonds, comprising 23 separate issues, award of which was made to a group headed by the Chase Harris Forbes Corp. of Boston at a price of 100.209, a basis of about 4.48%. An issue of \$1,500,000 bonds is due in 1982 and subject to prior redemption on and after 20 years from date of issue, while the remaining issues mature serially from 1933 to 1952 incl.
- 3,986,000 Newark, N. J., 5 3/4% street opening bonds awarded to a group headed by the Bankers Trust Co., of New York, at a price of 100.359, a basis of about 5.71%. Due serially from 1933 to 1962, incl. The accepted bid was the only offer received at the sale.
- 3,000,000 State of California 4 1/2% veteran's welfare bonds, due from 1937 to 1953, incl., purchased at public auction by a syndicate under the management of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York. The State received a price of 102.03 for the issue, the net interest cost basis being about 4.30%.
- 2,880,000 Pawtucket, R. I., bonds, of which \$1,680,000 public improvement 5s, due serially from 1933 to 1962, incl., were purchased privately by a banking syndicate headed by Lehman Bros., of New York, while local investors entered subscriptions at par for the remaining \$1,200,000 of 6s, which mature in from 1 to 10 years.
- 2,500,000 Milwaukee Co., Wis., 4 1/2% corporate relief bonds, due \$500,000 annually from 1935 to 1939 incl., awarded at a price of 99.82, or an interest cost basis to the county of about 4.54%, to the National City Co., of New York, and associates.

- 2,200,000 Jackson Co., Mo., 4 1/2% bonds awarded as follows: Two court house issues amounting to \$1,200,000 and due serially from 1937 to 1952 incl. were awarded to a group headed by the National City Co. of New York, at 100.10, a basis of 4.49%. A further issue of \$1,000,000 road and bridge bonds was taken by the Continental Illinois Co. of Chicago, and associates, at a price of 100.93, a basis of about 4.43%. This issue also matures from 1937 to 1952, incl.
- 1,940,000 Albany, N. Y., 4 1/2% bonds, comprising six separate issues, due from 1933 to 1972 incl., award of which was made to a group managed by the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of New York, at 100.079, a basis of about 4.24%.
- 1,800,000 Albany Port District, N. Y., 5% bonds awarded at a price of par to the National Commercial Bank & Trust Co., of Albany, the only bidder at the sale. Due \$40,000 on June 1 from 1937 to 1981, incl.
- 1,706,900 Middlesex Co., Mass., 4 1/4% tuberculosis hospital funding bonds purchased by a group managed by R. L. Day & Co., of Boston, at a price of 101.139, the net interest cost of the financing to the county being about 4.08%. Maturities are from 1933 to 1947, incl.
- 1,250,000 State of West Virginia road bonds, award of which was made jointly to the Bankers Trust Co. and the Guaranty Co. of New York, which bid for \$1,075,000 as 4 3/8s, to mature from 1933 to 1954, incl., and \$175,000 as 4 1/4s, due from 1954 to 1957, incl. The State received a price of 100.009, the net interest cost of the financing being about 4.43%.
- 1,000,000 Waterbury, Conn., 5% funding bonds offered on May 25 and awarded at a price of par to Darby & Co., of New York, the only bidder. Due \$100,000 each year on May 15 from 1934 to 1943, incl.

The inability of numerous municipalities to dispose of their issues continued a feature of the municipal bond market in May. Our records show that such failures numbered 45 issues with a par value of \$30,794,586, while in April there were 52 of such issues and the amount was \$18,600,155. The unsold issue of \$12,500,000 State of Mississippi bonds is responsible for almost half of the total for May. In March the issues numbered 47 and the amount was \$28,100,637. This figure included \$20,000,000 unsold State of Louisiana bonds. In February the number of issues was 59 and the amount stood at \$24,247,291, while in January there were 56 of such issues, aggregating \$13,439,293.

In the table which follows we furnish a list of these unsuccessful offerings, showing the name of the municipality, the amount and rate of interest named in the issue, together with the reason, if any, assigned for the non-sale of the bonds:

RECORD OF ISSUES THAT FAILED OF SALE DURING MAY.

Page.	Name.	Interest Rate.	Amount.	Report.
4022	Akron, Ohio	6%	\$396,160	No bids
3669	Atlantic City, N. J.	not exc. 6%	1,205,000	No bids
3669	Barberton, Ohio	4 1/2%	3,917	No bids
4192	Burlington, Vt.	5%	50,000	Bids rejected
3856	Closter, N. J.	not exc. 6%	182,000	No bids
3856	Comal County, Texas	5%	40,000	Partially sold
4023	East Brunswick Twp., N. J.	6%	60,000	No bids
4023	Frostburg, Md.	4 1/2%	25,000	Bids rejected
4193	Garfield, N. J.	not exc. 6%	583,000	No bids
4193	Genoa, Ledyard, Venice & Lansing S. D. No. 2, N. Y.	not exc. 6%	150,000	Bids rejected
4023	Grays Harbor Co. S. D.	6%	35,000	Partially sold
3504	Hackensack, N. J.	not exc. 6%	263,000	No bids
4024	hHillside Twp., N. J.	not exc. 6%	1,438,000	No bids
3857	Hobart, Okla.	x	250,000	Not sold
3857	Inglewood, Calif.	x	38,000	No bids
3857	Ironton, Ohio	6%	40,000	No bids
3858	eKent, Ohio	5 1/2%	1,904	No bids
3505	Kirkland, New Hartford, Whitestown, &c., Cent. N. D. No. 1, N. Y.	not exc. 5%	350,000	No bids
3671	Lake County, Ohio	6%	81,029	No bids
4025	Lima, Ohio	6%	50,000	No bids
3671	Lincoln S. D., Calif.	5%	2,500	Not sold
3505	Los Angeles County School Districts, Calif.	not exc. 4 1/2%	1,600,000	No bids
4025	Martin County, Ind.	4 1/2%	5,800	No bids
3859	Mena, Ark.	6%	35,000	No bids
4025	Mississippi (State of)	not exc. 5%	12,500,000	No bids
3672	fMultnomah County, Ore.	not exc. 6%	500,000	Partially sold
3672	gMuskogee County, Okla.	x	250,000	No bids
4026	North Pelham, N. Y.	not exc. 6%	66,000	Bids rejected
3674	hParsippany-Troy Hills Twp., N. J.	not exc. 6%	349,000	No bids
3507	Passaic, N. J.	not exc. 6%	800,000	No bids
3674	Passaic County, N. J.	not exc. 6%	2,775,000	No bids
3674	iPolson, Mont.	not exc. 6%	18,000	Not sold
4026	Quincy, Mass.	not exc. 4 1/4%	75,000	No bids
4027	jSalem, Mass.	not exc. 4 1/2%	100,000	Bids rejected
3675	San Francisco (City and County), Calif.	4 1/2%	664,000	No bids
3861	Seattle, Wash.	not exc. 6%	3,500,000	No bids
3508	Shawnee, Okla.	x	200,000	No bids
3675	Solano Co. S. D., Calif.	4 1/2%	230,000	No bids
3675	South River, N. J.	6%	50,000	No bids
4196	Swanton, Vt.	5%	40,000	No bids
4027	Taunton, Mass.	x	30,000	No bids
4196	Toronto, Ohio	6%	20,276	No bids
4028	kWaveland, Miss.	6%	25,000	Bid rejected
3676	West New York, N. J.	not exc. 6%	117,000	No bids

x Rate of interest was optional with the bidder. a First National Bank of Milltown has obtained a 30-day option on the issue. b Issue was previously unsuccessfully offered in February. c Bonds have been offered without success on three occasions. Purpose of sale is to redeem similar amount of notes which became due on Jan. 1 1932, and effort is now being made to effect exchange of bonds for the notes. d Issue was twice unsuccessfully offered in May, once on May 4 and again on May 17. e Issue will be re-offered with interest rate increased to 6%. f A block of \$180,000 of the bonds was sold at par. g Issue was re-offered for sale on May 23 (V. 134, p. 3672). h Option on the issue until June 9 has been obtained by H. L. Allen & Co. of New York. i Bonds will be sold privately, according to report. j Legal attorneys disputed the action of city officials in authorizing bond issue as an emergency measure. Early re-offering of bonds is anticipated. k Rejected bid was an offer of par by the Merrill Engineering Co. of Jackson.

Continuance in May of the easy money policy adopted in the preceding month by the Federal Reserve System resulted in the sale of numerous temporary note issues, either in anticipation of tax collections or pending more propitious market conditions when permanent financing may be resorted to. Borrowing of this nature during May aggregated \$47,643,000, of which \$18,400,000 was contributed by

the City of New York. The downward trend in money rates in recent weeks is reflected in a comparison of the terms obtained on borrowings by Boston, Mass. This city on Feb. 15 and Feb. 26 of this year placed loans of \$2,000,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively, with approximately similar maturities, at an interest cost of 5.75%. A rate of 5.25% was named at a sale of \$1,000,000 on March 16 and on March 25 a like amount was obtained at 4.90%. On March 29 a \$2,000,000 issue, due Oct. 4 1932, was marketed at 4.85%, at par plus a premium of \$39, and on April 13 a further loan of \$2,000,000, due Oct. 6 1932, was sold at a rate of 3.45%. On April 26 a \$3,000,000 loan, due Oct. 5 1932, was disposed of at an interest rate of 2.23%, which compares with that of 2.07% named on May 2 when an issue of \$2,000,000, due Oct. 3 1932, was awarded to the Bankers Trust Co., of New York.

NEWS ITEMS

Cook County, Ill.—Payment Expected of Third of June 1 Maturities.—The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of June 1 carried the following report on a partial payment which is expected to be made on a total of \$1,814,000 bonds and interest which matured on June 1:

Cook County, Illinois, is expected to pay approximately one-third of the \$1,814,000 bonds and interest due to-day, it was stated yesterday. Michael J. O'Connor, Assistant County Comptroller, pointed out that only \$1,232,650 of the obligations falling due are levied against the 1930 tax assessments and these can be met only in the proportion in which the 1930 taxes are paid. The difference of \$581,350 in bonds and interest due to-day can be met only from 1931 taxes, which will not be collected until next year.

According to a notice made public on June 3 by Joseph B. McDonough, County Treasurer, the holders of the Series V, W and AA bonds that are due on June 1 will be paid 50% on what is due to them from money that is available by endorsement on presentation through any bank or to the Cook County Treasurer.

Everglades Drainage District, Fla.—Time Limit Extended for Deposit of Bonds.—Following a recent decision by the Federal Court in Pensacola, protecting the interest of holders of bonds of this district by invalidating certain injurious legislation—V. 134, p. 313—the Bondholders' Protective Committee has extended the time limit for the deposit of bonds until July 15. The Baltimore "Sun" of June 1 commented on the action as follows:

The Bondholders' Protective Committee representing owners of Florida Everglades Drainage District bonds has extended to July 15 the time limit in which bonds will be accepted for deposit. This action follows a recent court decision which bankers construe as favorable to holders of the bonds. In a discussion of the decision, Frank B. Cahn & Co. point out that all drainage taxes levied within the Everglades for any purpose except the one mill levy for maintenance, and all other funds of the district and the Board of Commissioners, are held to be set apart and appropriated for payment of Everglades bonds and coupons and the creation of a sinking fund.

From a legal standpoint, the bankers observe that Everglades holders are now in a "very strong position." Holders are cautioned to bear in mind, however, that much work is still required not only to sustain the present decision in case it is further contested as expected, but also to meet successfully and overcome political and economic factors which have an important bearing on the collection of sufficient drainage taxes to pay all past due bonds and coupons and those to mature in the future.

Kentucky.—Circuit Court Decision Holds \$14,000,000 Funding Bonds of State Unconstitutional.—A decision was handed down on May 26 by Judge H. Church Ford in the Circuit Court of Franklin County, holding that the proposed issue of \$14,000,000 of State bonds, authorized by the recent session of the Legislature, to take up outstanding State warrants and State debts (V. 134, p. 3505) was unconstitutional. The decision was rendered in an injunction suit brought against the issuance by the State Budget Commission of these bonds and was instituted by the Kentucky Taxpayers' League and the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. It is said that the case will now go on appeal to the State Court of Appeals where a similar proposal was turned down 16 years ago. The following is taken from a report to the Louisville "Courier-Journal" from Frankfort on May 26:

An issue of State bonds to retire interest bearing warrants, which would have cost the taxpayers \$28,000,000 or more without their having a vote on the creation of the debt, was declared unconstitutional to-day by Judge H. Church Ford in the Franklin County.

The case goes by appeal to the Court of Appeals, where, 16 years ago, Judge Augustus Thomas declared a similar scheme was unconstitutional. The record before the higher court will present the legal questions only, Judge Ford's decision ruling out the entire question of expediency raised by the bond advocates.

Decision Based on Thomas' Ruling.

Judge Ford decided the question presented to-day on the strength of Judge Thomas' opinion in the Stanley vs. Townsend case. At that time, during the administration of former Gov. A. O. Stanley, an effort was made to issue certificates, which Judge Thomas said were actually bonds, without giving the people a vote.

The Constitution of the State forbids creation of a debt of more than \$500,000 without submitting the question to the voters. The inhibition is a carry-over from the State's third Constitution, adopted in 1850. The three sections were lifted, in their entirety from the third, and kept in the fourth Constitution.

Not until 1916, 66 years after the sections were written into the organic law, was any attempt made to circumvent the prohibitions against excessive indebtedness. Judge Thomas' opinion quickly disposed of the effort. Its revival this year marks the second attempt to break down the protection against indebtedness made by a legislative body.

Attorneys for the bond proponents, Francis M. Burke and Samuel H. Brown, Assistant Attorney-Generals, argued that the Court of Appeals already had overruled "by implication" the Stanley Townsend opinion. This implied change, they said, was evidenced in a new line of opinions governing indebtedness of cities and counties.

Briefly summarized, they argued that when the Stanley opinion was written the higher court held that bonds could not be issued to retire debts of the State or debts of the counties and cities. Since then the courts have departed from that rule so far as it affected cities and counties.

The change made by the courts in their ruling about city indebtedness ought to be extended to the State, Mr. Burke insisted. He said there was no basis for giving one meaning to the word debt as applied to cities, and another and different meaning when applied to the State.

Cary Tabb, representing directors of the Kentucky Farm Bureau and the Kentucky Taxpayers' League, read from Appellate Court decisions holding that the difference in the financial setup of municipalities and the State, under the Constitution, is marked. So great is the difference, Mr. Tabb read from the decisions, that the rule applied in the cities is of little value in laying down a rule for the State.

Bars References to Expediency.

Judge Ford based his decision where Mr. Tabb said it necessarily should rest, on the Thomas decision in the Stanley case. He struck from the answer filed by the bond advocates all references that sought to set out the expediency of a bond issue.

The Circuit Judge early indicated that he thought it was of no concern to the courts whether it would be a good or an unwise policy for the State to issue bonds. It was the court's duty to determine if the bonds could be issued under the Constitution. That decided adversely to the proponents of the issue, he ruled out all references to expediency.

That action stripped considerable ground from under the bond advocates. They had relied on their contention that it would be beneficial to the State to swap off its warrant debt for a bonded debt. Judge Ford said that it undoubtedly was creating a new debt, and not merely changing the form or the debt.

In furtherance of their plan to impress the courts with the expediency of the bond plan, the advocates started three days ago to take testimony of bankers holding the warrants and a group of officeholders. They planned to continue the testimony-taking this afternoon if they ran the gauntlet of legal problems.

Canadian municipal financing completed in May aggregated \$20,939,936, none of which was placed in the United States. Several large flotations were made, including issues of \$5,000,000 each by the Provinces of Manitoba and New Brunswick. The Manitoba loan, bearing interest at 6% and due April 1 1947, was distributed to investors at a price of 95.25, to yield 6.50%, by a syndicate under the leadership of the Royal Bank of Canada. The New Brunswick issue, bearing 5% interest and due May 15 1950, was offered at a price of 95.60, to yield 5.90%, by a syndicate headed by the Bank of Montreal.

A group headed by the Bank of Nova Scotia placed on the market on May 7 an issue of \$3,151,607 City of Ottawa, Ont., 5½% bonds, due in 1941, 1946, 1951 and 1961, at 97.50 and interest, yielding from 5.85 to 5.67%, according to maturity. The Greater Vancouver Water District in British Columbia sold \$1,000,000 6½% bonds, due in one year, to the Royal Bank of Canada, of Toronto, at a price of par. A syndicate headed by the Bank of Montreal marketed an issue of \$1,000,000 Montreal Protestant Central School Board (Quebec) bonds at 99.75 and interest, to yield 6.05%. Dated May 1 1932 and due on May 1 1937. An issue of \$1,000,000 Province of Prince Edward Island 6% bonds, due in 1947, was placed on the market on May 2 at par and interest by Gairdner & Co., of Toronto, and associates. Also, a 1,500,000 pound sterling 35-year 5% stock issue of the Province of British Columbia was placed on the market in London, England, by a group managed by the Dominion Securities Corp.

There was no United States Possession financing accomplished during May.

In the following table we furnish a comparison of all the various forms of obligations put out in May for the last five years:

Table with 6 columns: Description, 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Perm. loans (U. S.), Temp. lns (U. S.), Can. lns (perm.), Placed in Canada, Placed in U. S., Bds. of U. S. Poss'ns, and Gen'l. bds., N.Y.C.

* Including temporary securities issued by N. Y. City: \$18,400,000 in May 1932; None in May 1931; \$6,750,000 in May 1930; \$14,535,500 in May 1929 and \$1,076,000 in May 1928.

The number of municipalities emitting permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during May 1932 were 160 and 242, respectively. This contrasts with 154 and 194 for April 1932, and with 356 and 494 for May 1931.

For comparative purposes we add the following table, showing the aggregates of long-term issues for May and the five months for a series of years:

Table with 6 columns: Year, Month of May, For the Five Months, Year, Month of May, For the Five Months. Rows list years from 1932 down to 1913.

a Includes \$6,200,000 bonds of New York City. b and c each include \$52,000,000 bonds of New York City, which includes bonds of the city in amount of \$60,000,000.

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

This procedure ended abruptly without further testimony being taken, and with no opportunity to incorporate that already taken in the record on appeal. Plaintiffs in the litigation were required to make a nominal bond for the appeal. By agreement, the bond was fixed at \$1,000.

Carlisle Minor, Danville, Attorney for the Kentucky Taxpayers' League, made the opening statement against the bond issue. Mr. Tabb followed. Then the bond advocates got their hearing through Mr. Burke and Mr. Brown.

The case will be appealed in the hope that a decision can be procured before adjournment of court June 24.

Massachusetts.—Additional Gasoline Revenue to be Distributed to Municipalities.—According to recent news dispatches from Boston nearly \$6,000,000 in gasoline tax money will be distributed to cities and towns in the State in June, under the terms of a new act, based on recommendations of the Governor for an additional allotment of this fund to municipalities, which has been signed by him. It is said that of the total, \$5,500,000 will go to 174 communities not entitled to State aid in highway maintenance, in proportion to the amounts they are assessed in this year's State tax. The remainder is reported to go to 181 small towns which derived State aid.

New Jersey.—General Sales Tax Plan Introduced in Legislature.—A bill for a general sales tax was introduced in the Assembly on June 1 by Elmer E. Brown, Democratic majority leader of Essex County. The bill provides a new source of revenue and is designed for unemployment relief, as this measure, if successful, is expected to raise \$18,000,000 by the imposition of various new levies. The tax would be effective from July 15 1932 to June 30 1933, with the Governor having power to suspend its operation at any time that State funds are sufficient. The tentative schedule for the new sales tax plan, which may be amended, was given in the Newark "News" of June 1 as follows:

Food, clothing and fuel (coal and crude oil), 1% of total sales.	
Automobiles, motor boats, radios, jewelry, perfumes and other luxuries, 2% of sales.	
Amusements (including motion pictures, theatres, athletic events, circuses and prize fights), 1 cent up to 2 cents admission:	
26 to 50 cents-----	2 cents
51 to \$1-----	3 cents
\$1 to \$2-----	5 cents
Over \$5-----	15 cents
Over \$5-----	25 cents

Automobile accessories, garage services, parking, repairs, &c., 2%.
Gasoline, 1/2 cent more per gallon.
Pool and billiard parlors, 1% of total business.
Hotel accommodations, 2% of total business.
Restaurants, 1% of total business.
Newspapers, 1 cent per 100 copies.
Magazines, 1% of total sales.
Motor buses or trucks used for carrying passengers:
Where fare is less than 10 cents per zone, 3/4 cent a mile per vehicle.
Fares exceeding 10 cents per zone, 1 cent a mile per vehicle.
Freight-carrying motor vehicles (excluding local delivery vehicles where no charge is made), 1 cent a mile.
Stock and bond transfers, 1% of sales value.
Gas, electric and telephone services, 1% of sales.
Real estate transfers, mortgages, conveyances, &c.:
1% up to \$1,000.
1/2% for next \$5,000.
1/4% for next \$25,000.
1/8% above \$31,000.

1 cent under 15-cent value.	4 cents from 51 cents to \$1.
2 cents from 16 to 50 cents.	4% of total above \$1.

New York State.—Supplemental List of Securities Found Legal for Investment by Savings Banks.—In pursuance of his announced policy of constant revision, a supplemental list (No. 3) was issued on June 2 by Joseph A. Broderick, State Superintendent of Banks, amending further the original list of Dec. 1 1931, which was published in its entirety in V. 133, p. 3995. Supplemental list No. 2 appeared in V. 134, p. 2378. As has been the case in the previous supplements, the changes shown in the present list affect only obligations of municipalities and public utilities. There are numerous additions to the corporate securities divisions and a few additions to and removals from the municipal listing. The bulletin, as issued by the Superintendent of Banks, is as follows:

Announcements to the List of Securities Considered Legal Investments for Savings Banks, Dated Dec. 1 1931.
The statement with reference to purpose and preparation of list as set forth on pages 3-4 of Dec. 1 1931 legal list applies as well to this announcement.
JOSEPH A. BRODERICK,
Superintendent of Banks.

Additions.

- West Haven, Connecticut.
- West Haven Union School District, Connecticut.
- Brooklyn & Montauk RR. Co. 2d 5s, 1938.
- Long Island City & Flushing RR. Co. first cons. 5s, 1937.
- Long Island RR. Co.—Gen. 4s, 1938.
- Unified 4s, 1949.
- Refunding 4s, 1949.
- Equipment trust 5s, E, due to May 1 1938.
- Equipment trust 5s, F, due to April 1 1939.
- Equipment trust 5s, G, due to Jan. 1 1940.
- Equipment trust 4 1/2s, H, due to March 1 1941.
- Equipment trust 4 1/2s, I, due to June 1 1942.
- Equipment trust 4 1/2s, J, due to Aug. 1 1945.
- Montauk Extension RR. Co. first 5s, 1945.
- New York Bay Extension RR. Co. first 5s, 1943.
- New York Brooklyn & Manhattan Beach Ry. Co. first cons. 5s, 1935.
- Indiana Electric Corp.—First 6s, 1947, series A.
- First 6 1/2s, 1953, series B.
- First 5s, 1951, series C.
- Narragansett Electric Co. first 5s, 1957, series B.
- Pennsylvania Power Co. first 5s, 1956.
- Public Service Co. of Indiana first & ref. 6s, 1952, series G.
- Southern California Edison Co., Ltd., ref. 5s, 1954.
- Syracuse Light & Power Co. first & ref. 5s, 1957.
- Union Electric Light & Power Co. gen. 5s, 1954, series A.
- Utica Gas & Electric Co. gen. 5s, 1952, series E.

Removals.

- Fall River, Massachusetts.
- Morristown, New Jersey.
- Morristown School District, New Jersey.
- Boston & Maine RR. Co.—Gen. 6s, 1935, series K.
- Gen. 6s, 1934, series O (called for redemption).

Port of Astoria, Ore.—Formation of Protective Committee Announced on Jan. 1 Bond Default.—A statement was issued on May 25 to the holders of bonds of this district, default on which took place Jan. 1 1932, announcing the formation of a Bondholders' Protective Committee and urgently requesting holders of the outstanding bonds, which aggregate \$3,670,000, to deposit them at once in order to secure con-

certed action as soon as possible. The statement follows in full text:

To All Holders of Port of Astoria, Ore., Bonds:
On Jan. 1 1932 the Port of Astoria, Ore., was unable to meet in full the interest then due on its indebtedness, as well as the principal, due on that date. The officials issued a statement to the effect that they had on hand approximately \$100,000 to meet total maturing obligations of \$200,000 and proposed to the bondholders that they agree to accept in full payment 50c. on the dollar for both bonds and coupons, which proposition was of course refused.

Certain of the dealers who marketed the bonds sent representatives out to Oregon to make a full investigation, and after a careful study of their reports, it was deemed advisable to immediately organize a committee to protect the rights of all of the bondholders.

The personnel of this committee is as follows: De E. Bradshaw, General Counsel for the Woodmen of the World, Omaha, Neb., one of the largest fraternal insurance companies in the United States; James H. Windsor of the Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Des Moines, Iowa; John W. Reinhart, one of the partners of Bohmer-Reinhart & Co., investment bankers of Cincinnati; Morris Mather, President of the investment banking firm of Morris Mather & Co., and Roy A. Dickie, Assistant Secretary of Whitaker & Co., investment bankers of St. Louis, in charge of the municipal department, who was selected by the St. Louis dealers to represent them. This committee represents over 50% of the \$3,670,000 Port of Astoria, Ore., bonds now outstanding. Thompson, Wood & Hoffman, among the country's foremost firms of attorneys specializing in municipal law, have been retained as general counsel, and the Omaha National Bank of Omaha, Neb., has agreed to act as depository.

The committee, the members of which are serving without compensation of any kind, has in mind certain plans looking toward a solution of the Port's present financial difficulties, and provided the port officials are willing to co-operate, it is believed that the situation can be worked out without litigation. However, we are confronted with a taxpayers' strike, and it may be necessary to resort to the courts to enforce the rights of the bondholders.

It is of the utmost importance that concerted action be taken without delay, and we cannot too strongly urge all bondholders to immediately deposit their bonds and coupons with the official depository. We enclose copy of the deposit agreement, also two copies of the letter of transmittal to be used in forwarding bonds to the depository. One copy of the letter should be signed and the other may be retained by the bondholder as a matter of record.

Assurances have been received that over \$2,000,000 of the bonds will be deposited simultaneously with receipt of this letter, but, of course, it is extremely desirable and to the best interests of everyone that all of the bonds be immediately deposited, and we again urge you to send in any bonds you own or are in touch with.

The Secretary of the committee, or any of its members, will be pleased to give you any further information regarding the situation which we may have available.

Yours very truly,
PORT OF ASTORIA, ORE., BONDHOLDERS' PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE,
M. Mather, Secretary.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,600 4 1/2% coupon road construction bonds offered on May 31—V. 134, p. 3855—were awarded to the First State Bank, of Decatur, at par plus a premium of \$1. Dated July 15 1932. Denom. \$180. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. A bid of par was submitted by Meshberger Bros., of Berne.

ALBANY PORT DISTRICT (P. O. Albany), Albany County, N. Y.—BOND PUBLICLY OFFERED.—A group composed of the Guaranty Company of New York, the National Commercial Bank & Trust Co. of Albany, George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., and R. W. Pressprich & Co., the latter three all of New York, made public offering on June 2 of \$1,800,000 5% district bonds at par, according to maturity, to yield 4.75%. Dated June 1 1932 and due \$40,000 on June 1 from 1937 to 1981, incl. Legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State, according to the bankers. (This issue was awarded last week at a price of par to the Albany institution, which was the only bidder at the sale—V. 134, p. 4022.)

The advertisement of the bankers contains the following information with respect to the formation of the district and the nature of the obligations: "The Albany Port District, co-extensive with the present territories of the adjoining cities of Albany and Rensselaer, was established in 1925 by the New York State Legislature as an agency for the development of port facilities at Albany, in co-operation with the Federal Government, which has expended considerable sums in making the Hudson River to Albany navigable by ocean-going vessels."

"In the opinion of counsel these bonds are general obligations of the Albany Port District, payable from Port revenues supplemented by unlimited ad valorem taxes required to be levied against all taxable real property within the district in amounts determined by apportionment, based on benefits, between the territory on the Albany or westerly side and the territory on the Rensselaer or easterly side of the Hudson River. Under existing ratios, about 88% of any tax is required to be levied against property within Albany and 12% against property within Rensselaer."

ATHENS, Pickaway County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$1,378 8/10% storm sewer construction bonds recently authorized by the city council—V. 134, p. 4022—will be sold to a local investor. Dated May 16 1932. Due \$689 on March 15 in 1933 and 1934.

AUGUSTA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Augusta), Richmond County, Ga.—PROPOSED BOND SALE.—It is reported that the Board of Education will issue for sale \$250,000 in school bonds. At the 1929 general election the voters approved the issuance of \$1,000,000 of these bonds.

BANNOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 46 (P. O. Pocatello), Ida.—BONDS CALLED.—The entire issue of 6% school bonds, dated June 23 1913, due in 1933 and optional in 1932, are called for payment at the First Security Bank of Pocatello, on June 23, on which date interest shall cease. It is stated that payment will be made by Eastern draft where necessary.

BEAVER CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Prescott), Yavapai County, Ariz.—BOND SALE.—A \$2,000 issue of school bonds is reported to have been purchased by a local investor. Due \$500 from Dec. 1 1933 to 1936, incl.

BELLEVILLE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND REPORT.—The Town Commission on May 24 authorized \$262,000 tax assessment bonds, to mature \$165,000 in 1941, \$70,000 in 1942 and \$27,000 in 1943. The Commissioners also authorized the renewal of issues of \$86,000 and \$17,000 6% bonds which became due on May 27, according to report.

BEREA, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,889.69 6% coupon property owner's portion improvement bonds offered on May 23—V. 134, p. 3669—were awarded at par and accrued interest to the Bank of Berea Co., the only bidder. Dated May 1 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$889.69 in 1932, and \$1,000 from 1933 to 1941 incl.

BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—John C. Lovett, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. (daylight saving time) on June 9, for the purchase at discount basis of a \$200,000 temporary loan, dated June 9 1932 and due on Dec. 28 1932. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Notes, evidencing existence of the debt, will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity by the First National Bank, of Boston, under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston. Loan will be payable at the First National Bank of Boston, or at the First National Old Colony Corp. of New York.

BEXLEY (P. O. Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,850 coupon storm sewer construction bonds offered on May 30—V. 134, p. 3669—were awarded as 6s to the BancOhio Securities Co., of Columbus, the only bidder, at par plus a premium of \$19.80, equal to 100.18, a basis of about 5.94%. Dated June 1 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$2,350 in 1936 and \$2,500 in 1937.

BEXLEY (P. O. Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio.—CURE OF BOND ISSUES URGED.—City Auditor Samuel W. Roderick has advised the city council to discontinue issuing further bonds in order to prevent an increase in the tax rate for next year. On May 1 1932 the bonded debt of the city was \$1,347,382.

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Basin), Wyo.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$45,500, offered on May 23 (V. 134, p. 3503) were not sold as no bids were received. The issues are as follows:
 \$32,000 funding bonds. Due from Jan. 1 1943 to 1957, inclusive.
 15,500 building bonds. Due from Jan. 1 1943 to 1957, inclusive.

BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—It is stated by C. E. Armstrong, City Comptroller, that sealed bids will be received by the City Commission at his office, until noon on June 21, for the purchase of three issues of bonds aggregating \$580,000, as follows:
 \$250,000 5% grade crossing abolition bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$150,000 in 1934, and \$100,000 in 1935. Int. payable A. & O.
 160,000 6% public imp. bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Due \$16,000 from July 1 1933 to 1942 incl. Int. payable J. & J.
 170,000 5% bridge bonds. Dated April 1 1930. Due on April 1 as follows: \$20,000 in 1935, and \$50,000, 1936 to 1938. Int. payable A. & O.

Denom. \$1,000. All past due interest coupons, on the grade crossing abolition bonds and bridge bonds will be clipped before said bonds are delivered to the purchasers. No bid will be considered at less than 95% of par as applying to any one of the different issues. These bonds to be sold to any one bidder on an all or none bid. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City, will be furnished. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the City, is required.

BURLINGTON, Chittenden County, Vt.—BIDS REJECTED.—At the offering on May 31 of \$50,000 4½% coupon or registered road construction bonds—V. 134, p. 4022—the following bids were rejected:

Bidder	Rate Bid
Paine, Webber & Co.	97.45
Vermont Securities Co., Burlington	96.22
Halsey, Stuart & Co.	94.27

BURLINGTON, Skagit County, Wash.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by the Town Clerk that the two issues of not to exceed 6% semi-ann. water bonds aggregating \$40,000, offered on April 13—V. 134, p. 2005—have not as yet been sold. He states that several bids were received for the general obligations but none for the revenue bonds. It is said that bids will be advertised for construction with the understanding that the successful bidder will accept revenue bonds as part payment for his contract. The issues are:

\$25,000 revenue bonds. Due from 1934 to 1953 incl.
 15,000 general obligation bonds. Due from 1934 to 1953 incl.

CALHOUN COUNTY (P. O. Anniston), Ala.—BOND SALE.—We are now informed that the \$76,000 issue of court house bonds offered for sale without success on Feb. 15—V. 134, p. 2378—has since been awarded as follows: \$38,000 bonds to Steiner Bros. of Birmingham, at a price of 95.00 on Feb. 27; \$13,000 to Mr. J. Mills Thornton of Montgomery, on March 18 at 98.00; \$3,000 to the same purchaser on April 25 at par; and another \$3,000 on May 14, at 99.00. A block of \$14,000 was purchased on May 17 by Ward, Sterne & Co. of Birmingham, at a price of 99.00. (This report supplement that given in V. 134, p. 4022.)

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that bids will be received until July 14 by the State Treasurer for the purchase of a \$244,000 issue of 4½% semi-annual State park bonds.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—William J. Shea, City Treasurer, reports that the issue of \$100,000 coupon street bonds offered on June 2 was sold to the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., of Boston, as 4½s. at a price of 100.03, a basis of about 4.74%. Dated June 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 on June 1 from 1933 to 1937, incl. Principal and interest (June and December) are payable at the National Shawmut Bank, of Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

Debt Statement (Jan. 2 1932).

Funded city debt	\$3,423,950.00
Sinking fund for funded city debt	2,617,747.85
Net funded city debt	806,202.15
Serial city debt	7,228,200.00
Net city debt	8,059,402.15
Sinking fund for funded water debt	432,406.57
Funded water debt	397,500.00
Water sinking fund surplus (excess)	34,956.57
Serial water debt	984,500.00
Net water debt	984,500.00
Population: 1920 census, 109,456; 1925, 120,054; 1930, 113,643.	
Assessed valuation, 1931, \$191,944,400.	

CARLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Monroe County, Mich.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—C. J. Williams, Secretary of the Board of Education, states that the \$45,000 school building construction bonds voted on Jan. 25—V. 134, p. 882—have not as yet been sold, and forwards the following descriptive details: Dated Feb. 15 1932. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$1,500 from 1933 to 1962 incl. Principal and interest will be payable in Carleton.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Delphi), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Irvin M. Flora, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on June 7 for the purchase of \$2,000 4½% road construction bonds. Dated May 20 1932. Denom. \$100. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943.

CEDAR GROVE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cedar Grove), Essex County, N. J.—REOFFERING OF BONDS AWAITS IMPROVED MARKET.—John H. Monroe, Township Clerk, reports that reoffering of the three issues of 6% bonds totaling \$86,000, unsuccessfully offered on Feb. 15—V. 134, p. 1406—has been deferred pending an improvement in the municipal market.

CHEROKEE COUNTY (P. O. Cherokee), Iowa.—BONDS DEFERRED.—At the election held on May 24—V. 134, p. 3503—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$1,300,000 in road paving bonds.

CLEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Carlton), Carlton County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED.—A \$6,000 issue of funding bonds is reported to have been approved by the voters at a recent election.

CLINTON, Middlesex County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—L. B. Reed, Town Treasurer, reports that an issue of \$75,000 5% school bonds has been purchased by the R. F. Griggs Co., of Waterbury. Dated May 2 1932 and due \$5,000 annually from 1933 to 1947 inclusive.

COLUMBIANA COUNTY (P. O. Lisbon), Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The State Poor Relief Commission has approved of the application of the county for permission to issue \$114,000 bonds for poor relief purposes, under the provisions of legislation passed at the recent special session of the State Legislature.

COOK COUNTY (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—50% OF BOND AND INTEREST CHARGES TO BE PAID.—Attention is called to the item appearing on a preceding page of this section concerning the intention of the county to make payment at this time of only 50% of the bond and interest payments due June 1 1932.

CORSICA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Corsica), Jefferson County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$3,240 4½% school bonds unsuccessfully offered on May 20—V. 134, p. 4023—was purchased subsequently, at a price of par, by the Borckville Title & Trust Co., of Brookville. The issue will mature as follows: \$300 from 1937 to 1946 incl., and \$240 in 1947.

CRANFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cranford), Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Alvan R. Denman, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8.30 p. m. (Daylight saving time) on June 14 for the purchase of \$174,000 5½%, 5¼% or 6% coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

\$116,000 assessment bonds. Due June 15 as follows: \$12,000 from 1933 to 1941 incl., and \$8,000 in 1942.
 58,000 imp. bonds. Due June 15 as follows: \$3,000 from 1933 to 1946 incl., and \$4,000 from 1947 to 1950 incl.

Each issue is dated June 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. (J. & D. 15) are payable at the Cranford Trust Co., Cranford, or at the Chase National Bank, of New York. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$174,000. The bonds will not be sold at less than a price of 99. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Township, is required. The

approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY (P. O. Fayetteville), N. C.—MATURITY.—The \$75,000 issue of 5½% semi-ann. road, bridge, court house and jail refunding bonds that was purchased at par by T. A. Uzzell & Co. of Greensboro (V. 134, p. 4023) is due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1933 to 1942; \$3,000, 1943 to 1952; \$4,000, 1953 to 1957, and \$5,000 in 1958.

CURRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61 (P. O. Clovis), N. Mex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$40,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-annual school bonds offered on May 18—V. 134, p. 3318—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated June 1 1932. Due from June 1 1932 to 1932, incl.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. J. Husak, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) on June 28 for the purchase of poor relief bonds, the amount to be awarded to be determined by the interest rate as fixed in the resolution awarding the same; the said total issue to conform to the respective amounts hereinafter set forth for the respective interest rates:

If the bonds bear interest at 6% the total amount of the issue will be \$1,960,000, due March 1 as follows: \$384,000 in 1934; \$363,000, 1935; \$391,000, 1936; \$414,000, 1937, and \$439,000 in 1938.
 If the interest rate is 4½% the amount will be \$1,973,000, due March 1 as follows: \$352,000 in 1934; \$372,000, 1935; \$393,000, 1936; \$416,000, 1937, and \$440,000 in 1938.

The bonds will be dated June 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Bids must be for the total issue of said bonds, and a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, must be named therefor. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Bonds are being issued under the provisions of the Epsy-Roberts poor relief bill passed at the recent special session of the State Legislature—V. 134, p. 3502. Bonds will be issued in either coupon or registered form, interchangeable at will of the purchaser. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, may be procured by the purchaser at his own expense. It is officially reported as follows:

The provisions of Amended Senate Bill No. 4 of the 89th General Assembly of Ohio, under authority of which enactment these bonds are issued, levies an additional 1% excise tax on the gross earnings of public utilities within the State for a period of five years for the purpose of providing funds with which to meet interest and principal requirements on these bonds. In addition, the legislation authorizing these bonds provides that they are a general county obligation.

DADE COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Miami), Fla.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a meeting of the School Board held on May 4, the issuance of \$158,000 in 6% refunding bonds was authorized by the adoption of a resolution. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1932. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1935 to 1937; \$10,000, 1938 and 1939; \$15,000, 1940 to 1946, and \$18,000 in 1947. It is stated that a petition for the validation of these bonds has been filed in the Circuit Court.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Muncie), Ind.—NOTE OFFERING.—W. Max Shafer, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on June 11 for the purchase of \$76,290 6% poor relief notes, dated May 15 1932 and due \$38,145 on May and Nov. 15 1933. Principal and interest payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 3% of the notes bid for, payable to the order of the Board or County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

DETROIT, Wayne County, Mich.—DISCOUNT OF 6% OFFERED ON PRE-PAYMENT OF TAXES—AID OF RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION PLANNED.—Citizens who pay their taxes for the 1932-1933 period in advance of the legal due date on July 30 will be granted a discount of 6%. The Common Council made known recently. The offer has proved attractive as is evidenced by the fact that pre-payment in the amount of \$1,200,000 has been made to the city within the past two weeks. City Comptroller Roosevelt has been authorized to renew at 6% interest, until Sept. 1 1932, the \$15,750,000 in notes which became due on June 15—V. 134, p. 4023. It is pointed out that the city has a total of \$55,000,000 notes outstanding, including the current renewals, as compared with \$83,000,000 at this same time last year. Of the total, \$29,500,000 has been borrowed in anticipation of permanent bond financing, and \$25,500,000 in anticipation of taxes, which, Comptroller Roosevelt is reported to have said, have proved delinquent.

A further development regarding the city's financial condition is the report that plans are being made to ask the Reconstruction Finance Corp. to buy the \$6,442,631 special assessment bonds "which have been rejected by the banks and held for some time in the city's sinking fund." This action would ease the city's credit position for a definite time, according to Mr. Roosevelt, who, it is said, has expressed the belief that if the Corporation entered the municipal bond market, conditions would be healthy, providing competition in a field heretofore limited to banks.

(A further item in connection with the above subject will be found on a preceding page of this section.)

DOOR COUNTY (P. O. Sturgeon Bay), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on June 10, by R. Herlache, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$270,000 issue of 4½% semi-annual highway bonds. Due from 1942 to 1944. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

EAST HAMBURG (P. O. Orchard Park), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,800 coupon or registered Freeman Road Water Supply District bonds offered on May 25—V. 134, p. 3857—were awarded as 5½s. at par and accrued interest, to E. B. Stevens, of Buffalo. Dated May 1 1932. Due \$300 on May 1 from 1936 to 1961 incl. The M. & T. Trust Co., of Buffalo, bid a price of 100.019 for the issue at 6% interest.

ELBRIDGE, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$52,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered on May 31—V. 134, p. 4023—were awarded as 6s. at a price of par, to the M. & T. Trust Co., of Buffalo. Dated June 1 1932. Due \$2,000 on June 1 from 1937 to 1962 incl.

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Francis C. Mishler, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on June 18 for the purchase of \$45,000 6% poor relief bonds. Dated June 15 1932. Due \$22,500 on May and Nov. 15 1933.

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,500 4½% coupon road improvement bonds offered on May 28—V. 134, p. 3857—were awarded at par and accrued interest to the Concord Construction Co., the only bidder. Dated April 15 1932. Denom. \$112.50. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Clay County, Mo.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$10,000 issue of emergency bonds that was taken over by the local depository—V. 134, p. 4023—is stated to have been purchased as 6s at par. Due on May 10 1933.

FAIRFIELD, Solano County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$230,000 issue of school bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by the Bankamerica Co. of San Francisco.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred L. Donnally, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10.30 a. m. (Eastern Standard time) on June 22 for the purchase of \$601,600 6% poor relief bonds. Dated June 1 1932. One bond for \$1,600, others for \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$106,600 in 1934; \$113,000, 1935; \$120,000, 1936; \$127,000 in 1937 and \$135,000 in 1938. Principal and interest (March and Sept.) are payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. These bonds are issued under authority of Section 3 of amended Senate Bill No. 4 enacted by the General Assembly on March 31 1932, approved April 5 1932, as amended May 16 1932 in full compliance with the Uniform Bond Act. The successful bidder will be furnished with a full transcript of proceeding with respect to the issue, and bids conditioned upon approval of such transcript will be allowed to permit of such examination. A certified check for 1% of the bonds is required.

FREMONT, Sandusky County, Ohio.—CERTIFICATES AUTHORIZED.—The City Council has adopted an emergency measure providing for the issuance of \$5,000 6% certificates of indebtedness, to mature in 30 years, for the purpose of obtaining funds for the police and fire department payrolls on June 1 and June 15.

FULTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Atlanta), Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p.m. (Central standard time) on June 21 by the Treasurer of the County Board of Education, for the purchase of 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds. Bidders are requested to submit two separate proposals, one for bonds of \$500,000 par value maturing on July 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1934 to 1936; \$25,000 and 1938; \$30,000, 1939; \$35,000, 1940 to 1942; \$30,000, 1943; \$35,000, 1944 and 1945; \$40,000, 1946 to 1948, and \$35,000 in 1949. And one bid for bonds of \$350,000 par value, maturing on July 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1934 to 1937; \$20,000, 1938 and 1939; \$25,000, 1940; \$20,000, 1941 and 1942; \$25,000, 1943 to 1945; \$30,000, 1946; \$25,000, 1947 and 1948, and \$30,000 in 1949. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1932. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold or its equivalent in lawful money in New York. The purchaser must pay accrued interest to the date of delivery of the bonds. Legal opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York will be furnished to purchaser. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept either a bid for \$350,000 or \$500,000, or to reject any and all bids. The bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on July 1 or as soon thereafter as delivery can be effected. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the above Board, is required.

GARDNER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Bank of Gardner, has purchased a \$150,000 temporary loan at 3.97% discount basis. Due on Dec. 15 1932. Bids received were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Discount Basis. Includes First National Bank of Gardner (purchaser) at 3.97%, Faxton, Gade & Co. at 4.07%, and Shawmut Corp. at 4.25%.

GARFIELD, Bergen County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$583,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered water bonds offered on May 9—V. 134, p. 3319—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due on Dec. 1 from 1933 to 1967 inclusive.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. H. Malone, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on June 11 for the purchase of \$4,704.43 6% special asst. impt. bonds. Dated June 1 1932. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$474.43 in 1933, and \$470 from 1934 to 1942 incl. Interest is payable in March and Sept. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

GENOA, Ledyard, Venice and Lansing Central School District No. 2 (P. O. King Ferry) Cayuga County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—Charles H. Long, District Clerk, reports that all of the bids received at the offering on May 31 of \$150,000 not to exceed 6% interest school bonds were rejected—V. 134, p. 3857. Mr. Long states that the issue will be re-offered at a later date.

GIRARD, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—P. J. Wilson, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) on June 11 for the purchase of \$10,000 6% storm and sanitary sewer construction bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Due \$2,000 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1937, incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) will be payable at the First National Bank, Girard. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$200, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The Michigan Trust Co. was associated with the First Securities Corp., of St. Paul, in the purchase on May 23 of \$250,000 4 1/2% social service relief bonds at par—V. 134, p. 4023. The bid was submitted with the stipulation that the banker be permitted to exchange the bonds, when so desired, for other issues now held in the city's sinking fund. The objection of other bidders as to consideration of a conditional offer is said to have been overruled. Dated June 1 1932. Due \$50,000 on June 1 from 1934 to 1938, incl.

GREENBURGH (P. O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—LIST OF BIDS.—The following is an official list of the bids received at the offering on May 26 of \$65,142.75 street improvement bonds awarded to the M. & T. Trust Co., of Buffalo.—V. 134, p. 4023.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, and Rate Bid. Includes M. & T. Trust Co. (Successful bidder) at 5.40% for 100,379, Batchelder & Co. at 6.00% for 100,300, Wachsmann & Wassall at 5.70% for 100,089, and Phelps, Fenn & Co. at 5.70% for 100,150.

GREENBURGH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Dobbs Ferry), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sylvester L. Storms, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on June 10 for the purchase of \$600,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon school bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1936 to 1950, incl., and \$25,000 from 1951 to 1962, incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (J. & J.) are payable at the New York Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 2 1/2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder. School District No. 3, with a population in excess of 4,500 and an assessed valuation of over \$15,000,000, comprises the greater part of the Village of Dobbs Ferry and a small part of the Village of Irvington. Present bonded debt, excluding present issue, is \$96,000.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. J. Drehs, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 17 for the purchase of \$1,000,000 4 1/2% poor relief bonds, issued under the provisions of the Espy-Roberts bill, passed at the recent special session of the State Legislature.—V. 134, p. 3316. Bonds will be dated June 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 15 as follows: \$180,000 in 1934; \$190,000, 1935; \$200,000, 1936; \$210,000 in 1937, and \$220,000 in 1938. Principal and interest (M. & S. 15) will be payable at the County Treasurer's office. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 4 1/2% expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$10,000, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. A complete transcript of proceedings with reference to the issue will be furnished the successful bidder. (Bids will also be received on June 17 for the \$403,371.63 4 1/2% sewer construction issue described in—V. 134, p. 4024.)

Financial Statement table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Assessed valuation (\$1,251,131,000.00), Total debt (\$17,555,635.55), Sinking fund (\$3,805,083.99), Tax rate (3.34 mills), and Population (589,356).

HARRISON (P. O. Harrison) Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Benjamin I. Taylor, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (daylight saving time) on June 9 for the purchase of \$1,260,673.78 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$595,673.78 street improvement bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$46,673.78 in 1935; \$46,000 from 1936 to 1944 incl., and \$45,000 in from 1945 to 1947 incl.
- 550,000.00 highway bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$30,000 from 1935 to 1942 incl., and \$31,000 from 1943 to 1952 incl.
- 115,000.00 highway improvement bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1934 to 1943 incl., and \$10,000 from 1944 to 1952 incl.

Each issue is dated June 1 1932. Principal and interest (June and Dec.) will be payable at the First National Bank, of Harrison. Single rate of interest to be bid for all of the bonds. A certified check for \$25,000, payable to the order of the Supervisor, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

HARTLEY COUNTY (P. O. Channing), Texas.—ELECTION DETAILS.—We are now informed that the \$150,000 highway bonds to be voted on at the election June 25 (V. 134, p. 4024) will bear interest at 5% and mature in 30 years.

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The State Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund has agreed to purchase at a price of par an issue of \$150,000 6% school building construction bonds, subject to approval of issue by the Attorney-General of the State.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 28 (P. O. Long Beach), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND AWARD DEFERRED.—The award of the \$225,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on June 1—V. 134, p. 3857—has been deferred, pending action on the offer of Stranahan, Harris & Co. of New York, to take the issue as fs, at a price of par. Dated June 1 1932 and due on June 1 from 1935 to 1952 incl.

HILLSDALE, COPAKE, CLAVERRACK, TAGHKANIC, AUSTERLITZ, ANCRAM, GALLATIN AND NORTHEAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Gallatin), N. Y.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In addition to previous information given in V. 134, p. 4024, in connection with the call for sealed bids until June 18 for the purchase of \$295,000 bonds, we now learn that tenders for the issue must be in the hands of the District Clerk by 2.30 p. m. (daylight saving time) on that date, and that the successful bidder will be obliged to pay accrued interest from date of bonds to the date of payment of the purchase price for the issue. Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Education.

HOGANVILLE, Troup County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION CANCELLED.—The bond election scheduled for May 25—V. 134, p. 3504—was not held at that time in order to vote on the issuance of \$25,000 in school building bonds, because the city has sufficient funds at present to carry the project.

HOMESTEAD, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS PARTIALLY AWARDED.—Harry Markley, Borough Secretary, reports that the issue of \$150,000 coupon funding bonds offered on May 31—V. 134, p. 3671—was awarded as 5/8s to Singer, Deane & Scribner, Inc., of Pittsburgh, at par plus a premium of \$250, equal to 100.16, a basis of about 5.24%. Dated June 1 1932 and due June 1 1962. Mr. Markley made no mention as to the disposition of the \$93,000 refunding bonds offered on the same date.

HOPKINS COUNTY (P. O. Sulphur Springs), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$40,000 issue of 6% general funding series of 1932 bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on May 27. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

HORSHAM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Horsham) Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—William K. Hembold, District Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (eastern standard time) on June 16 for the purchase of \$22,000 4 1/2, 4 3/8, 4 1/4 or 5% coupon school bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on July 1 from 1935 to 1956 incl. Bonds will bear interest at one of the above-mentioned rates. Interest will be payable in January and July. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The bonds are being issued subject to the favorable legal opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson, of Philadelphia.

INDIANAPOLIS, Marion County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon municipal street improvement bonds of 1932 offered on June 1—V. 134, p. 4024—were awarded to Campbell & Co., of Indianapolis, at par plus a premium of \$104,159, a basis of about 4.23%. Dated June 1 1932. Due \$5,000 on July 1 from 1933 to 1952 incl.

INDIANAPOLIS, Marion County, Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$37,000 4 1/2%, first series of 1932, Indianapolis Sanitary District bonds offered on June 2—V. 134, p. 3671—was not sold. Re-offering will be made shortly. Dated June 2 1932. Due on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1943 inclusive.

IRON COUNTY (P. O. Parowan) Utah.—NOTE SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of tax anticipation notes is reported to have been purchased by Walker Bros. of Salt Lake City.

JACKSON, East Feliciana Parish, La.—BOND ELECTION.—It is stated that an election will be held on June 7 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$10,000 in 6% natural gas plant bonds. Due in 10 years.

JEFFERSON CITY, Cole County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on May 31 the voters approved the issuance of \$70,000 in bonds to pay judgments obtained against the city by the water and power companies, by a count of 985 "for" to 71 "against."

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William E. Carr, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on June 6 for the purchase of \$12,500 4 1/2% bonds, divided as follows: \$5,300 Smyrna Township road impt. bonds. Denom. \$265. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. 3,700 Shelby Township road impt. bonds. Denom. \$185. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. 3,500 Shelby Township road impt. bonds. Denom. \$175. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. Each issue is dated June 1 1932.

JOLIET TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Joliet), Will County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—J. G. Skeel, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (standard time) on June 13 for the purchase of \$50,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon refunding bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 1948. Following the opening of sealed tenders, the District will ask for oral offers. Interest will be payable in January and July. A certified check for \$500 must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, will be furnished the successful bidder. With the proceeds of the sale, the District will pay off a similar amount of bonds, dated Jan. 1 and May 1 1922 and due on July 1 1932, at the North Trust Co. and the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., both of Chicago.

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. LaPorte), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Lyman A. Ohming, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on June 15 for the purchase of \$122,200 5% bonds, divided as follows: \$66,700 Michigan Township road impt. bonds. Denom. \$667. Due \$3,335 each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. 55,500 Michigan Township road impt. bonds. Denom. \$555. Due \$2,775 each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. Each issue is dated June 15 1932.

LEWISTON, Androscoggin County, Me.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$450,000 tax anticipation loan purchased on April 15 by the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, at 5% discount basis.—V. 134, 4024—is dated April 15 1932 and due on Sept. 1 1932.

LIBERTY (P. O. Liberty), Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred G. Fischer, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on June 10 for the purchase of \$10,000 6% Stevensville Water District bonds. Dated June 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on June 15 from 1935 to 1944 incl. A certified check for 5% of the bid must accompany each proposal.

LINDALE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lindale), Smith County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 issue of school building bonds that was voted on April 20—V. 134, p. 3505—is reported to have since been purchased by the State Board of Education.

LONG PINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Independence) Inyo County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p.m. on June 7, by the County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$22,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. school bonds. Due \$1,000 from June 1 1933 to 1954, inclusive.

LOUISVILLE, Stark County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at the offering on May 28 of \$16,925 6% refunding bonds.—V. 134, p. 3672. Dated April 1 1932 and due on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1941 inclusive.

LOWELL, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Abel R. Campbell, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (daylight saving time) on June 10 for the purchase of \$1,100,000 coupon or registered funding bonds, Act of 1932. Bidder to name the rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$110,000 annually on June 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl. Principal and interest (June and December) will be payable at the First National Bank, of Boston. The bonds, according to the descriptive prospectus, are exempt from all Federal Income taxes and taxation in Massachusetts, and will be engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the above-mentioned bank. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston whose opinion will be furnished the successful bidder. Of the entire issue \$631,000 of the bonds are to be issued within the statutory limit of indebtedness and the remaining \$469,000 will be in excess of such statutory limit. The notice of call for bids states that the act authorizing the bonds contains the following provision:

"Income and corporation taxes otherwise distributable in any year to said city by the Commonwealth shall be set aside by the State Treasurer to the extent of the principal and interest upon the loan authorized under this section due in said year, and shall be expended by him to such extent only, for the payment thereof unless previously such principal and interest have been paid or payment thereof has been adequately provided for; and the amount of such taxes so set aside by law." It is stated that the average amount distributable to the City of Lowell from the corporation tax and State income tax in the years 1926 to 1931 inclusive was \$902,512.60 yearly.

The official offering notice goes on to say that the budget for 1932 has been reduced \$605,849.43 from that of 1931, which decrease was effected through a reduction in salaries of all city employees which yielded \$452,210.71, while the remaining \$153,638.72 was realized by a cut in supplies. In the past six years, it is further said, the city has reduced its total valuation \$28,000,000, thus keeping abreast of the declining values of real estate.

Financial Statement, May 1 1932 (As Officially Reported)
Total amount appropriated for 1931 \$5,668,920.08
Income from other sources 1931 1,451,887.42
Total valuation \$127,019,056 x \$33.20 = \$4,217,032.66 1931 tax levy

The City of Lowell has no unusual uncollected tax problems. Our present tax title holdings amount to \$177,617.39.

Condensed Debt Statement, May 1 1932.
Net water debt, taken care of by water receipts \$381,750
Net debt, other purposes, against taxable property 3,676,750
Gross debt—Divided as follows:
Streets \$1,146,100 Water \$381,750
Schools 1,052,250 Miscellaneous 157,900
Sewers 881,500
Auditorium 476,000 Total \$4,058,500
Real and personal valuation 1931 \$127,019,056
Excise Motor Valuation 1931 5,052,730
Distance from the legal debt limit 942,054
Tax rate 1931, \$33.20 per \$1,000. Population 100,234.

The total debt of Lowell is only 3.47% of the valuation. City owned property is valued for \$11,970,694.

McKEAN COUNTY (P. O. Smethport), Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$200,000 4 1/2% coupon bonds offered on June 2—V. 134, p. 4025—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated June 15 1932 and due \$40,000 on June 15 from 1942 to 1951 incl. A private sale of the issue is in progress.

MABEL, Fillmore County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—A \$12,000 issue of 5% fire fighting apparatus bonds is reported to have been purchased by local banks.

MADISON GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Madison), Rockingham County, N. C.—NOTES NOT SOLD.—The \$1,000 issue of 6% revenue anticipation notes offered on May 10—V. 134, p. 3672—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated May 16 1932. Due on July 30 1932.

MAINE (State of).—BOND OFFERING.—L. H. Winslip, Commissioner of the Treasury, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (daylight saving time) on June 15 for the purchase of \$2,000,000 4% coupon highway and bridge bonds, being part of an issue of \$15,000,000 authorized under Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1929. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$200,000 on July 1 from 1945 to 1954 incl. Interest payable in January and July. Bids must be for the entire issue. The opinion of the Attorney-General of the State as to the legality of the bonds will be furnished the successful bidder.

Financial Statement.
Valuation of the State \$756,860,383
Bonded debt (exclusive of present issue) on July 1 1932 27,239,500

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$200,000 tax anticipation loan, due Dec. 27 1932, purchased last week by the First National Bank, of Boston (not of Malden, as previously reported)—V. 134, p. 4025—at 4.35% discount basis, was also bid for by the National Shawmut Bank, which bid 4.50%.

MAMARONECK (P. O. Mamaroneck), Westchester County, N. Y.—BIDS ASKED FOR PURCHASE OF ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS OR BOND ISSUE.—Walter E. Marvyn, Jr., Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. (daylight saving time) on June 8 for the purchase of \$232,983 series A coupon or registered highway bonds or, in the alternative, for the purchase of that amount of certificates of indebtedness. Bids are asked on either of the following issues, only one of which will be sold:

\$232,983 highway bonds. Dated June 1 1932. One bond for \$983, others for \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$12,983 in 1933; \$10,000 from 1934 to 1946 incl., and \$15,000 from 1947 to 1952 incl. Interest to be payable in J. & D.
232,983 certificates of indebtedness. Dated June 1 1932 and to mature Dec. 1 1932. Denom. as determined by the successful bidder. Int. will be payable at maturity of issue. Certificates will be payable to bearer, with the privilege of registration as to both prin. and int.

In the case of each issue, the bidder must name a rate of interest within a 6% limit, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1/10th of 1%. Rate to be uniform for all of the bonds or certificates in each issue. Prin. and int. will be payable at the Larchmont National Bank & Trust Co., Larchmont, or at the First National Bank, of New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of certificates or bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Town, must accompany each proposal. Should bids be entered for both of the issues, one certified check will be sufficient. The legal opinion of Hawkins, Delafeld & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

Financial Statement as of May 26 1932.
Valuations.
Actual valuation (estimated 1932) \$110,000,000.00
Assessed valuation, real estate and special franchise 81,850,325.00

Debt.
Total gross bonded debt (including this issue) 4,833,983.00
Sewer district bonds \$2,170,000.00
Water district bonds 720,000.00
Park district bonds 413,000.00
Sidewalk district bonds 40,000.00
Fire district bonds 12,500.00
Road, highway and drain cons. 1,274,483.00
Street improvement bonds (special assess.) 204,000.00

Funds provided for in current budget to pay bonds maturing during balance of the calendar year 1932 77,500.00
Floating indebtedness outstanding 225,858.77

Tax Collection Data.
Year— 1929. 1930. 1931. 1932.x
Total tax levy (State, county, town, district and school) 1,223,322.76 1,419,463.01 1,531,487.59 823,498.68
Uncollected May 26 '32 36,742.38 39,120.44 45,567.02 277,759.01
Approximate percent uncollected: 3% 1932 State, county, town and district taxes levied April 1 1932. School taxes will be levied Sept. 1 1932. The 1932 collections, as indicated above, represent about 66% of the total for the first sixty days, which is a very favorable collection report compared with other years.

Population—1920 Federal Census, 6,571; 1925 State Census, 13,124; 1930 Federal Census, 19,058.

MANCHESTER, Hillsboro County, N. H.—NO BIDS.—The city failed to receive a bid at the offering on June 2 of a \$150,000 temporary loan, to mature on Dec. 21 1932.

MARION, Marion County, Ohio.—TEMPORARY BOND INTEREST DEFAULT ADJUSTED.—J. L. Landis, City Auditor, states that the temporary default that occurred in the payment of March 1 bond interest charges, because of the delay in obtaining tax settlement from the County Auditor—V. 134, p. 3769—has been completely adjusted.

MARSHFIELD, Coos County, Ore.—ELECTION SUCCESSFUL.—At the special election held on May 20—V. 134, p. 2005—the voters approved the conversion of \$60,000 in special impt. warrants into refunding bonds.

MASCOUTAH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18, St. Clair County, Ill.—BOND ELECTION PROPOSED.—At a meeting of the Board of Education on May 20 a petition was presented asking for a special election to be held this year for the purpose of submitting a proposed \$20,000 school bond issue for consideration of the voters.

MASSACHUSETTS (State of).—\$2,000,000 BORROWED AT RECORD LOW RATE.—At an offering on June 1 of \$2,000,000 revenue notes the State obtained the most favorable terms ever received at a sale of its obligations, when it accepted the bid of the Shawmut Corp., of Boston, which named an interest rate of 1.11%, and paid par plus a premium of \$11. The loan is dated June 7 1932 and matures on Oct. 21 1932. At a previous sale on May 19, a \$4,000,000 issue, dated May 24 1932 and due on Oct. 25 1932, was purchased by Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, of Boston, at 1.29%, plus a premium of \$37—V. 134, p. 3858. Bids received in the current instance were as follows:

Bidder— Rate of Int. Premium.
Shawmut Corp. (successful bidder) 1.11% \$11
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler 1.19% 19
First National Bank of Boston 1.27% 41
Rutter & Co. 1.34% 11
Chase Harris Forbes Corp. 1.49% 24
Bankers Trust Co. of New York 1.61% 11

MASSENA, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on May 17 the voters authorized an issue of \$18,500 permanent street improvement bonds by a vote of 192 to 139.

MEDINA COUNTY (P. O. Medina), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. F. Garver, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on June 20 for the purchase of \$57,289.35 6% special assessment impt. bonds. Dated July 1 1932. One bond for \$289.35, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,289.35 in 1933; \$11,000 in 1934 and 1935, and \$12,000 in 1936 and 1937. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, is required. Bids must be wholly unconditional or conditioned on the approval of issue by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland whose opinion will be furnished at the expense of the successful bidder.

MEXIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mexia), Limestone County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On May 25 the State Comptroller registered a \$275,500 issue of 5 1/2% school funding, series of 1932, bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Due serially.

MILLBURN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Millburn), Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Milton R. Silance, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. (daylight saving time) on June 13 for the purchase of \$238,000, 4 1/2%, 4 3/4%, 5, 5 1/4%, 5 1/2%, 5 3/4% or 6% coupon or registered general improvement bonds. Dated June 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 15 as follows: \$6,000 from 1934 to 1953 incl.; \$7,000 from 1954 to 1957 incl., and \$9,000 from 1958 to 1967 incl. Principal and interest (June and Dec. 15) will be payable at the First National Bank, of Millburn. Bidders to name a single rate of interest for all of the bonds. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$238,000. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Township, is required. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

MONTAGUE COUNTY (P. O. Montague), Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on May 14 it is reported that the voters rejected a proposal to issue \$40,000 in right-of-way purchase bonds by a large majority.

MONTANA, State of (P. O. Helena).—BONDS CALLED.—It is being announced by F. E. Williams, State Treasurer, that Nos. 1251 to 1350 of 5 1/2% State Educational bonds, Series A, are being called for payment at the Chase National Bank in New York City, on July 1, on which date interest shall cease. Dated July 1 1921. Due on July 1 1941, optional on or after July 1 1932.

MONTCLAIR, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry Trippett, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (eastern standard time) on June 16 for the purchase of \$1,768,000 5, 5 1/4, 5 1/2, 5 3/4 or 6% coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

\$1,134,000 permanent impt. bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1933 to 1942 incl.; \$35,000, 1943 to 1952; \$40,000, 1953 to 1962, and \$42,000 in 1963 and 1964.
319,000 assessment bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$79,000 in 1933, and \$80,000 from 1934 to 1936 incl.

315,000 temporary impt. bonds. Due July 1 1935.
Each issue is dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (January and July) are payable at the Bank of Montclair, or at the Town Treasurer's office. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue. Award of the bonds may be made at a price of 99. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the International Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to their genuineness. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

MORTON COUNTY (P. O. Mandan), N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 issue of highway bonds offered for sale on May 20—V. 134, p. 3672—was purchased at par by the State of North Dakota. Dated May 20 1932. Due from May 20 1934 to 1949 incl.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Macomb County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph A. Matthews, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4:30 p. m. (Eastern Standard time) on June 8 for the purchase of \$50,000 not to exceed 6% interest bonds, divided as follows:
\$30,000 general obligation public impt. bonds. Due \$5,000 on Nov. 1 from 1934 to 1939 incl.
20,000 special assessment public impt. bonds. Due \$4,000 on July 1 from 1934 to 1938 incl.

Each issue will be dated July 1 1932. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, is required.

MOUNT PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mount Pleasant), Henry County, Iowa.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on May 19—V. 134, p. 3320—the voters approved the issuance of \$25,000 in school bonds.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. (Pacific time) on June 20, by A. A. Bailey, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$295,000 issue of coupon road, series D bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, payable J. & J. Denom. \$500. Dated July 1 1932. Due \$29,500 from July 1, 1933 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the office of the County Treasurer. Unconditional bids only will be considered. Bids below par will not be considered. The approving opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, will be furnished. All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the County Clerk. Bids will be considered for blocks of \$5,000 or more bonds. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the County Clerk, is required.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ore.—BONDS VOTED.—At the primary election held on May 20—V. 134, p. 3506—the voters approved the proposal to issue \$1,000,000 in not to exceed 6% road (relief) bonds by account of 56,573 to 31,671.

MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—SALE OF BONDS APPROVED.—State Treasurer Howard G. Lawrence on May 19 approved of the issues of \$150,000 storm water sewer bonds and \$100,000 emergency poor relief bonds, sale of which has been made to John Nuveen & Co. and C. W. McNear & Co., both of Chicago, jointly.

NEW BOSTON, Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Jarvey Floyd, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. on June 14 for the purchase of \$30,202.16 6% bonds, divided as follows:

\$17,450.00 refunding bonds. Dated March 1 1932. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1933 to 1940 incl. and \$1,450 in 1941. 12,752.16 final judgment bonds. Dated June 1 1932. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,500 from 1934 to 1937 incl., and \$2,752.16 in 1938. Int. is payable semi-annually. Bids for the bonds to bear int. at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Auditor, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion other than that of the City Solicitor to be paid for by the successful bidder.

NEW JERSEY (State of).—BIDS ASKED FOR PURCHASE OF \$18,000,000 BONDS.—Secretary John McCutcheon has announced that sealed bids will be received by the Issuing Officials at the office of the State Treasurer until 12 M. (daylight saving time) on June 16 for the purchase of \$18,000,000 bonds, comprising a \$15,000,000 highway impt. issue and a \$3,000,000 State institutional construction issue. Bids to be based on the following terms as to rate of int. and schedule of maturities:

- \$15,000,000 State highway impt. bonds, series B, issue of 1930. 4% bonds, due July 1, as follows: \$220,000 in 1934 and 1935; \$230,000, 1936; \$240,000, 1937; \$250,000, 1938; \$260,000, 1939; \$270,000, 1940; \$280,000, 1941; \$290,000, 1942; \$310,000, 1943; \$320,000, 1944; \$330,000, 1945; \$340,000, 1946; \$360,000, 1947; \$370,000, 1948; \$390,000, 1949; \$400,000, 1950; \$420,000, 1951; \$440,000, 1952; \$450,000, 1953; \$470,000, 1954; \$490,000, 1955; \$510,000, 1956; \$530,000, 1957; \$550,000, 1958; \$570,000, 1959; \$600,000, 1960; \$620,000, 1961; \$640,000, 1962; \$670,000, 1963; \$700,000, 1964; \$730,000, 1965; \$750,000, 1966, and \$780,000, 1967 (22 1/4-year average). 4 1/2% bonds, due July 1, as follows: \$210,000 in 1934; \$220,000 in 1935 and 1936; \$230,000, 1937; \$240,000, 1938; \$250,000, 1939; \$260,000, 1940; \$270,000, 1941; \$290,000, 1942; \$300,000, 1943; \$310,000, 1944; \$320,000, 1945; \$340,000, 1946; \$350,000, 1947; \$370,000, 1948; \$380,000, 1949; \$400,000, 1950; \$420,000, 1951; \$430,000, 1952; \$450,000, 1953; \$470,000, 1954; \$490,000, 1955; \$510,000, 1956; \$530,000, 1957; \$560,000, 1958; \$580,000, 1959; \$600,000, 1960; \$630,000, 1961; \$660,000, 1962; \$680,000, 1963; \$710,000, 1964; \$740,000, 1965; \$770,000, 1966, and \$810,000, 1967 (22 1/4-year average).

- \$3,000,000 State Institutional Construction Bonds, Series B, Issue of 1930. 4% bonds, due July 1, as follows: \$40,000 in 1934 and 1935; \$50,000, 1936 to 1940; \$60,000, 1941 to 1944; \$70,000, 1945 to 1947; \$80,000, 1948 to 1951; \$90,000, 1952 to 1954; \$150,000, 1955 and 1956; \$110,000, 1957 and 1958; \$120,000, 1959 to 1961; \$130,000, 1962 and 1963; \$140,000, 1964 and 1965; \$150,000, 1966, and \$160,000, 1967 (22 1-6-year average). 4 1/2% bonds, due July 1, as follows: \$40,000 in 1934 and 1935; \$50,000, 1936 to 1941; \$60,000, 1942 to 1945; \$70,000, 1946 to 1948; \$80,000, 1949 to 1952; \$90,000, 1953 and 1954; \$100,000, 1955 and 1956; \$110,000, 1957 and 1958; \$120,000, 1959 and 1960; \$130,000, 1961 and 1962; \$140,000, 1963 and 1964; \$150,000, 1965, and \$160,000, 1966 and 1967 (22 1-3-year average). 4 3/4% bonds, due July 1, as follows: \$40,000, 1934 to 1936; \$50,000, 1937 to 1942; \$60,000, 1943 to 1945; \$70,000, 1946 to 1949; \$80,000, 1950 and 1951; \$90,000, 1952 to 1954; \$100,000, 1955 and 1956; \$110,000, 1957 and 1958; \$120,000, 1959 and 1960; \$130,000, 1961 and 1962; \$140,000, 1963; \$150,000, 1964 and 1965; \$160,000, 1966, and \$170,000, 1967 (22 1/2-year average).

All of the bonds will be dated July 1 1932. Within the above limitations as to interest rate and maturities, bidders are requested to name the rate of interest which the bonds are to bear and may name different rates for the different issues, but must name a single rate for all the bonds of a single issue. Bidders may condition their bids upon the award to them of all, but no part of the entire \$18,000,000 bonds. The entire \$18,000,000 bonds will be awarded to the bidder or bidders on whose bid or combination of bids the total loan may be made at the lowest net cost to the State. Such net cost will be computed by adding to the total par value of the bonds the total interest which will be paid under the terms of the bid, after deducting from such interest the amount of cash premium which the bidder offers. Both principal and interest of all the bonds will be paid in gold coin of the United States of America, or of equal to the present standard of weight and fineness, and as to the \$15,000,000 highway bonds, will be paid at the office of the First Mechanics National Bank of Trenton, and as to the \$3,000,000 institutional bonds will be paid at the office of the Broad Street National Bank of Trenton. The bonds will be coupon bonds, or may be registered as to principal only, with interest coupons attached, or may be registered as to both principal and interest. The opinions of the Attorney-General of the State and Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York will be furnished the purchaser, and circulars descriptive of these bonds may be obtained upon application to the Comptroller or to the Attorney-General. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to Albert O. Middleton, State Treasurer, for 2% of the bonds bid for.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$150,000 temporary loan offered on June 2—V. 134, p. 4026—was awarded to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, of Boston, at 2.96% discount basis. Dated June 7 1932 and due on Sept. 1 1932.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—MAY FINANCING INCLUDES \$6,200,000 PERMANENT BONDS AND \$18,400,000 SHORT-TERM ISSUES.—Financing completed by the city during the month of May included the issuance of \$6,200,000 permanent obligations and \$18,400,000 of temporary note issues. The figure of \$6,200,000 comprises \$5,000,000 5 1/4% home and emergency work relief bonds, due from 1933 to 1937 incl., awarded at a price of par to the Chase National Bank and the National City Bank, both of New York, jointly—V. 134, p. 3860. The remaining \$1,200,000 consists of that amount of 5% certificates of indebtedness, also issued for poor relief purposes, due \$400,000 on May 27 from 1933 to 1935 incl., which were taken by the city's sinking funds. The \$18,400,000 of note issues are divided as follows: \$10,000,000 5 1/4% revenue bills of 1932. Sold on May 6 and due on June 3 1932. 3,400,000 5% special corporate stock notes. Sold on May 27 and due on May 27 1933. 3,000,000 5 1/4% tax notes of 1932. Sold on May 16 and due on June 15 1933. 2,000,000 5 1/4% special revenue bonds of 1932. Sold on May 16 and due on June 15 1933. The above bonds were purchased by various banks in the city and may be redeemed prior to the maturity dates indicated.

NEW YORK STATE.—BONDS OF FIVE TOWNS TO BE ASSUMED BY COMMONWEALTH.—It is reported that the State will assume maturing obligations of five towns in the Commonwealth which are not able to meet them because of an accumulation of unpaid taxes. The municipalities concerned are said to be Amherst, Tonawanda and Cheektowaga in Erie County, adjacent to Buffalo, and Brighton and Irondequoit in Monroe County, contiguous to Rochester. Plans for financial assistance from the State are said to have evolved at conferences between State Comptroller Morris S. Tremaine, officials of the towns and holders of the bonds. As a result of such assistance, it is pointed out, the towns will have an opportunity to refinance themselves without embarrassment or without any heavy burden falling on the taxpayers. In return for the State aid, the towns are said to have made pledges to practice rigid economy and cut subsequent budgets as far as possible. Bonds maturing before the towns collect taxes for the next fiscal year are as follows: Tonawanda, \$214,000, before Feb. 1933; Cheektowaga, \$251,000, March 1933; Amherst, \$250,000, Feb. 1933; Brighton, \$250,000, Jan. 1933, and Irondequoit, \$335,000, Jan. 1933.

NORFOLK, Norfolk County, Va.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a meeting of the City Council on May 24 the issuance of \$1,750,000 in refunding bonds was authorized, out of a total of \$4,000,000 bonds approved by the Legislature in February—V. 134, p. 1618. This action is said to bring the total authorization at the present time up to \$2,500,000. A routine temporary loan of \$450,000 to be obtained from local banks was also authorized, to be negotiated in anticipation of tax collections.

O'NEIL, Holt County, Neb.—BOND SALE PENDING.—It is stated that the \$6,000 issue of 4 1/2% ann. fire truck bonds voted on April 5—V. 134, p. 3137—will be purchased by local investors. Denom. \$500. Dated

June 1 1932. Due in 20 years, optional any time after 5 years. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. New Orleans), La.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a meeting of the Orleans Levee Board on May 26 a bond ordinance was approved calling for the issuance of \$4,200,000 to replace a similar issue which the Board could not successfully market last September—V. 133, p. 1649. It is stated that the new bonds will bear interest at 6% instead of 5% interest as in the unsold bonds, and will mature over a 5-year term rather than a 40-year term.

OSAWATOMIE, Miami County, Kans.—BONDS CALLED.—A call is being issued by J. W. Allard, City Clerk, for the payment of Nos. 1 to 15 of the 5% main sewer bonds, dated Aug. 1 1909. The bonds are optional 10 years from date and are called for payment at the office of the State Treasurer in Topeka, on July 1, interest to cease on that date.

PANORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Panora) Guthrie County, Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on June 16 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$7,500 in school building site and equipment bonds.

PARK RIVER, Walsh County, N. Dak.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until June 4, by the City Auditor, at the office of the County Auditor, in Grafton, for the purchase of an \$8,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. water tower and tank bonds. Due \$500 from 1933 to 1948. These bonds were voted at an election held on May 17.

PARSIPPANY, Troy Hills Township (P. O. Boonton) Morris County N. J.—OPTION GRANTED.—H. L. Allen & Co., of New York, have been granted an option until June 9 on the issue of \$349,000 6% coupon or registered bonds unsuccessfully offered on May 12—V. 134, p. 3674.

PASSAIC, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry C. Whitehead, Director of the Department of Revenue and Finance, will receive sealed bids until 3:15 p. m. (daylight saving time) on June 7 for the purchase of \$550,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered tax revenue bonds. Dated June 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000, or multiples thereof as may be agreed upon. Due Dec. 1 1935. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) will be payable at the Passaic National Bank & Trust Co., Passaic, or at the Chase National Bank, of New York. Bidder to express the interest rate in a multiple of 1-100th of 1%. The bonds will not be sold at less than a price of 99. Accrued interest to be paid for by the successful bidder. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—OFFERING OF \$20,000,000 BONDS FAILS TO ATTRACT SYNDICATE BID—BONDS PLACED ON SALE OVER-THE-COUNTER.—The City failed to receive a bid from investment bankers for the \$20,000,000 of 5% bonds placed on sale on June 3—V. 134, p. 3860. The two tenders submitted, one for \$5,000 bonds at par by the Integrity Trust Co., of Philadelphia, and another for \$500 worth, also at par, were accepted, and announcement made that public subscriptions, at par, will be received at the City Treasurer's office for the remaining \$19,994,500 bonds. The bonds will be dated June 1 1932, of which \$12,900,000 mature June 1 1932, \$3,600,000 on June 1 1962 and \$3,500,000 on June 1 1947. The bonds of the 1932 and 1962 maturities are callable at par and accrued interest at the option of the City after 20 years from date of issue, upon 60 days' notice by public advertisement. The current offering marked the second occasion, during the past year, that the City has been obliged to place its bonds on sale "over-the-counter" after having failed to receive banking tenders for the obligations. The previous instance was on Oct. 26 1931 when the sinking fund commission and a local fraternal organization submitted the only tenders at an offering of \$15,000,000 bonds. The offers, for \$2,500,300 of the bonds as 4 3/8s, at par, were accepted, and the remaining obligations offered "over-the-counter," also at par. It was not until March 1932 that the last of the bonds had been subscribed for.—V. 134, p. 1813.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Crookston), Minn.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$30,600 issue of 4 1/4% ditch refunding bonds that was sold to the State of Minnesota (V. 134, p. 4026) was purchased at par and matures on July 1 1937.

POLK COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Mulberry), Fla.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on May 24—V. 134, p. 3831—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$20,000 in school bonds, according to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on May 20—V. 134, p. 2770—the voters approved the proposal to issue \$1,000,000 in unemployment relief bonds. (A similar issue was approved by Multnomah County on the same date, as noted above.)

- PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—An \$88,995.27 issue of 6% semi-ann. bonds was offered on May 25 and awarded as follows: \$45,000 improvement bonds to a group composed of Geo. H. Burr, Conrad & Brown, Smith, Camp & Riley, and Atkinson, Jones & Co., all of Portland, at a price of 101.27, a basis of about 5.53%. 16,995.27 impt. bonds to the same group at 100.52, a basis of about 5.81%. 2,000 impt. bonds to Miss Lillian York, or Portland, at a price of 101.07, a basis of about 5.61%. 5,000 to the First National Bank of Portland, at a price of 101.12, a basis of about 5.59%. 10,000 to the same purchaser at 100.95, a basis of about 5.65%. 10,000 also purchased by the same bank at a price of 100.71, a basis of about 5.74%.

Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due in 10 years, optional after 3 years. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. (This report corrects the one given in V. 134, p. 4026.)

PORTSMOUTH, Norfolk County, Va.—BOND SALE AUTHORIZED.—At a meeting held on May 24 an ordinance was passed by the City Council, authorizing an issue of \$50,000 in 6% serial bonds, to mature within the next five years, in denomination of \$100, and the sale of \$58,000 of an issue dated last December at a price to give 6% interest yield to the investor. Proceeds of both issues are to be applied in payment of such portion of the floating debt as was spent for capital improvements. In this way a total of small capital expenditures, too small to demand a separate bond issue, will be transferred from current to capital account. It is stated that the issue will be offered on June 15, the \$50,000 to be offered in \$100 units as an inducement to local investors.

QUINCY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172, Adams County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, purchased on May 26 an issue of \$200,000 4 1/2% school bonds. Dated April 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$14,000 from 1934 to 1947 incl., and \$4,000 in 1948. Prin. and int. will be payable at the office of the District Treasurer. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

RACINE, Racine County, Wis.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. on June 2 by A. J. Eisenhut, City Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$7,000 issue of refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1932. Due on July 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1935 to 1944, and \$7,000 in 1945. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

RARITAN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Flemington), Hunterdon County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, are reported to have purchased an issue of \$30,000 tax revenue bonds of 1931. Due on Dec. 31 1935.

RIPLEY COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Willard N. Voss, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on June 15 for the purchase of \$20,400 4 1/2% bonds, divided as follows: \$11,200 Franklin Twp. road improvement bonds. Denom. \$280. Due \$560 each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. 9,200 Adams Twp. road improvement bonds. Denom. \$280. Due \$460 each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. Each issue is dated June 15 1932.

RIDGEFIELD, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—W. E. Rockwell, First Selectman of the Town, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (daylight saving time) on June 16 for the purchase of \$140,000 coupon State Aid road bonds. Dated June 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on June 15 from 1933 to 1946, incl. Bidder to name the rate of interest, not to exceed 5%, in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and interest (J. & D. 15) will be payable at the First National Bank, of Boston. The bonds will be engraved under the supervision of and authenticated as to genuineness by the aforementioned bank. Legality to be approved by Ropes,

Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston, whose opinion will be furnished the successful bidder.

Financial Statement May 1 1932.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Grand list, 1931: \$8,246,938.00. Total bonded debt of the town, not including present loan: 116,000.00. Total bonded debt of the village: 22,000.00. Town sinking funds: 26,753.88. Village sinking funds: 15,916.61.

JESSE L. BENEDICT, Town Treasurer.

RIVERBEND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gainesville), Hall County, Ga.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$10,000 issue of school bonds that was purchased by local investors—V. 134, p. 4026—was awarded as 6s, at par. Due \$1,000 from March 1 1933 to 1942 incl.

ROBERTSON COUNTY (P. O. Franklin), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered on May 23 a \$40,000 issue of 5 1/2% general funding, series 1932, bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—George S. Utter, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p.m. (daylight saving time) on June 15 for the purchase of \$25,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered water bonds. Dated June 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1937 to 1942, incl., and \$1,000 in 1949. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1-10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (June and December) will be payable at the Nassau County National Bank, Rockville Centre. A certified check for \$500, payable to the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

ROME, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$74,000 coupon or registered assessment bonds offered on June 3—V. 134, p. 4027—were awarded as 5 3/8 to the M. & T. Trust Co., of Buffalo, at a price of 100.16, a basis of about 5.44%. Dated April 1 1932. Due \$18,500 on April 1 from 1933 to 1936 incl. Batchelder & Co., of New York, second high bidders, named a price of 100.08 for 6s.

RUIDOSO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ruidoso) Lincoln County, N. Mex.—BONDS VOTED.—A \$5,000 issue of school bonds is reported to have been voted at a recent election.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—CONTEMPLATED BOND SALE.—It is reported that a resolution was recently adopted by the City Council calling for bids and offering for sale \$600,000 in improvement bonds from a \$15,500,000 bond impt. program.

SALEM, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Charles G. F. Coker, City Treasurer, reports that the Day Trust Co. of Boston, purchased on June 1 a \$100,000 temporary loan at 3.19% discount basis. Due on Nov. 22 1932. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Discount Basis. Day Trust Co. (successful bidder): 3.19%. Naumkeag Trust Co.: 3.49%. First National Bank of Boston: 4.22%. Merchants National Bank, Salem (plus \$0.50 premium): 4.23%.

SAN BUENAVENTURA (P. O. Ventura) Ventura County, Calif.—BONDS OFFERED TO PUBLIC.—The \$100,000 issue of municipal impt. bonds that was jointly purchased by the First Detroit Co. and the Wm. R. Staats Co., both of Los Angeles, as 5 1/8s, at 100.52, a basis of about 5.43%—V. 134, p. 4027—is being offered by the successful bidders for general subscription priced to yield from 4.50% on the 1933 maturity to 5.15% on the 1938 to 1952 maturities. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

The other bids received were as follows: Bankamerica Co.: \$156. Security-First, National Co.: 10.

SANDUSKY COUNTY (P. O., Fremont), Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The County has received permission to issue \$30,000 bonds for poor relief purposes.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—PROPOSED BOND SALE.—At a meeting of the Public Utilities Commission held on May 27, the sale of a total of \$6,700,000 in Hetch Hetchy water bonds was ordered, approving a formal request to the Board of Supervisors to call for bids.

The New York "Herald Tribune" of June 2 carried the following report on the above proposed sale: "Sale of \$6,700,000 San Francisco municipal water bonds for completion of the Hetch Hetchy project will be determined by next Monday, and a call for bids on the new issue will be issued soon thereafter, it was indicated to-day. The securities will consist of \$5,500,000 of the 1932 issue recently approved by the voters, on which the interest rate is to be named by bidders, and \$1,200,000 of the 1928 bonds with 4 1/2% coupons. "In deciding to call for one bid on the total of \$6,700,000 bonds, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission acted on the advice of bankers, who believed the 4 1/2% could in this manner be disposed of to good advantage. For some months the city has obtained no tenders on 4 1/2%, but has sold the bonds over the counter or used them for payment of wages and materials."

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$685,000, offered for sale on May 27—V. 134, p. 3507—were purchased as follows: \$600,000 Railroad Ave. impt. bonds by the State of Washington, as 5s at par. Due in from 2 to 30 years from date. 85,000 bridge bonds by the State of Washington, as 5 1/2s at par. Due in from 2 to 20 years from date.

No other bids were received for the bonds.

SHELBY, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 electric light plant extension bonds offered on May 9—V. 134, p. 3139—were awarded as 6s to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$93.50, equal to a price of 100.11, a basis of about 5.98%. Dated April 1 1932. Due April 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1934 to 1942, incl. and \$13,000 in 1943.

STEBUENVILLE, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Cartledge, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 20 for the purchase of \$21,000 6% bonds, divided as follows: \$13,500 fire apparatus purchase bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1933 to 1937, incl.; \$1,500 in 1938; and \$1,000 in 1939 and 1940. Interest will be payable in April and Oct. 7,500 emergency poor relief bonds. Dated June 1 1932. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$1,500 from 1933 to 1937, incl. Interest will be payable on March and Sept. 15.

Principal and interest will be payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Bids will also be considered for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6% in accordance with Section 2293-28 of the General Code of Ohio. A certified check for 1% of the amount bid, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

STRUTHERS, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Albert G. Jones, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 13 for the purchase of \$3,639.17 6% special assessment impt. bonds. Dated July 1 1932. One bond for \$7,785, others for \$727.83. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$727.83 in 1933 and 1934; \$727.85 in 1935, and \$727.83 in 1936 and 1937. Interest is payable in April and October. Bids on the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$200 must accompany each proposal.

STUART INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stuart), Guthrie County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that bids will be received until 8 p.m. on June 7 by A. A. Montgomery, Secretary of the Board of Directors, for the purchase of an \$8,000 issue of school bonds. (These bonds were voted at the election held on May 16—V. 134, p. 4027.)

SWANTON, Franklin County, Vt.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The town failed to receive a bid at the offering on May 12 of \$40,000 5% refunding bonds, dated 1 May 1 1932 and due \$5,000 on Nov. 1 from 1933 to 1940, inclusive.—V. 134, p. 3508.

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).—COUPON PAYMENT.—It was announced on June 1 that the Manufacturers Trust Co. of New York has been appointed coupon paying agent for \$128,000 5% Alice Independent School District refunding bonds, due serially from 1933 to 1967.

TITUSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Crawford County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—F. R. Whitcomb, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on June 21 for the purchase of \$40,000 5% coupon school bonds, to mature as follows: \$10,000 in 1937, and \$15,000

in 1942 and 1947. Interest will be payable in January and July. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, must accompany each proposal.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. W. Knapp, City Clerk, until 10 a. m. on June 14, for the purchase of two issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$163,097.40, divided as follows: \$90,259.52 paving bonds. Due on July 15 as follows: \$9,259.52 in 1933, and \$9,000, 1934 to 1942, inclusive.

72,837.88 sewer bonds. Due on July 15 as follows: \$6,837.88 in 1933; \$7,000, 1934 to 1939, and \$8,000, 1940 to 1942, all incl. Dated July 15 1932. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 15) payable at the office of the State Treasurer. Bids will be received for either one or both of the issues. Sale will be subject to approval of bond transcript by successful bidder's own attorney. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

TORONTO, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The failure to receive a bid at the offering on May 21 of \$20,276.43 6% street improvement bonds—V. 134, p. 3675—marked the second unsuccessful effort to dispose of the issue. Dated Jan. 1 1932 and due on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1940, inclusive.

TUCKAHOE, Westchester County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The First National Bank & Trust Co., of Tuckahoe, has purchased an issue of \$4,000 5% certificates of indebtedness, at par, maturing on Oct. 1 1932.

TURTLE LAKE, McLean County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,000 issue of coupon funding bonds offered for sale on May 25—V. 134, p. 4028—was purchased by the National Bank & Trust Co. of Jamestown, as 6s, at par. Denom. \$500. Dated June 1 1932. Due from 1935 to 1947 interest payable June 1.

TYLER, Smith County, Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$100,000 issue of 5, 5 1/2 or 6% semi-ann. sewage disposal plant bonds offered on May 31—V. 134, p. 4028—was not sold as there were no bids received, according to the City Manager. Dated June 1 1932. Due in from 1 to 15 years.

VICTORVILLE, San Bernardino County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on May 19—V. 134, p. 3675—the voters approved the issuance of \$50,000 in 6% water bonds by what is stated to have been a large majority. Due in 25 years and optional in 2 years.

VIRGINIA, State of (P. O. Richmond).—BOND AND CERTIFICATE SALE.—The coupon or registered bonds and certificates aggregating \$3,440,000, offered for sale on June 2 (V. 134, p. 3862), were awarded to a syndicate composed of the First & Merchants' National Bank and Mason-Hagan, Inc., both of Richmond, the First National Old Colony Corp. of New York and Scott & Stringfellow of Richmond, as follows: \$2,440,000 refunding bonds as 4s, at a price of 100.21, a basis of about 3.99%. Due on June 1 1962.

1,000,000 certificates of indebtedness as 3 3/4s, at a price of 100.17, a basis of about 3.72%. Due on July 1 1938.

SYNDICATE REOFFERS BONDS AND CERTIFICATES.—The successful bidders offered the above securities for public subscriptions as follows: certificates are priced to yield 3 3/4% and the bonds are priced to yield 3 3/4%.

WARICK COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$12,000 4 1/2% road impt. bonds offered on May 25—V. 134, p. 3675—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Dec. 7 1931. Due semi-annually from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943.

WASHBURN, McLean County, No. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on June 9 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$3,000 in water works bonds.

WATERLOO, Douglas County, Neb.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that a \$25,000 issue of school building bonds was approved by the voters at a recent election.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—The City Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. on June 6, for the purchase at discount basis of a \$100,000 temporary loan, to mature March 24 1933.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Richmond), Ind.—WARRANT SALE.—The \$130,000 6% poor relief warrants offered on June 1—V. 134, p. 3862—were awarded at a price of par to Campbell & Co., of Indianapolis, the only bidder. Dated June 1 1932. Due \$65,000 on May and Nov. 15 1933.

WHATCOM COUNTY (P. O. Bellingham), Wash.—MATURITY.—It is now stated that the \$100,000 issue of coupon road and bridge relief bonds purchased by the State of Washington, as 5s at par—V. 134, p. 2772—is due on May 1 1942.

WHEATFIELD CIVIL TOWNSHIP, Jasper County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Guy C. Jones, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on June 25 for the purchase of \$12,000 5% central high school building construction bonds. Dated April 25 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on June 30 from 1933 to 1944 incl. Int. will be payable annually on June 30.

WILLIAMS COUNTY (P. O. Bryan) Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Mont Stuller, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 17 for the purchase of \$25,155.58 6% road improvement bonds. Dated June 10 1932. One bond for \$1,155.58, others for \$1,000. Due as follows: \$2,155.58 March and \$3,000 Sept. 10 1933; \$3,000 March and Sept. 10 in 1934 and 1935, and \$2,000 March and Sept. 10 in 1936 and 1937. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$1,200, payable to the order of the County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

WINTER HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bartow) Polk County, Fla.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on June 7 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$35,000 in school funding bonds.

WOOSTER, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Helen R. Walter, Clerk in the City Auditor's office, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 13 for the purchase of \$3,157.43 6% sanitary sewer construction bonds. Dated July 1 1932. One bond for \$457.43, others for \$300. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$457.43 in 1933, and \$300 from 1934 to 1942 incl. Int. is payable in A. & O. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$50, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal.

YAKIMA COUNTY (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BOND AND WARRANT CALL.—It is reported that R. W. White, County Treasurer, called for payment at his office on May 23, on which date interest ceased, various school district, drainage and irrigation warrants and drainage bonds.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Province of).—STOCK ISSUE WELL RECEIVED.—The underwriters of the £1,500,000 sterling 5% 35-year stock issue offered at a price of 99, to yield 5%, in London, England, on May 26—V. 134, p. 4028—have reported that only 20% of the issue remains unsold. The bonds are subject to call by the province in 1957 or 1967.

GUERIN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Guerin) Que.—BOND OFFERING.—H. Jolivet, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on June 4 for the purchase of \$8,000 6% improvement bonds, dated March 22 1932 and due in 15 annual installments.

KINGSTON, Ont.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The \$150,000 6% coupon (registerable as to principal) Queen's University construction bonds awarded recently to A. E. Ames & Co., of Toronto, at 98.93, a basis of about 6.10%—V. 134, p. 4028—are being reoffered for general investment at a price of 100.57 and accrued interest, to yield 5.95%. Bonds are dated July 2 1931 and will mature on July 2 1951. Principal and interest (Jan. and July 2) are payable in lawful money of Canada at the office of the City Treasurer. Denom. \$1,000. Legality to be approved by Leung & Daly of Toronto. The bonds, according to the bankers, are a direct obligation of the city and provision will be made, by operation of the sinking fund, for their redemption at maturity.

SPRINGHILL, N. S.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—C. J. Albon, Town Clerk, reports that no bids were received at the offering on May 25 of \$46,000 6% bonds, dated Aug. 1 1932 and to mature in 25 years. February and August interest payments. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500.