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The Financial Situation

THE gold drain upon our Federal Reserve banks having ceased as a result of the virtually complete withdrawal by the Bank of France of all its available balances in the United States, the New York Federal Reserve Bank on Thursday reduced its rediscount rate from 3%, the figure which has been in effect since Feb. 26, to 2½%, the lower rate going into effect yesterday (Friday). What is still more important, the Reserve bank's buying rate for acceptances, which has been at 2½% for all maturities, has been lowered in even greater degree. On maturities up to 90 days, the purchasing rate now will be only 1%; on maturities between 91 days and 120 days it will be 1⅓%, and on maturities between 121 and 180 days it will be 1½%. Let the reader note well the abnormally low figures at which the Reserve authorities are buying bills!

These cuts in rates are part of the easy money policy to which the Federal Reserve authorities have been so long committed, in times of trade prostration no less than in periods of active trade, and they are to be deplored just as purchases of Government securities at the rate of \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 a week are to be viewed with the deepest kind of regret. It is impossible to see how any good can be the outgrowth of such a policy, while on the other hand it may easily become the means of doing no little harm by creating an unnatural and abnormal state of ease and producing a wholly artificial condition in both the money market and as respects banking credit. If it be said that the further lowering in the rates now made is merely in conformity with the rates prevailing in the money market the reply must be that these money market conditions are themselves the product of Federal Reserve policy in engaging in large-scale purchases of United States Government securities with the idea of putting huge volumes of Reserve credit afloat, and which could not be put afloat in any other way, since the member banks cannot be induced to borrow at the Reserve institutions on their own account inasmuch as these banks already are in possession of masses of funds for which no employment in a safe way can be found, and there is no need for additional credit facilities in the channels of trade and commerce, besides which Stock Exchange speculation is absolutely stagnant and no large amount of funds, therefore, can be diverted into speculative channels.

At this point it deserves to be noted that the Reserve banks added still further to their holdings of United States securities the present week, the new amount acquired having been \$37,494,000. This is much smaller than the new acquisitions in other

recent weeks, but it had the effect, nevertheless, of raising the total of the holdings of United States Government securities to the huge figure of \$1,729,701,000 in comparison with only \$618,503,000 12 months ago, on June 24 1931, showing to what extreme and abnormal proportions the expansion in Federal Reserve credit is being carried. One effect of this is seen in the congestion of idle funds at the financial centers and to such an extent that banks and financial institutions are willing to discount United States Treasury bills at merely nominal rates of interest. At one sale of bills last month the bills were purchased on a discount basis of only 0.29% per annum. The United States Government is undoubtedly deriving an advantage in its recurrent sales of Treasury bills, certificates of indebtedness, Treasury notes and other forms of United States obligations, but it is an advantage of doubtful merit in view of the ill results in other directions.

It is creating a state of credit and currency inflation which is operating powerfully to disturb confidence in the existing monetary situation, whereas the purpose ought to be and is intended to be the promotion of confidence, this being a desideratum of such great need at the present time.

The unnatural state of ease thereby produced unquestionably played an important part in expelling gold from this country by leaving no profitable means of employment for idle foreign balances, and though the outflow appears now to have been checked, because virtually no foreign balances by European central banks remain here, it is impossible to convince the astute minds of banking authorities abroad that we are not engaged through our large-scale purchases of United States securities in a policy of outright inflation, which always in the past, when practiced by others, has resulted in disaster in the end.

It was hoped that through the policy of credit inflation a revival of business prosperity might be brought about, but the depression in trade has steadily deepened and the "Iron Age" in its review of the trade the present week reports the steel mills of the country engaged to only 16% of capacity. Is it possible to conceive anything worse than that, short of absolute zero? All over the world the situation is the same, unemployment and idleness continuing to mount in all the leading countries notwithstanding that banking credit is available in unlimited amounts and at most tempting terms. Yet the entire economic world persists in thinking that normal conditions are to be restored by simply providing new supplies of credit and cheapening

the cost of borrowing. The experience along these lines during the last three years constitutes irrefutable proof that the policy is a mistaken one. Recovery is not to be achieved by artificial means of that kind and we are only deceiving ourselves when we entertain the delusion that we can reach our goal in that way.

Again it was hoped that by the use of Reserve credit in unlimited volume we could arrest the decline in security values, but here also it has been demonstrated that market values cannot be bolstered, or preserved by simply providing means for effecting purchases of the same, while the real merit of the securities is being steadily undermined through shrinkage in production and transportation and of earnings and profits. Other incidental ill effects might be mentioned, of which no precise measure is possible. Few needy borrowers are so situated that they can avail of the rediscount rate of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ prevailing at New York and Chicago (the Federal Reserve Bank at the latter point having followed that at New York in reducing to $2\frac{1}{2}\%$) or of the $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ rate that prevails in the other Reserve Districts. Yet the effect of the establishment of such a low rate, especially when accompanied by the thrusting out of Reserve credit through purchases of U. S. securities, is to lower the level of money rates all around. Accordingly we see such extraordinary results as the buying of United States Treasury bills on a discount basis of only a little over $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% per annum.

No one seems to be giving consideration to the effect of such absurdly low rates upon the earnings and profits of our great banks and even the earnings and profits of the Federal Reserve banks, which are dwindling the same as those of the ordinary banks. These are not living rates and do not repay the cost of the service. Such abnormally low rates do not cover the proportionate cost of the overhead, not to speak of a profit on the transaction. In other words lending or investing at such rates involves a loss instead of a profit. How long can our great banks endure such loss. Such a question is not an idle one at a time when these banks are obliged to write off enormous depreciation losses on loans and investments.

CONSIDERABLE discussion is now taking place regarding the opportunity that exists for improving the position of the railroads, by reason of the great appreciation which exists in the market value of their securities. It is argued that if the railroads could enter upon the course of buying these securities at the present extremely low figures, and then cancel the same, the possibility would be presented of bringing about enormous reductions in their fixed charges. It has been openly suggested that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation make loans to the railroads with that object in view, and at a meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Association of Railway Executives at the Biltmore Hotel on Tuesday this very proposal that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, directly or indirectly, make advances to the carriers to permit them to repurchase their own bonds at substantial discounts from par value is said to have come up for discussion.

The New York "Journal of Commerce," in its account of the meeting, said that the plan has been getting increasing banking support, and that Senator Walcott had indicated that he intended to in-

roduce legislation to amend the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, of which he was the author, to facilitate such operations. In banking circles, it is stated, the proposal to grant loans for the retiring of bonded indebtedness of the railroads was believed as perhaps the only way of avoiding several railroad receiverships where fixed charges are not now being earned. Opinion, however, among railroad executives was understood to be far from unanimous on the proposal.

It is easy to see how important benefits could be made to accrue to the railroads from the carrying out of such a proposition, but the feasibility of the proposal itself may well be doubted, and the propriety of it is still further open to question. If undertaken with the co-operation or at the instance of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, it would be difficult to prevent favoritism from creeping in and an unusual opportunity would be presented for outsiders and insiders to gain advantages for themselves, by means of advance information of what was being done or was contemplated. The moment it became known that the proposal was receiving consideration by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as respects any particular railroad, there would be a certainty of a rise in the securities of such railroad, and those who were knowing as to what was going on would be in a position to make a profit for themselves by availing of their knowledge. If any considerable body were in possession of this knowledge these securities might advance with great rapidity and the scheme work to defeat itself. The plans would, in any event, have to be carried out in great secrecy, with few individuals permitted to know what was going on.

In the case of an official body like the Reconstruction Finance Corporation that would be almost out of the question. Bankers could on their own motion carry through such an operation, and the bankers for any particular railroad might render an inestimable service by buying up the securities of any given road in that fashion and then tendering them to the officials of the road at the precise price paid (or with the addition of a slight commission), but few, if any, bankers are so situated as to be able to do so, as so much of their funds are already tied up in loans to the railroads. One thing we may be sure of, and that is that in the end the securities now selling for next to nothing will pass into strong hands, and lodge in the possession of people of substantial means, and who will be ready to hold them till they once more get back to their intrinsic value. But then the profit from the rise will accrue to these individuals and not to the railroads themselves. That, unfortunately, is the way such things always work out, and it constitutes the strongest kind of an argument against ever again permitting a debacle to occur like that which found expression in the stock market craze which eventuated in the crash of the autumn of 1929. Parenthetically it might be added that this proposal of letting the railroads purchase their own securities at a discount is just the reverse of the operation in which the \$100,000,000 bond pool is engaged. The object of this pool is to bring about an improvement in the market value of securities generally, in view of the absurdly low prices now ruling for so many of them, and thereby lay the foundation for an enduring recovery in security values as a whole, rather than improving the position of any particular road.

DISCUSSION of railroad conditions calls to mind that the report of the New York Central RR. Co. made its appearance the present week. The results were known beforehand, and the chief value of the report is in showing that the strongest and best railroads of the country have suffered no less seriously from the prevailing business depression than have the railroads less strongly fortified. Gross earnings from the operation of the New York Central were only \$382,190,182 in the calendar year 1931 as against \$478,918,347 in the calendar year 1930, thus showing a shrinkage in the huge sum of \$96,728,164. This was attended by a reduction in operating expenses in the sum of \$69,663,737, leaving, nevertheless, a loss in net revenue from operations in amount of \$27,064,427, the total of the net for 1931 standing at \$75,124,502 as against \$102,188,929 for 1930. When the comparison is carried one year further back, it is found that the shrinkage in 1931 compared with 1930 follows an even heavier shrinkage in 1930 as compared with 1929. In other words, gross operating revenue in 1931 at \$382,190,183 compares with \$590,008,624 in the calendar year 1929, showing a falling off in the two years combined in the colossal sum of over \$207,000,000. The net revenue from railroad operations for 1931 at \$75,124,502 compares with \$148,763,031 in 1929, the amount in this instance having been cut almost in two.

That a railroad system so strongly located as the New York Central and so superbly administered should have sustained such enormous losses in the brief space of two years bears testimony anew to the depth of the business depression under which the country has been laboring and of its widespread character. Three years ago no one in his wildest dreams would have deemed such a complete collapse as even a remote possibility. With income so seriously reduced the company had only \$2,309,354 profit available in 1931 for dividends on its \$499,257,595 share capital, being less than one-half of 1%, though it paid out dividends altogether aggregating 4% and calling for \$19,970,304. Accumulated surplus was drawn upon for the difference.

What is more, the shrinkage in revenues is still going on. From the June number of our "Monthly Earnings Record," published the present week, it appears that for the four months ending April 30 the New York Central had gross operating revenue of only \$106,171,265 in 1932 against \$133,011,198 in the four months of 1931; \$164,533,670 in the four months of 1930, and \$189,555,348 in the four months of 1929. The net from railroad operations was only \$23,427,180 in the four months of 1932 against \$26,357,860 in 1931; \$34,375,215 in 1930, and no less than \$46,918,396 in 1929. It furthermore appears that with net earnings so seriously reduced the New York Central fell \$4,019,328 short of meeting its ordinary fixed charges in the four months of 1932. Veritably, the lot of the railroad manager under present conditions is a hard one.

THE feature of the Federal Reserve statement this week is that with gold exports checked the gold reserves of the 12 Reserve banks once more increased, though only very slightly, the total the present week being \$2,562,517,000 as against \$2,561,195,000 last week, and comparing with \$3,382,589,000 12 months ago on June 24 1931. There were further gold exports in amount of \$18,220,000 during the week ending Wednesday night, but this represented mainly,

if not entirely, gold previously earmarked for foreign shipment, and the earmarked stock was reduced in the sum of no less than \$21,758,000, showing an addition to the amount of the domestic stock of the metal in the sum of the difference between the two items, besides which there were \$1,376,000 gold imports during the week.

The Federal Reserve authorities continued their policy of purchasing United States Government securities, thereby adding still further to the volume of reserve credit outstanding. This week's new acquisitions, though, were on a reduced scale as compared with other recent weeks, the net increase being only \$37,494,000. This increase, however, brought the total of these holdings of United States securities up to \$1,729,701,000, which compares with only \$618,503,000 12 months ago on June 24, showing an augmentation considerably in excess of a billion dollars—in exact amount \$1,111,198,000. The increase in the holdings of United States securities was offset during the week by a reduction in the volume of the discount holdings, reflecting member bank borrowing, of \$8,033,000, and in a reduction in the acceptance holdings of \$11,943,000. To that extent the increase in the total of the bill and security holdings, which constitutes a measure of the volume of Reserve credit outstanding, has been smaller than the increase in the holdings of United States Government securities. The amount of the bill and security holdings of all kinds the present week stands at \$2,277,341,000 against \$2,259,718,000 last week, indicating an expansion for the week in amount of \$17,623,000; 12 months ago, on June 24 1931, the bill and security holdings aggregated no more than \$947,334,000, showing an expansion for the year of \$1,330,007,000.

The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation also again records an increase this week, the amount of addition for the week being \$40,133,000, bringing the total of Reserve notes in circulation up to \$2,615,932,000, at which figure comparison is with only \$1,674,189,000 on June 24 last year. There has been no change of consequence in the ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined during the week, this being reported at 57.8% for June 22 as against 57.9% for June 15. The holdings of acceptances for foreign central banks further decreased during the week from \$102,212,000 to \$101,465,000, but the most important change of all is that the deposits held by the Reserve institutions for account of foreign banks were reduced during the week from \$60,122,000 to \$17,556,000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS regarding corporate dividends have been more than ordinarily depressing during the present week. Actual suspensions of payments have been unusually numerous and unusually important, and, what is more, others are being talked about. Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. on Monday omitted declaration of the quarterly dividend on the common shares. In addition, the Board of Directors of the company directed the officials of the company to make effective on Aug. 1 a 10% reduction in the salaries, wages or compensation of all officers and all employees of the company except those groups of employees with which agreements as to rates of pay and working conditions are in effect until Aug. 3, and as to these the officials are to negotiate for a similar reduction. The American Smelting & Refining Co. on Tuesday decided

to omit the quarterly dividend due Sept. 1 on the 7% cumul. pref. stock and 6% cumul. 2nd pref. stock. This is the first time since the organization of the company in 1899 that payment of a dividend on the 7% pref. stock has been omitted. The Electric Power & Light Corp. on June 22 suspended dividends on the \$7 cumul. 2nd pref. stock series A, and also on the common stock. The Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada, Ltd., on June 21 deferred action on the dividend on the capital stock until the results for the company's full year are known. North West Utilities Co. omitted the quarterly dividend due July 1 on the 7% cumul. prior lien pref. stock. Briggs Mfg. Co. omitted the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about July 25 on the common shares. General Fireproofing Co. passed the quarterly dividend on the 7% cumul. pref. stock. General Tire & Rubber Co. omitted payment of the quarterly dividend on the 6% cumul. pref. stock. The Power Corp. of Canada omitted the quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the no-par common stock. United Piece Dye Works on June 22 omitted the quarterly dividend on the no-par common stock. On Feb. 1 last the quarterly dividend was reduced from 50c. a share to 25c. a share. Eaton Manufacturing Co. omitted the quarterly dividend of 12½c. a share on the no-par common stock. McLellan Stores Co. passed the quarterly dividend on the 6% cumul. conv. pref. stock series A. Tennessee Central Railway omitted the semi-annual dividend on the 7% cumul. conv. pref. stock. Richmond Fredericksburg & Potomac RR. reduced the semi-annual dividend on the voting and non-voting common shares and on the dividend obligation shares to 2%; previously the company paid semi-annual dividends of 4% each on the voting common and dividend obligation shares and 3% semi-annually on the non-voting common.

Standard Power & Light Corp. reduced from 50c. a share to 30c. a share the dividend on the common stock and common stock series B. The Universal Leaf Tobacco Co. cut the quarterly dividend of common from 75c. a share to 50c. a share. United Verde Extension Mining Co. reduced the quarterly dividend on its capital stock from 12½c. a share to 10c. a share, after having previously reduced from 50c. a share to 25c. a share, and then to 12½c. a share. Borden Co. cut the quarterly dividend on its stock from 75c. a share to 50c. a share. Howe Sound Co. reduced the quarterly dividend on common from 25c. a share to 10c. a share. American Ship Building Co. decreased its quarterly dividend on the common stock from 75c. a share to 50c. a share. Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co. reduced the quarterly dividend on the capital stock from \$1 a share to 75c. a share. American News Co., Inc., on June 24 declared a dividend of 25c. a share. This compares with bi-monthly dividends of 50c. a share paid previously. Telautograph Corp. reduced the quarterly dividend on the capital stock from 35c. a share to 25c. a share. Electric Vacuum Cleaner Co., Inc., decreased the quarterly dividend from 50c. a share to 25c. a share. St. Croix Paper Co. cut its quarterly dividend on the common stock from \$2 a share to \$1.50 a share.

Lawyers' Mortgage Co. reduced the quarterly dividend on its capital stock from 35c. a share to 20c. a share, after having previously reduced from 70c. a share to 35c. a share. The Public Service Corp. of N. J. voted to make a 6% reduction applicable to both its payroll and to dividends payable to

holders of its common stock, thereby reducing the common stock dividend from a basis of \$3.40 per annum to \$3.20 per annum. The Title Guarantee & Trust Co. reduced the quarterly dividend on its capital stock from \$1.20 a share to 80c. a share. The Link-Belt Co., Chicago, reduced the quarterly dividend on common from 30c. a share to 20c. a share, after having previously reduced first from 60c. a share to 50c. a share, then to 40c. a share, and then to 30c. a share. West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. cut the quarterly dividend on common from 25c. a share to 15c. a share. Arrow-Hart & Hegeman Electric Co. also reduced the quarterly dividend on common from 25c. a share to 15c. a share. The Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. reduced the quarterly dividend on its capital stock from 25c. a share to 20c. a share, after a previous reduction from 30c. a share to 25c. a share.

THE stock market this week has been a tame affair, with few features of general or of special interest. Some of the active specialties turned sharply lower, but the market as a whole moved within a narrow groove, and as a rule in a very fitful fashion. On Saturday, at the half-day session, trading was almost at a standstill, and, as a matter of fact, this happened on many of the succeeding days. A break in Sears, Roebuck & Co., on the suspension of dividend payments, and a further decline in Auburn Automobile enlivened the occasions on Saturday. On Monday, Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. suffered a break on the omission of the dividend on the common stock, but otherwise the market showed firmness, though on narrow dealings, the turnover for the day reaching only 341,080 shares, said to be the smallest volume for any day since June 1924. On Tuesday the market again was motionless, but developed a moderately reactionary tendency in the afternoon after showing considerable steadiness during the forenoon. In the afternoon reaction some of the speculative specialties dipped downward one or two points. On Wednesday Auburn Automobile was again a weak feature, but there was continued apathy, with the drift toward slightly lower levels. Stocks rallied slightly toward mid-day on news of President Hoover's proposal for a one-third reduction in world armaments, though only slight interest was taken in the matter in the stock market owing to the French stand in opposition. On Thursday foreign news bearing on the Hoover proposal for a drastic cut in arms appeared to have induced some short covering, and the tobacco shares developed a rising tendency, with the result that prices moved towards slightly higher levels. On Friday the market experienced a sharp setback on rumors of further dividend reductions and news of some bank failures in Chicago. Trade accounts continued unfavorable, and the "Iron Age" reported that steel production had receded to 16% of capacity as against 18% the previous week, 20% two weeks ago, and 25% in the middle of May.

Dividend reductions and omissions were again numerous and played an important part in affecting the movements in particular stocks, all of which have been enumerated above; in addition, some stocks moved lower on fears of dividend reductions to come in the immediate future. Instances of the latter kind occurred in the case of Continental Can, American Can, Allied Chemical, United States Steel preferred, and Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe. Only 92

stocks touched new low levels for the year the present week. Call loans on the Stock Exchange again ruled unchanged at $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ all through the week.

The higher transfer taxes, which became effective on Tuesday, undoubtedly had some influence in restricting trading. The New York State transfer tax, raised from \$2 a hundred to \$4, already had been in effect. Federal taxes in force on Tuesday increase the rate similarly from \$2 to \$4 a hundred shares on stocks of \$100 par or no par value, with the new tax fixed at \$5 a hundred on stocks selling at \$20 a share or higher.

The volume of trading has been exceedingly light, not reaching a million shares on any day, and most of the time running little in excess of a half a million shares. At the half-day session on Saturday last the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 341,080 shares; on Monday they were 388,065 shares; on Tuesday, 496,870 shares; on Wednesday, 606,880 shares; on Thursday, 472,220 shares, and on Friday, 772,652 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 43,095 shares; on Monday, 70,780 shares; on Tuesday, 68,380 shares; on Wednesday, 68,305 shares; on Thursday, 65,510 shares, and on Friday, 76,330 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, the changes are generally towards lower levels and small except in a few special instances like American Tel. & Tel. and American Can. General Electric closed yesterday at $9\frac{7}{8}$ ex-div. against $10\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week; North American at 17 against $17\frac{3}{4}$; Standard Gas & Elec. at $9\frac{1}{2}$ against $11\frac{1}{8}$; Pacific Gas & Elec. at $20\frac{1}{2}$ against $20\frac{5}{8}$; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at $35\frac{1}{8}$ against $36\frac{1}{4}$; Columbia Gas & Elec. at $6\frac{1}{2}$ against $6\frac{1}{2}$; Brooklyn Union Gas at $52\frac{1}{2}$ against $53\frac{3}{4}$; Electric Power & Light at $27\frac{3}{8}$ against $37\frac{3}{8}$; Public Service of N. J. at 33 against $33\frac{1}{2}$; International Harvester at $11\frac{7}{8}$ against 15; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at $21\frac{5}{8}$ against $22\frac{1}{4}$; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at $41\frac{1}{2}$ against $47\frac{3}{8}$; Woolworth at $23\frac{7}{8}$ against $25\frac{3}{4}$; Safeway Stores at $36\frac{1}{4}$ against 37; Western Union Telegraph at $13\frac{1}{4}$ against $13\frac{3}{4}$; American Tel. & Tel. at $78\frac{1}{4}$ against $84\frac{1}{8}$; International Tel. & Tel. at $3\frac{3}{8}$ against $3\frac{1}{2}$; American Can at $30\frac{5}{8}$ against $36\frac{7}{8}$; United States Industrial Alcohol at $15\frac{1}{4}$ against $15\frac{7}{8}$; Commercial Solvents at $4\frac{5}{8}$ against $4\frac{3}{4}$; Shattuck & Co. at $5\frac{3}{8}$ against $5\frac{3}{4}$, and Corn Products at 29 against 30.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 46 against $50\frac{5}{8}$ on Friday of last week; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at $25\frac{1}{2}$ against $27\frac{1}{2}$; National Cash Register A at $7\frac{1}{2}$ against $7\frac{3}{4}$; International Nickel at 4 against 4; Timken Roller Bearing at $9\frac{1}{2}$ against $10\frac{1}{2}$; Mack Trucks at $12\frac{3}{4}$ against $12\frac{1}{2}$; Yellow Truck & Coach at $1\frac{1}{2}$ against $1\frac{1}{2}$ bid; Johns-Manville at $11\frac{5}{8}$ against 12; Gillette Safety Razor at $12\frac{5}{8}$ against $13\frac{3}{4}$; National Dairy Products at $15\frac{1}{2}$ against $16\frac{1}{4}$; Associated Dry Goods at 3 against $3\frac{1}{2}$; Texas Gulf Sulphur at $13\frac{1}{2}$ against $14\frac{1}{4}$; Freeport Texas at $10\frac{1}{2}$ against $11\frac{1}{2}$; American & Foreign Power at $2\frac{1}{8}$ against $2\frac{1}{4}$; United Gas Improvement at $12\frac{1}{4}$ against 13; National Biscuit at $27\frac{1}{2}$ against $28\frac{7}{8}$; Coca-Cola at $86\frac{1}{2}$ against $90\frac{1}{8}$; Continental Can at $18\frac{3}{8}$ against $21\frac{5}{8}$; Eastman Kodak at $40\frac{3}{4}$ against $42\frac{5}{8}$; Gold Dust Corp. at 10 against 10; Standard Brands at $10\frac{1}{8}$ against $10\frac{1}{4}$; Paramount Publix Corp. at $1\frac{7}{8}$ against $2\frac{1}{8}$; Kreuger & Toll at $\frac{1}{8}$ against $1/16$; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at $19\frac{3}{8}$ against $21\frac{5}{8}$; Drug, Inc., at 27 against $27\frac{5}{8}$;

Columbian Carbon at $17\frac{1}{2}$ against $18\frac{1}{2}$; Reynolds Tobacco class B at $27\frac{1}{2}$ against $28\frac{1}{8}$; Liggett & Myers class B at 40 against $40\frac{1}{2}$; Lorillard at $10\frac{7}{8}$ against $10\frac{3}{4}$, and American Tobacco at 48 against $48\frac{1}{2}$.

The steel shares have changed little. United States Steel closed yesterday at $23\frac{1}{2}$ against $25\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at $8\frac{1}{8}$ against $8\frac{1}{2}$; Vanadium at $6\frac{7}{8}$ against $7\frac{3}{8}$, and Republic Iron & Steel at $2\frac{1}{4}$ bid against $2\frac{5}{8}$. In the auto group Auburn Auto has moved sharply lower and closed yesterday at $45\frac{3}{4}$ against 62 on Friday of last week; General Motors at $8\frac{1}{4}$ against 9; Chrysler at $6\frac{1}{2}$ against $6\frac{5}{8}$; Nash Motors at $9\frac{3}{4}$ against $9\frac{7}{8}$; Packard Motors at $1\frac{3}{4}$ against 2; Hudson Motor Car at 4 against 4, and Hupp Motors at $1\frac{3}{4}$ against $1\frac{3}{4}$. In the rubber group Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at $6\frac{3}{4}$ against 7 on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at $2\frac{3}{4}$ against $3\frac{1}{8}$; United States Rubber at 2 against $2\frac{3}{8}$, and the preferred at 4 against $5\frac{1}{8}$.

The railroad shares continued to show a complete absence of strength. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at $8\frac{3}{8}$ against $8\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at $21\frac{5}{8}$ against $27\frac{5}{8}$; Atlantic Coast Line at 13 against 14; Chicago Rock Island & Pacific at $2\frac{1}{8}$ against 3; New York Central at $11\frac{3}{8}$ against 12; Baltimore & Ohio at $5\frac{1}{4}$ against $5\frac{5}{8}$; New Haven at $7\frac{1}{4}$ against $7\frac{7}{8}$; Union Pacific at $34\frac{1}{4}$ against 37; Southern Pacific at $7\frac{1}{2}$ against 9; Missouri Pacific at 2 against $2\frac{3}{8}$; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 2 against $1\frac{7}{8}$ bid; Southern Railway at 3 against 4; Chesapeake & Ohio at $11\frac{3}{8}$ against 12; Northern Pacific at $6\frac{3}{4}$ against 8, and Great Northern at 7 against $7\frac{3}{4}$.

The oil shares again show only slight changes. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at $23\frac{7}{8}$ against $24\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at 18 against 18; Atlantic Refining at 10 against $10\frac{1}{8}$, and Texas Corp. at $9\frac{5}{8}$ against 10.

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

STOCK exchanges in the important European financial centers were quiet and slightly irregular this week, as there was a tendency everywhere to await the outcome of the international conferences now in progress before making commitments. The trend was favorable on the London Stock Exchange early in the week, as the belief prevailed in the British capital that the Lausanne meeting on reparations might open the way to world recovery. Some uncertainty developed on this point, subsequently, and the market turned dull. The Paris and Berlin markets moved alternately upward and downward in a narrow range, and net changes were unimportant. There were no significant indications of a change in the business outlook, so that political developments and the improved financial aspects were the main stimulating factors. Of more than ordinary importance, however, were reports from Berlin, Monday, that the German Government had arranged for the acquisition of a controlling interest in the Vereinigte Stahlwerke (United Steelworks), in order to prevent this largest

organization of its kind in the Reich from passing into foreign hands. This was generally viewed as a further step toward State Socialism in Germany, effected in spite of the avowed determination of Chancellor von Papen to prevent further developments along that line.

The London Stock Exchange was cheerful and moderately active in the initial session of the week. British funds resumed their advance, and hopeful views of the Lausanne meeting occasioned some buying of European Government bonds as well. Industrial stocks were firm, with textile issues showing the best results. The international group was uncertain. The opening Tuesday was weak, but the initial uncertainty was soon overcome and prices again advanced in almost all sections of the list. Offerings of British funds were easily absorbed and most issues ended with small net gains. British industrial securities were firm, with Continental buying a factor. Anglo-American trading favorites were marked up slightly to conform with quotations prevalent in New York. In Wednesday's dealings British funds were subjected to some profit-taking and small losses resulted. Industrial issues remained in favor and there were many good advances. The international section was uncertain, with easiness rather pronounced in the late dealings. The trend Thursday was irregular. British funds advanced at first, but lost their gains in the last half of the session. Industrial stocks maintained their levels, as some investment buying was reported. The international group was easy. Price movements yesterday were favorable, with gilt-edged issues especially in demand.

The Paris Bourse was dull Monday, with a weak trend in evidence. Prices declined steadily throughout the session and the lowest figures were registered at the close. Losses were substantial in all groups, including rentes. After a further heavy opening, Tuesday, the trend of prices was reversed on the Bourse and small net gains were registered in most sections. Rumors that reparations might be wiped out at the Lausanne conference were followed by increased interest in German bonds, which advanced readily. The volume of transactions in other issues remained small. The Paris market turned uncertain Wednesday, and prices were generally off. Reports from Lausanne were more pessimistic, and quotations for German bonds dropped. Some French industrial stocks resisted the general trend and ended with modest gains. Dealings were small, Thursday, and there were no important changes. The list was about equally divided between gains and losses. The tone was firm on the Bourse yesterday, most stocks advancing in small dealings.

Trading on the Berlin Boerse was started, Monday, with a mild flurry in bonds, which were in good demand as a result of the more optimistic impressions of the reparations discussions. Stocks were quiet, although some interest was taken in shares affected by acquisition of control of the United Steelworks by the Government. A listless session followed, Tuesday, as the outcome of the Lausanne gathering seemed less likely to be favorable. Gelsenkirchen shares were off sharply, as the issue is affected by the United Steelworks development. Other issues slowly sagged in the quiet dealings. Trading was again dull in Wednesday's session, and the trend was still downward. Bonds as well as stocks were weak in this session, but some of the

losses were regained in a rally which developed at the close. Interest was lacking Thursday, and the Berlin market remained irregular. After a soft start the trend was reversed, but the improvement was not maintained, and at the finish most issues showed losses. The session yesterday was again very quiet, with price changes unimportant.

AFTER more than four months of desultory and futile discussion of minor details, proceedings of the General Disarmament Conference at Geneva were suddenly electrified, Wednesday, by the sweeping proposal of President Hoover for a universal reduction of land, sea and air armaments by nearly one-third. This proposal was placed before the Conference by Hugh S. Gibson, United States delegate, in a tense and dramatic session called at the request of the American delegation. President Hoover announced the plan simultaneously in Washington. It stirred the meeting into a frenzy of activity and brought instant reactions from other delegations, ranging from complete acceptance by Italy to moderate criticism by France, coupled with an admission that progress may be possible along such lines. The far-reaching nature of the proposal and the important concurrent developments at the reparations conference in the neighboring town of Lausanne clearly indicated the need for consultations between the leading delegates and their respective home governments. Foreign Secretary Sir John Simon returned to London, Thursday, with this aim in view, while Premier Edouard Herriot and Chancellor Franz von Papen returned to Paris and Berlin, respectively, yesterday. During the absence of these leaders progress in the Geneva disarmament discussions is hardly to be expected, but it is broadly apparent that the Hoover proposal will dominate the subsequent negotiations and perhaps lead to far greater genuine achievements than would otherwise have been possible.

Announcement of the Hoover proposal at Geneva was preceded by hurried midnight conferences between the American and other delegations, which produced a general air of expectancy. It was at first surmised that the preliminary consultations were as much concerned with the war debts owed by the former Allied governments to the United States as with disarmament, but vigorous denials from Washington have disposed of such suggestions. Whether the European governments will consider that there is not even a tenuous connection likely between the war debts and reparations problems is, perhaps, another matter. Clarence Streit, Geneva correspondent of the New York "Times," reported last Sunday that Senator Claude A. Swanson, one of the American spokesmen at the conference, was "understood to have made it very clear to British and French leaders that Washington would not easily abandon its plan for limiting effectives, especially when being asked to cancel war debts."

While such assurances were being given, Hugh S. Gibson, acting chief of the delegation, was conferring with President Hoover over the transatlantic telephone. It was learned at the same time that Mr. Gibson had journeyed the previous midnight to the village of Morges, near Lausanne, for a talk with M. Herriot of France, and had held a further conversation early Sunday with Prime Minister MacDonald of Britain, at Lausanne. At these meetings, according to John T. Whitaker, Geneva representa-

tive of the New York "Herald Tribune," Mr. Gibson is understood to have avoided suggesting that America would cancel the war debts only if Europe disarmed. But at both meetings, the correspondent adds, "Mr. Gibson displayed, if he did not wield, the war debts revision club which President Hoover is understood to have placed in the hands of the Americans here when he telephoned to the delegation on Sunday." M. Herriot denied Sunday that war debts had been discussed, and it is thus possible that the comments by the able correspondents of our metropolitan journals reflect little more than a tendency to link the problems in the informal discussions in the two Swiss cities.

At Geneva, Mr. Gibson produced a sensation when he announced before a meeting of the general committee of the conference, Wednesday, that he had a communication from President Hoover to place before the gathering. It is the President's hope, Mr. Gibson added, that the public statement "will fire the imagination of the world and lead all nations to consider deeply and state openly how much they can contribute to the general program." The proposal, he said, was clear, self-contained and comprehensive. The delegations listened silently as the proposal was conveyed to them, and there was at first merely diplomatic applause. One by one, however, approval was expressed by the leaders of some 26 delegations, and there was increasing satisfaction in many quarters over this startling change in the trend of the discussions. "Certainly Mr. Hoover succeeded in firing the imagination of Geneva, which to-day included many of the equally cosmopolitan crowd that is attending the Lausanne reparations conference," the correspondent of the New York "Times" remarked.

In Washington, President Hoover disclosed the text of the proposal to a hastily assembled group of journalists. The plan, reprinted in full in subsequent pages of this issue, calls for general reductions of land, sea and air armaments on an inter-connected basis, with the understanding that no arm could be dissociated from the others. Headway must be made, the President said, against the mutual fear and friction arising out of war armaments, which kill human confidence throughout the world. While maintaining practically adequate forces for self-defense, it is possible to "add to the assurance of peace and yet save the people of the world from 10 to 15 billions of wasted dollars during the next 10 years, he declared.

Five principles were enunciated by Mr. Hoover as guides for the disarmament discussion, and on the basis thus laid down he proposed "that the arms of the world should be reduced by nearly one-third." The principles are: "First, the Kellogg-Briand Pact, to which we are all signatories, can only mean that the nations of the world have agreed that they will use their arms solely for self-defense. Second, this reduction should be carried out, not only by broad general cuts in armaments, but by increasing the comparative power of defense through decreases in the power of attack. Third, the armaments of the world have grown up in general mutual relation to each other, and, generally speaking, such relativity should be preserved in making reductions. Fourth, the reductions must be real and positive. They must effect economic relief. Fifth, there are three problems to deal with—land forces, air forces and naval forces. They are all inter-connected. No part of

the proposals which I make can be disassociated one from the other."

To these general principles and proposals Mr. Hoover subjoined specific provisions based in part upon previous discussions at the Geneva conference. In regard to land forces, he suggested the reduction of that part of the existing armament which can be considered offensive as distinguished from the purely defensive land armament. Thus, total abolition was proposed of all tanks, chemical warfare and large mobile guns. Land armies should be reduced one-third, over and above the so-called police component, Mr. Hoover held. As a practical basis of measurement, he suggested that the German police component of 100,000 troops, as prescribed in the Versailles Treaty, be accepted by all nations for determining their respective police needs. The formula derived from application of this basis to the 65,000,000 population of Germany would need corrections for Powers having colonial empires, the President said. In regard to air forces, he proposed total abolition of bombing planes and prohibition of all bombardment from the air. In regard to naval forces, he proposed that the treaty number and tonnage of battleships be reduced by one-third; that the treaty tonnage of aircraft carriers, cruisers and destroyers be reduced by one-fourth; that the treaty tonnage of submarines be reduced by one-third, and that no nation shall retain a submarine tonnage greater than 35,000. In conclusion, Mr. Hoover stated that the effect of the plan would be to make enormous savings in the cost of new construction and replacement of naval vessels and in the operation of all land, sea and air forces. "I know of nothing that would give more hope for humanity to-day than the acceptance of such a program with such minor changes as may be necessary," he said.

A further statement was issued at the White House later, Wednesday, in which it was explained that the United States would not act alone under the proposal, but only upon the acceptance of all the other governments. Our own army is already much below the "police component" standard suggested, and it would not be further decreased, but we would join in the abolition of tanks, bombing planes, chemical warfare and large mobile guns, the statement said. The naval proposal would be of much future significance to the United States, as it would relieve us of a large part of the building program under discussion, it was pointed out, but it would not interfere with present construction and would not result in reduction of personnel for two or three years. Savings in expenditure to the United States in construction and operation are computed at a total of about two billions of dollars during the next 10 years, the statement continued. "Disarmament," it was added significantly, "has never been considered in connection with debt questions. It has no relation to them whatever, either directly or indirectly. No such suggestion has ever been made by any American official."

Signor Dino Grandi, Foreign Minister of Italy, was the first to respond at Geneva to the announcement of this plan in behalf of President Hoover. Complete and unconditional acceptance of the proposal, in all its parts, was proclaimed in the name of his Government by the Minister. The plan was welcomed by the Italian Government with great satisfaction, he declared. "A year ago, President Hoover opened, with his offer of a moratorium, the

road to a practical solution of the problem of the financial obligations arising from the war," Signor Grandi added. "To-day, again, he opens the road to a practical solution of the disarmament problem. Italy did not hesitate last year, and does not hesitate now."

Joseph Paul-Boncour, chief delegate of France, criticized the proposal as too simple, Geneva reports said. Without mentioning the navy or any other arm specifically, he declared that France was ready to enter into this scheme of reductions provided she received adequate security guarantees in the form of organization of peace. He suggested that the "positive proposals for international security" already laid before the conference by France should be studied correlatively with President Hoover's plan. Sir John Simon indicated agreement on the part of the British Government that substantial reductions are required in some realms. "I doubt," he said, "whether the proposals just indicated are in some respects adequate and in other respects appropriate to the varying circumstances of the different naval powers." Reduction in the tonnage of battleships to 25,000 tons and in the size of guns to 12 inches was suggested by the British Minister, and he also proposed the total abolition of submarines. Tsuneo Matsudaira, of Japan, said briefly that any new arrangements which might modify the Washington and London treaties must first be subjected to a preliminary exchange of views among the parties directly affected. Rudolph Nadolny, of Germany, welcomed the Hoover proposal but suggested they were not quite drastic enough to meet all requirements. Maxim Litvinoff, of Russia, found the proposal acceptable and pointed out that he had made a somewhat similar suggestion three years ago for proportional reduction while maintaining relative strength among the various nations. Smaller countries considered the proposal adequate, and 26 States in all signified their approval by the end of the day.

It was indicated in Washington with great definiteness, Thursday, that the French plea for a security pact to augment the Hoover proposal would not receive consideration by the United States Government. "Under no conditions would the United States consider entering such an agreement," an Associated Press report from Washington said. In the press of all leading countries of the world the Hoover proposal was described, Thursday, as containing enormous possibilities for world peace and recovery. Even in many Parisian journals it was contended that a prompt affirmative should be the answer of France. Comment in British circles also was distinctly favorable to the essentials of the plan, and in Germany a similar reaction was apparent. In Geneva there was a tendency to mark time while the leaders of the large Powers conferred with their home governments. The discussion in the conference centered around previous proposals for reductions by the budgetary route.

ALL points of the diplomatic compass are apparently being surveyed at Lausanne, where the representatives of 13 interested governments are now in their second week of conferences regarding the problem of German reparations. Having settled the immediate question of imminent payments by their decision of June 17 to postpone all payments between European governments until definite conclusions

can be reached, the conferees probed deeply into the general problem this week. Lausanne reports indicate that diplomatic, trade and financial aspects were alike brought under consideration in the general endeavor to find a way out of the impasse and dispose of this vexing problem once and for all. As a result of this earnest seeking the early skepticism of many observers has given way to hopefulness that genuine achievements will be recorded before the meeting ends.

The difficulties are not minimized, however, as they are inescapable. The fundamental divergence in viewpoints between France and Germany is constantly in evidence, and a notable effort is being made by Prime Minister MacDonald of Britain to bridge the differences. There is also the nettlesome question of the real or fancied relation of the reparations payments to the war debts due the United States from the former Allied governments. It remains the opinion of most observers that there will be no definite cancellation of reparations at Lausanne, unless some understanding prevails that the war debt payments also will be terminated or sharply reduced. So insistently does this aspect of the problem come up that Secretary of State Stimson found it necessary to issue a statement in Washington, Tuesday, to the effect that the representatives of the American Government have not had any negotiations nor made any suggestions as to debt questions at Lausanne or Geneva.

When deliberations were resumed last Monday after a week-end suspension, they took the form chiefly of personal exchanges between Prime Minister MacDonald and Premier Edouard Herriot of France. The views of the British and French delegations had already been proclaimed, Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain placing the British squarely behind the program of "complete cancellation in common with all other parties to the conference," while Premier Herriot had insisted that a "European settlement could be brought about only within the framework of a general settlement." After a three-hour conference between the British and French leaders, early Monday, the lines were drawn more clearly still. Mr. MacDonald, it was understood, attempted to persuade France's Premier that cancellation was the only road out of the difficulties, but M. Herriot insisted that justice to France would not be attained unless some middle course were found which might equalize the burdens.

A series of statements was made, beginning Tuesday, in which the leading delegations outlined their general views of the reparations problem. The French outline was the first to be issued, and it was notable for the concession that all reparations payments must be suspended for at least one or two years, and perhaps longer, until normal economic conditions return. Firm opposition was expressed, however, to complete elimination of the German payments on the ground that this would transfer "the problem of distress" from German to Allied shoulders. In connection with the temporary suspension of payments, moreover, the French held it indispensable that "at the proper time the United States should recognize the generosity of the European States toward Germany by a parallel effort toward America's European debtors." At the end of the suggested moratorium the Young Plan schedules should be revised, the statement indicated, and a radically reduced sum charged against Germany,

part of it destined, if necessary, to cover the debts of the European governments to the United States. This plan was outlined in a statement to the press by Louis Germain-Martin, French Finance Minister.

A German memorandum, presented by the Berlin delegation Wednesday, recapitulated the arguments made by Chancellor Franz von Papen against any resumption of payments. Actually, a Lausanne report to the New York "Herald Tribune" said, the Germans declined the French proposal of a short moratorium to be followed by a resumption of payments on a reduced scale, but "they ingeniously tempered their rejection by offers of economic privileges to replace cold cash." In return for complete cancellation, the German memorandum is understood to have suggested co-operation with France in constructive schemes for the promotion of trade and the reduction of European tariffs. Economic and financial co-operation of the two countries in south-eastern Europe was proposed, as well as a system of cartels, arms concessions and a consultative pact under which the four chief Powers of Europe would agree to consult before taking any important political action on the Continent.

A British memorandum, made public Thursday, stipulated four general conditions or principles under which it was held an agreement should be reached. It was maintained by Prime Minister MacDonald, first, that the settlement must be final; second, that it must be of such a character as to revive confidence; third, that all payments must be suspended during the period of German recovery, and fourth, if payments are renewed, they must be so arranged as not to interfere with normal commercial exchanges. After protracted conversations between Mr. MacDonald and M. Herriot, later in the day, it was generally understood that the British and French were in agreement that any settlement at Lausanne must fit this framework. It was agreed, moreover, that a stage had been reached which required direct conversations between the French and German leaders, and arrangements for a formal conference between M. Herriot and Chancellor von Papen were made by the British Prime Minister.

It was suggested in Lausanne dispatches that all delegations were showing a more conciliatory spirit, and prospects of the gathering were considered bright. "Perhaps the most encouraging sign," a report to the New York "Times" said, "is that the new German Government seems to realize fully that in return for quittance of reparations something worth while must be offered to France, and the French Government has shown some realization of the fact that the capacity of Germany to recover and meet her obligations and help in the reconstruction of Central and Eastern Europe depends almost entirely on relief from the mental as well as the financial burdens of reparations." The question of war debts remains always in the background, this dispatch indicated. "On the French side, it was said this evening that a settlement would be easy if France were relieved from the haunting fear that she will have to meet her debt to the United States after having abandoned her claim on her debtor," it was remarked.

WITH formal preparations for the Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa, now swiftly nearing completion, it is evident that high hopes are entertained throughout the British Empire re-

garding the results of this gathering. The conference is to open July 21, and it is likely to continue for four to six weeks. Richard B. Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada, will preside over the general meetings of the 250 delegates from all parts of the Empire. Meetings will be secret, an Ottawa report to the New York "Times" indicates, and there will probably be little revealed in regard to the trend of the discussions until there is definite progress to report. The conference will center, however, around the scheme of the British Empire as an economic unit, with a system of tariff and trade preferences providing mutual benefits throughout the vast political structure. Purely financial questions also are likely to have a prominent place on the agenda, as there is a pressing need for the establishment of fixed relationships between the pound sterling and the several currency units of the Dominions.

The policy to be followed by the British Government at the meeting was debated in the House of Commons in London, June 16, preparatory to the departure of the British delegation, which will be headed by Stanley Baldwin, one of the leading spirits in the present National Government. In outlining the aims of the meeting, Mr. Baldwin expressed the hope that Britain would secure more trade reciprocity from the Dominions than she is now receiving. "The general objective of this conference at Ottawa," he said, "is the nearest practical approach to reciprocal free trade within the Empire. That principle is already embodied in our imports duties act, which was designed to lead up to Ottawa. Had we considered our own interests alone we would not have granted free entry on goods that are taxed when coming from foreign countries. The Dominions must not think that we are not grateful for the preferences they have already given us, but they must not fail to realize what a tremendous thing this free entry we have now given them is. It is very different from getting over a tariff wall, even though that wall is low as compared with the wall erected against foreign goods." The Ottawa conference is timely, Mr. Baldwin said, as it is now necessary to decide whether to advance in closer fiscal relationship to the component parts of the Empire or drift apart. "The evolution of the world is gradually to increase to larger units," he added. "I hope we may see a great change in that direction in Europe. If not, it will be all up with European trade. And if the British Dominions do not get into closer economic union, there will be grave dangers for all parts of the Empire."

CONTROL of the Government of Chile was apparently consolidated this week by the Socialist junta headed by Carlos G. Davila, former Ambassador to the United States. Some restlessness was occasioned throughout the country by the quick changes in Government, which began June 4, when the regime of President Montero was overthrown by Senor Davila and Colonel Marmaduke Grove, leader of the Chilean Air Force. The resignation of Senor Davila on June 12, and his resumption of control through overthrow of the regime headed by Colonel Grove, on June 16, were followed by rioting in Santiago and Valparaiso. These demonstrations were attributed to Communist agitators, as Colonel Grove evinced marked Communist leanings during his short period of leadership. The Davila regime, which aims at "sane Socialism," quelled the dis-

orders over the last week-end, and by Tuesday the entire country was reported quiet and under perfect control. There were reports last Saturday that the Chilean Air Force had rebelled against Senor Davila, with the intention of restoring Colonel Grove to power. Such reports were ignored by the Davila junta, and if any movement of this nature actually developed, it was unsuccessful, as Colonel Grove and his associate, Eugenio Matte, were officially stated to be on their way to Juan Fernandez Island, in the Pacific, where they will be held as political prisoners.

Senor Davila was named provisional President of Chile by the new junta late last week, and a decree was promptly issued over his signature reiterating the aims announced when the Montero regime was overthrown. The junta intends, this document indicated, to call a Constitutional Assembly, which will be asked to draw up a plan for a new political charter "based on the Socialist organization of the State." The junta, in the meantime, will uphold all statutes and resolutions within the present Constitution and existing laws of the Republic, unless they clash with the spirit of the new regime. Courts of justice are to remain independent, while existing international obligations will be respected, the decree indicated. In a separate statement, Senor Davila expressed the belief that the Government will remain in civilian hands. "The Socialist idea," he said, "has already entered with vigor into the minds of the public, which understands now that Socialism signifies, along with its doctrine, discipline, order and method."

The rioting which developed over the week-end assumed serious proportions for a time, and five fatalities were reported at Valparaiso, Monday. A protest strike was called on the Santiago-Valparaiso Railway, but the regular personnel was supplanted by military train crews and service maintained. Strong measures were adopted by the Government this week to maintain order and prevent any further revolt. A decree, issued Wednesday, prescribed harsh punishment for any person advocating doctrines tending to overthrow the present regime. Threatened anti-foreign disorders at Teniente occasioned a request by United States Ambassador William S. Culbertson, Monday, for protection of American lives and property at the Braden copper mines there. Martial law was declared throughout the country on the same day in order to prevent additional disorders.

PRESSING financial needs of the puppet Government of Manchukuo, which rules Manchuria under the paternal eyes of the Japanese military forces, occasioned an announcement at Changchun, last Sunday, that all receipts of the Chinese maritime customs at Dairen, Newchwang and Antung, would thereafter be diverted into the Manchukuo Treasury. It was indicated, according to Tokio reports, that the proportion of the revenues needed for service charges on foreign loans secured by the Chinese maritime customs would be reserved for this purpose. The announcement adds a fresh complication to the Manchurian tangle. It was promptly made clear in Tokio that the Japanese Government may not find the procedure wholly acceptable, as the revenues collected at Dairen are remitted to the Chinese Government by the Japanese administrators of the port under a treaty signed in 1907. The proposal to seize the customs occasioned formal repre-

sentations by the United States Government. In a communication to the Japanese Ambassador, Katsuji Debuchi, Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson was stated in reports from Tokio, Tuesday, to have intimated that such a step would violate the spirit of the Nine-Power treaty, in the maintenance of which the American Government is vitally interested. Sir Francis Lindley, British Ambassador to Japan, was said to have requested information regarding the conditions under which foreign goods are admitted into Manchuria.

The League of Nations Commission headed by the Earl of Lytton continues to pursue its inquiry, at Mukden, into charges that Japan violated treaty agreements with China in its conquest of Manchuria. The investigation, it would seem, is not progressing any too smoothly. Japanese military authorities and officials of the Manchukuo Government joined, Monday, in formally charging A. T. Steele, Mukden correspondent of the New York "Times," and a Swiss correspondent named Lindt, with acting as go-betweens for the League investigators and Chinese insurgents. The charges were denied by the two press correspondents, who explained that documents had been given them by Chinese leaders for journalistic use. No arrests were made, but the incident confirms previous reports that the Japanese are hostile to the League inquiry commission. International aspects of the Japanese expansion on the Asian continent were discussed in Tokio, Tuesday, by Viscount Ishii, a Privy Councillor and former Ambassador to Washington, at a dinner given in honor of Ambassador Joseph C. Grew by the Japan-America Society. If the United States ever attempted to prevent Japan from "pacific and natural" expansion in the Far East, Viscount Ishii said, then a "grave situation indeed would be created, since Japan is an overcrowded nation which could not be shut up indefinitely in her small islands." He added the conviction, however, that the United States desires only peace and the maintenance of treaties. Great pains were taken by the Japanese leader to minimize any talk of a clash between the two countries, Tokio dispatches said. Owing to the pacific tone of the address, no adverse reaction was caused in Washington, a report to the New York "Times" indicated.

THERE have been no changes this week in the discount rates of any of the foreign central banks. Rates are 11% in Greece; 8½% in Bulgaria; 7% in Austria, Rumania, Portugal and Lithuania; 6½% in Spain and in Finland; 6% in Hungary, Danzig, and in Colombia; 5.11% 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% as against 1 1-16%, on Friday of last week, and 1 1-16% for three months' bills, as against 1 1-16% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London on Friday was ¾%. At Paris the open market rate continues at 1⅞%, and in Switzerland at 1½%.

THE Bank of England statement for the week ended June 22 shows a gain of £1,256,452 in gold holdings, but as this was offset by an expansion of £1,122,000 in circulation, reserves rose only £134,-

000. The Bank's bullion now aggregates £136,476,383, which compares with £164,013,586 a year ago. Public deposits increased £15,010,000 while other deposits fell off £14,738,053. The latter consists of bankers' accounts and other accounts which decreased £13,896,793 and £841,260 respectively. The ratio of reserve to liability is at 37.17%, compared with 37.15% a week ago and 59.11 last year. Loans on Government securities decreased £2,130,000, while those on other securities rose £2,305,292. Of the latter amount £1,451,142 was to discounts and advances and £854,150 was to securities. The rate of discount is still at 2½%. Below we show the different items with comparisons for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1932 June 22.	1931 June 24.	1930 June 25.	1929 June 26.	1928 June 27.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation— <i>a</i>	358,547,000	352,831,656	358,531,877	362,732,885	136,256,120
Public deposits.....	35,577,000	25,249,188	21,504,850	24,714,405	23,873,201
Other deposits.....	106,794,912	95,163,778	99,889,989	103,579,764	105,592,717
Bankers' accounts.....	73,649,460	61,643,786	63,776,222	67,420,265	-----
Other accounts.....	33,145,452	33,519,992	36,113,767	36,159,499	-----
Govt. securities.....	66,644,656	30,400,906	48,855,547	38,551,855	30,778,885
Other securities.....	40,707,048	36,762,202	31,239,392	50,224,394	60,868,398
Disc. & advances.....	14,141,632	9,633,254	15,899,161	26,987,712	-----
Securities.....	26,565,416	27,128,048	15,340,231	23,236,682	-----
Reserve notes & coin.....	52,928,000	71,181,930	59,241,413	57,474,192	55,781,000
Coin and bullion.....	136,476,383	164,013,586	157,773,290	160,207,077	172,287,120
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	37.17%	59.11%	48.79%	44.79%	43%
Bank rate.....	2½%	2½%	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 June 17 shows an increase in gold holdings of 669,302,978 francs. The Bank's gold now amounts to 81,643,494,863 francs, which compares with 56,525,259,766 francs the same period a year ago and 44,004,890,329 francs two years ago. The items of credit balances abroad and bills bought abroad record decreases of 460,000,000 francs and 1,051,000,000 francs respectively. Notes in circulation was reduced 719,000,000 francs, bringing the total of the item down to 81,018,093,520 francs. The total of circulation last year was 76,474,604,605 francs and the year previous 71,486,224,025 francs. Decreases also appear in French commercial bills discounted of 8,000,000 francs, in advances against securities of 8,000,000 francs and in creditor current accounts of 295,000,000 francs. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities went up this week to 75.69%. Last year the item stood at 56.57% and the year before 51.26%. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week		Status as of		
	Francs.	Francs.	June 17 1932. Francs.	June 19 1931. Francs.	June 20 1930. Francs.
Gold holdings..... <i>Inc.</i>	669,302,978	81,643,494,863	56,525,259,766	44,004,890,329	44,004,890,329
Credit bals. abr'd..... <i>Dec.</i>	460,000,000	4,547,874,940	5,737,336,765	6,820,285,279	6,820,285,279
<i>a</i> French comm'l bills discounted..... <i>Dec.</i>	8,000,000	3,250,460,092	4,654,045,775	4,942,953,715	4,942,953,715
<i>b</i> Bills bo't abr'd..... <i>Dec.</i>	1,051,000,000	2,284,762,258	20,423,529,946	18,683,314,483	18,683,314,483
Adv. agst. securs..... <i>Dec.</i>	8,000,000	2,759,271,510	2,792,971,635	2,720,874,879	2,720,874,879
Note circulation..... <i>Dec.</i>	719,000,000	81,018,093,520	76,474,604,605	71,486,224,025	71,486,224,025
Cred. curr. acc'ts..... <i>Dec.</i>	295,000,000	26,851,878,638	23,440,257,517	14,359,268,144	14,359,268,144
Proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities..... <i>Inc.</i>	1.32%	75.69%	56.57%	51.26%	51.26%

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

ALTHOUGH money rates are already extremely easy in all departments of the market, further steps were taken by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York this week to increase the available supply of funds. The rediscount rate was lowered from 3% to 2½% Thursday, but this reduction was of relatively little significance. Of more importance was a reduction in the buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank, yesterday, for bankers' bills. As against the

nominal rate of 2½% for bills of all maturities, the new rates established yesterday are 1% for bills due up to 90 days, 1⅛% for bills due from 91 to 120 days, and 1½% for bills due from 121 to 180 days. Some dealers promptly lowered by ⅛ of 1% the rates quoted in the open market for prime acceptances, but not all dealers quoted the new figures. Rates for commercial paper were also lowered fractionally. On the Stock Exchange money market rates were unchanged, 2½% being quoted for all transactions, whether renewals or new loans. Funds were available, however, at 1% every day, or a concession of 1½% from the official rate. Time money rates were unchanged. The aggregate of brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral declined \$43,000,000 in the week to Wednesday night, according to the tabulation by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Gold movements in the same period consisted of imports of \$1,376,000, exports of \$18,220,000, and a net decrease of \$21,758,000 in the stock of the metal held earmarked for foreign account.

DEALING in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, 2½% was again the rate ruling all through the week, both for new loans and renewals. Time money has shown very little activity. Rates are quoted nominally at 1½% for all dates. The market for prime commercial paper has been fair during the present week, though business has been restricted as usual by shortage of satisfactory offerings. Quotations for choice names of four to six months' maturity are 2½@2¾%. Names less well known are 3%. On some very high-class 90-day paper occasional transactions at 2% were noted.

PRIME bankers' acceptance market has continued quiet this week. Very little paper is obtainable, though the supply of offerings was slightly larger on Friday. On Friday, when the reduction in the rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from 3% to 2½% went into effect, some of the dealers reduced their rates ⅛ of 1%. The quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to and including three months are 1% bid, ⅞% asked; for four months, 1⅛% bid and 1% asked; for five and six months, 1⅜% bid and 1¼% asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank was reduced on Friday to 1% for one to 90 days; 1⅛% for 91 to 120 days, and 1½% for maturities from 121 days to 180 days. The Federal Reserve banks show a decrease in their holdings of acceptances, the total having fallen from \$65,661,000 to \$53,718,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents further decreased, falling from \$102,212,000 to \$101,465,000. Open-market rates for acceptances are as follows, though some dealers on Friday reduced the rate ⅛ of 1% in both the bid and asked columns from 30 days to 180 days:

SPOT DELIVERY.

Prime eligible bills.....	—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1
Prime eligible bills.....	—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
	1	¾	1	¾	1	¾

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	1¼% bid
Eligible non-member banks.....	1¼% bid

ON June 23 the rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was lowered from 3% to 2½% effective June 24. Following this action the

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago also (yesterday, June 24) reduced its rediscount rate to $2\frac{1}{2}\%$, effective to-day (June 25). The Chicago rate had heretofore been $3\frac{1}{2}\%$.

THERE have been no other 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 24.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 17 1931	$2\frac{1}{2}$
New York.....	$2\frac{1}{2}$	June 24 1932	3
Philadelphia.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 22 1931	3
Cleveland.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 24 1931	3
Richmond.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 25 1932	4
Atlanta.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Nov. 14 1931	3
Chicago.....	$2\frac{1}{2}$	June 25 1932	$3\frac{1}{2}$
St. Louis.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 22 1931	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Minneapolis.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Sept. 12 1930	4
Kansas City.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 23 1931	3
Dallas.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Jan. 28 1932	4
San Francisco.....	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Oct. 21 1931	$2\frac{1}{2}$

STERLING exchange is again lower, following trends which developed two weeks ago. The range this week has been between $3.60\frac{1}{4}$ and $3.62\frac{5}{8}$ for bankers' sight bills, compared with 3.61 and 3.69 last week. The range for cable transfers has been between $3.60\frac{1}{2}$ and $3.62\frac{3}{4}$, compared with $3.61\frac{3}{8}$ to $3.69\frac{1}{4}$ a week ago. Doubtless the outstanding event relating to exchange at present is the reduction made on Thursday in the rediscount rate of the New York Federal Reserve Bank from 3% to $2\frac{1}{2}\%$. The 3% rate had been in effect since Feb. 26 1932, when it was reduced from $3\frac{1}{2}\%$. The reduction in the New York bank rate is significant because for several weeks bankers here and in London have been expecting a reduction in the Bank of England rate from the present $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ figure to 2% or possibly to $1\frac{1}{2}\%$. Owing to low rates the London money market has been pointing to such a reduction for several weeks. Neither the money market in New York nor the credit situation on this side has indicated any likelihood that the current reduction would be made in the rediscount rate. The heavy gold export movement from the United States which occurred during the past eight months would, on the contrary, under normal conditions presage a higher, rather than a lower, rediscount rate. The reduction in the New York rate may have been made in order to facilitate a cut in the British rate to 2% at an early date.

The ease in sterling during the past few weeks does not reflect a lack of demand for exchange on London but indicates a restoration of confidence on the part of European investors in the soundness of the dollar. Sterling continues in seasonal demand and the complete restoration of confidence on the part of investors and bankers everywhere in the London market continues to be strongly in evidence. The fact that the gold flow from the United States to Europe has now come definitely to an end and has strengthened dollar exchange, makes it appear that there is a greater demand for dollars throughout the world than for pounds sterling. Such a situation would lead to the higher quotations for dollars and lower quotations for sterling now being witnessed. It is true that foreign markets have ceased to withdraw from New York and there is even evidence of a strong flow of funds from other countries to the New York market. Nevertheless the flow of funds to London continues unabated.

To some degree the irregularity and weakness in sterling this week is due to hesitation on the part of large foreign exchange operators awaiting the outcome of the Lausanne conference. As expressed by one banker, much of the "activity" in the market is confined to talk and quotations. For the time being at least the greater part of the seasonal activity is due to tourist requirements, which if not as heavy as in former years are still of considerable importance. There was a marked dullness and ease in sterling exchange on Thursday, which was attributed to dispatches from Lausanne stating that Austria failed to deliver to the agents foreign exchange due for the City of Vienna 6% loan coupons. The situation has arisen because of the fact that the British authorities refused to co-operate with the French in an emergency relief fund for all small countries. The position of sterling according to some bankers is vulnerable at the moment to debt moratoria in countries where England has a financial stake.

Aside from this fact, however, the position of sterling is by no means weak and it must be borne in mind that the London authorities look with some satisfaction upon easier sterling rates, as the conviction is still held, whether warranted or not, that the British export trade is expected to derive benefit from lower sterling so long as the country is off the gold standard. In the opinion of many bankers, with a market entirely free and not influenced by the Bank of England operating through the exchange stabilization account, sterling would be considerably higher than at present. It is generally believed that the Bank and the British Treasury hold approximately \$175,000,000 of balances on this side. The events occurring at Lausanne and other political news having a possible bearing on sterling exchange are fully treated in other columns. As just stated, the London money market gives indication of a probable early reduction in the Bank of England rate. During the week call money against bills in London ranged from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}\%$, two-months bills from $\frac{3}{4}\%$ to 1%, three-months bills 1 1-16%, four-months bills from 1 1-16% to $1\frac{1}{8}\%$, and six-months bills from $1\frac{1}{4}\%$ to 1 5-16%.

The Bank of England continues to purchase gold, although the metal remains at a high premium. Legally the Bank of England's purchasing price for gold is 84s. 10d. This week gold sold in the London open market at between 113s. 11d. and 114s. 6d. On Saturday last the Bank of England bought £24 in gold. On Tuesday the Bank bought £211,943 in gold bars. The Bank of England's statement for the week ended June 22 shows an increase in gold holdings of £1,256,452, the total standing at £136,476,383, which compares with £164,013,586 a year ago.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended June 22, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$1,376,000, of which \$1,190,000 came from Canada, \$128,000 from Mexico, and \$58,000 chiefly from Latin American countries. Gold exports totalled \$18,220,000, of which \$12,003,000 was shipped to Switzerland, \$4,085,000 to Belgium, \$2,102,000 to France, and \$30,000 to England. The Reserve bank reported a decrease of \$21,758,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended June 22, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, JUNE 16-JUNE 22, INCLUSIVE

<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$1,190,000 from Canada	\$12,003,000 to Switzerland
128,000 from Mexico	4,085,000 to Belgium
58,000 chiefly from Latin American countries	2,102,000 to France
	30,000 to England
\$1,376,000 total	\$18,220,000 total

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.
Decrease: \$21,758,000.

The above figures are for the week ended Wednesday evening. On Thursday \$1,671,600 of gold was received from Canada. There were no exports of the metal. Gold earmarked for foreign account decreased \$50,000. Yesterday \$15,700 of gold was imported from Mexico. Exports amounted to \$12,504,600 of which \$6,300,000 was destined to Switzerland, \$5,002,600 to Belgium and \$1,501,700 to France. Gold earmarked for foreign account decreased \$11,002,600. During the week approximately \$78,000 of gold was received at San Francisco from San Salvador.

Canadian exchange continues at a severe discount. On Saturday Montreal funds were at a discount of 13 15-16%, on Monday at 14%, on Tuesday at 13½% on Wednesday at 12⅞%, on Thursday at 12⅞%, and on Friday at 13%.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was easy in a quiet half-session. Bankers' sight was 3.61⅝@3.62⅜; cable transfers 3.61¾@3.62½. On Monday, owing to further strength in the dollar, sterling was off sharply. The range was 3.60⅜@3.62¼ for bankers' sight and 3.60½@3.62⅜ for cable transfers. On Tuesday the market was more active and sterling displayed a firmer tone. Bankers' sight was 3.60⅜@3.62⅜; cable transfers 3.60½@3.62½. On Wednesday the market was quiet and steady. The range was 3.61⅝@3.62⅝ for bankers' sight and 3.62@3.62¾ for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling was easier. The range was 3.60⅞@3.61⅝ for bankers' sight and 3.61@3.61¾ for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was still easier; the range was 3.60¼@3.61¼ for bankers' sight and 3.60½@3.61⅜ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 3.61 for demand and 3.61⅞ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3.60½; 60 day bills at 3.59½; 90 day bills at 3.59; documents for payment (60 days) at 3.59½, and seven day grain bills at 3.60½. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3.60½.

EXCHANGE on the Continental countries shows considerable ease, as during last week. French francs are especially easy, although the market is rather quiet as foreign exchange operators are awaiting the outcome of the Lausanne conference. According to well informed authorities France like most of the European countries has ceased to withdraw its balances from this side in the form of gold. A small amount of gold has been earmarked here, believed to be for French account, and small quantities may be taken for several days representing shipments arranged for some time ago which do not constitute part of the American gold stock. Any dollar credits now remaining on French account in the United States can be only for small and necessary amounts and are easily realizable without producing any effect on the exchange market or on the gold movement. All European fears which may have existed regarding the likelihood of further depreciation in the dollar seem to have been entirely removed. The dollar will in all probability continue above the gold export point and the bears on dollar exchange will be com-

elled to cover. Now that France has repatriated virtually all her liquid capital, which has been previously left in foreign countries, her position in the exchange market is naturally altered. When it is taken into account that interest receipts from French investments in foreign countries have now been considerably reduced and that France is heavily debtor on the general trade balance, it seems more than likely that the Paris authorities will soon be compelled to pay out gold. Surely if international confidence were to return even slightly, there would be a heavy withdrawal of funds by foreigners from France, as their deposits with the French banks bring little or no interest.

For the time being and probably until toward the end of August the Bank of France may be able to preserve its great gold accumulation intact. Delay in the restoration of international confidence may retard an outflow of gold from Paris, but barring untoward events between now and early September French gold is likely to be redistributed and some of it should flow back to the United States. As it is the market sees a sign of official support for the franc in the fact that French authorities have been selling sterling in order to defer gold exports from France as long as possible. The Bank of France may show an increase in gold holdings for another week or two, when the last high record for gold in the Bank of France is likely to be established. The current statement of the Bank of France as of June 17 shows an increase in gold holdings of fr. 669,302,978, the total standing at the record high level of fr. 81,643,494,863, which compares with fr. 56,525,259,766 on June 19 1931, and with fr. 28,935,000,000 in June 1928, upon stabilization of the franc. The Bank's ratio is again at a new high, standing at 75.69% on June 17, compared with 74.37% on June 10, with 56.57% on June 19 1931, and with legal requirement of 35%.

There is no news of importance relating to the German exchange situation. The market is of course highly restricted owing to the fact that exchange and all fiscal operations are under the control of the Reichsbank operating under government decrees. Bankers do not expect developments of importance relating to mark exchange until after the Lausanne conference and the German elections. A leading Berlin bank discussing the trade returns of Germany for May points out that currency difficulties are having a decided effect upon the German export trade. It is estimated that the export figures must be maintained at a rate of about 36% above 1928 figures in order to obtain the necessary exchange at the new level of commodity prices. From present indications this is an utter impossibility. A prolonged moratorium seems possible for the German debtors, in which event the mark may be considered likely to hold steady but at purely nominal quotations for a long time to come.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 91.85 on Friday of this week, against 92.06 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished on Friday at 3.93⅞ against 3.92⅞ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 3.93¼ against 3.93, and commercial sight bills at 3.93, against 3.92¾. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.91 for bankers' sight bills and at 13.91½ for cable transfers, against 13.89¾ and 13.90. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.73½ for bankers' sight bills and 23.74 for cable transfers, in comparison with

23.67½ and 23.68. Italian lire closed at 5.08¾ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.09 for cable transfers, against 5.11 and 5.11¼. Austrian schillings closed at 14.10 against 14.10; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 2.96 against 2.96⅝; on Bucharest at 0.60¼, against 0.60¼; on Poland at 11.23, against 11.23, and on Finland at 1.73¾ against 1.71¾. Greek exchange closed at 0.65¾ for bankers' sight bills and at 0.66 for cable transfers, against 0.65½ and 0.65¾.

EXCHANGE on the countries neutral during the war is irregularly changed for the week and there is less demand for these currencies in nearly all markets since confidence has been restored abroad in the United States dollar. The exceedingly high levels for both Dutch guilders and Swiss francs which have prevailed for months past until two weeks ago was more artificial than real and was induced by the nervousness of European investors as to the soundness of the dollar. Funds flowed both to Holland and Switzerland from many quarters and in large volume, seeking safety rather than interest return. For the greater part the foreign funds deposited in both these countries brought only the minimum interest and in most cases none at all. Accumulation of gold in both Holland and Switzerland has depressed money rates excessively. Swiss francs are still above parity with respect to the dollar, but below the point at which gold can be profitably imported from New York. The National Bank of Switzerland's present gold holdings provide a gold cover of more than 150%, while the gold cover held by the Bank of The Netherlands is just over 100%. Scandinavian currencies are dull and in the case of the Danish crown are ruling easier because of the general ease in the allied sterling exchange. Spanish pesetas are steady. The peseta has for a long time moved without regard to the major influences affecting all other exchanges. Governor Caragias of the Bank of Spain in a recent statement said that Spain was not considering recalling its gold deposits in foreign countries. The recent betterment of the peseta, he said, was traceable to the re-establishment of public confidence, and he added that he believed the bank's next dividend would be "fruitful."

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.38 against 40.34 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.39 against 40.34 and commercial sight bills at 40.35, against 40.30. Swiss francs are nominally quoted 19.46½ for checks and 19.46¾ for cable transfers, against 19.46½ and 19.47. Copenhagen checks finished at 19.70 and cable transfers at 19.70½, against 19.80 and 19.80½. Checks on Sweden closed at 18.57 and cable transfers at 18.57½ against 18.54½ and 18.55, while checks on Norway finished at 17.80½ and cable transfers at 17.81, against 17.79½ and 17.80. Spanish pesetas closed at 8.25½ for bankers' sight bills and at 8.26 for cable transfers, against 8.24 and 8.24½.

EXCHANGE on the South American countries presents no new features of importance. The currencies of all these countries are under the strict control of foreign exchange commissions. Quotations are highly nominal and except for what might be regarded as surreptitious transactions there is no trading of importance in any of these currencies, not excepting those of the more prosperous countries, Argentina and Brazil. According to recent dispatches from Buenos Aires, Argentina shows a favorable

trade balance of \$79,000,000 for the first five months of this year, or about \$5,000,000 more than in the same period last year. The situation in all the South American countries is greatly disturbed as a result of the political upheaval in Chile.

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 6⅛, against 6⅛. Peru is nominally quoted 22.00, against 22.00.

EXCHANGE on the Far Eastern countries is featured this week by a sharp break in yen exchange. This was especially evident in Friday's market when the yen dropped to a new low record of 28⅞. The market has been apprehensive concerning the yen for some time and firms having business with Japan have been fearful of long positions. Exchange has been noticeably soft for the past two weeks, following the announcement of strict exchange control on the part of the Government. This announcement was met with an unfavorable response abroad. The internal condition of the country is not satisfactory and the foreign trade returns do not yet indicate any improvement. In addition the political confusion of the past several months has served to weaken confidence abroad. The Chinese units are dull and fractionally easier owing to the somewhat easier prices of silver. Silver was officially quoted on the New York market on Saturday last at 27½ cents an ounce, moved down to 27⅝ cents, and on Thursday was off to 27⅛ cents an ounce. Buying and selling exchange on China is equivalent to buying and selling silver.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday was 28⅞ against 30½ on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 23¼@23 5-16, against 23⅝@23 15-16 Shanghai at 29⅝@29 11-16, against 30¾@30 13-16;

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, JUNE 18 1932 TO JUNE 24 1932, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.					
	June 18.	June 20.	June 21.	June 22.	June 23.	June 24.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	139550	139550	139670	139550	139550	139750
Belgium, belga	139130	138996	138988	139092	139146	139101
Bulgaria, lev	007200	007200	007200	007200	007200	007200
Czechoslovakia, krone	029638	029623	029605	029615	029606	029600
Denmark, krone	197792	197684	196938	197620	196738	196515
England, pound sterling	3.619416	3.605333	3.607583	3.623000	3.612500	3.609333
Finland, marka	017016	017050	017016	017050	017000	017050
France, franc	039304	039250	039275	039337	039335	039310
Germany, reichsmark	237378	237107	237142	237403	237350	237232
Greece, drachma	009460	006462	006410	006470	003400	006403
Holland, guilder	403660	403342	403414	403964	403864	403739
Hungary, pengo	174750	174500	174550	174950	174750	174750
Italy, lira	051155	051109	051076	051025	050947	050891
Norway, krone	178400	178253	177692	178200	178092	177600
Poland, zloty	111875	112000	111666	118705	111750	111875
Portugal, escudo	033225	033125	033200	033300	033300	033125
Rumania, leu	005966	005966	005960	005958	005960	005962
Spain, peseta	082410	082408	082407	082453	082442	082425
Sweden, krona	185384	185184	184976	186000	185200	185230
Switzerland, franc	194826	194571	194567	194698	194710	194642
Yugoslavia, dinar	017437	017275	017300	017137	017033	016833
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	313333	313125	311666	312291	312916	306041
Hankow tael	310416	310208	309583	310208	310833	303958
Shanghai tael	301875	301718	300937	301406	301562	294543
Tientsin tael	317083	316875	314583	315625	315416	309375
Hong Kong dollar	232656	233437	231875	231875	231093	229687
Mexican dollar	212187	212187	211250	210625	210000	206250
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	214583	214583	214583	214583	213333	209166
Yuan dollar	211666	211666	211666	211666	210416	206250
India, rupee	270000	269125	268250	269500	269250	265500
Japan, yen	303870	303375	295750	289750	279250	288750
Singapore (S. S.) dollar	417500	416875	413125	415625	415000	415000
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	860260	859423	861093	868072	872656	869687
Cuba, peso	999206	999206	999206	999206	999175	999175
Mexico, peso (silver)	260833	266500	269066	268833	272400	272900
Newfoundland, dollar	858000	856750	858250	865875	870250	866750
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	585447	585447	585417	585447	585417	585447
Brazil, milreis	074850	075380	075380	075380	075380	075380
Chile, peso	060250	060250	060250	060250	060250	060250
Uruguay, peso	474166	474166	474166	474166	474166	474166
Colombia, peso	952400	952400	952400	952400	952400	952400

Manila at 49 $\frac{5}{8}$, against 49 $\frac{5}{8}$; Singapore at 42 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 42 $\frac{7}{8}$; Bombay at 27 1-16, against 27 3-16, and Calcutta at 27 1-16, against 27 3-16.

THE following table indicates the amount of gold bullion in the principal European banks as of June 23 1932, together with comparisons as of the corresponding dates in the four previous years:

Banks of—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
England	136,476,383	164,013,586	157,773,290	160,207,077	160,207,077
France a	653,147,958	452,202,078	352,039,122	292,932,795	292,932,795
Germany b	36,742,000	60,653,050	123,456,650	85,259,000	86,253,600
Spain	90,182,000	96,966,000	98,834,000	102,442,000	131,228,000
Italy	60,960,000	50,489,000	56,301,000	55,434,000	55,434,000
Neth'land	81,032,000	39,873,000	35,994,000	36,400,000	38,180,000
Nat. Belg.	72,875,000	40,935,000	34,300,000	28,530,000	29,800,000
Switz'land	85,424,000	27,207,000	23,156,000	19,845,000	21,406,000
Sweden	11,444,000	13,291,000	13,497,000	12,978,000	12,978,000
Denmark	8,031,000	9,551,000	9,570,000	9,591,000	10,022,000
Norway	6,561,000	8,132,000	8,143,000	8,155,000	8,155,000
Total week.	1,242,875,341	963,312,714	913,064,062	811,773,872	846,596,472
Prev. week.	1,230,548,474	980,448,414	911,917,361	814,531,721	849,270,321

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 £4,012,700.

The Tangle of Conferences—Mr. Hoover's Disarmament Proposal.

In spite of the demonstrable and lamentable failure of most of the international conferences which have been held since the Peace Conference at the close of the World War, a surprising number of persons commonly recognized as leaders of American business or professions continue to labor under the obsession that still another international conference, obviously on a grand scale, would be able to write the needed prescription for the world's ills, and are ready to plunge ahead with the enterprise regardless, apparently, of the complications and positive dangers which such an undertaking would have to face. A striking illustration of this curious state of mind is afforded by the replies which were published on Monday to a questionnaire sent out by President Butler, of Columbia University, on behalf of the League of Nations Association. The questionnaire asked, in substance, whether an international conference regarding the world depression was thought advisable, and, if it was, whether reparations, war debts and tariffs should be included in its agenda.

The president of the Association, George W. Wickersham, in making public the replies received from fifty-three bankers, business executives, educators and economists, announced that the replies "revealed an astonishing unity of opinion among a group of men, all noted for their wisdom in economic matters. All were in accord that collective action was necessary in a crisis world-wide in origin and effect, and although a few demurred, the greater number were of the opinion that such a conference, to be successful, must consider the questions of inter-governmental debts, reparations and tariffs." "The League of Nations Association," the statement continued, "now proposes to ask the same question of leaders throughout America whose words have weight in their respective communities, in order to muster a body of public opinion large enough and influential enough to affect the action of Congress in the matter." Recalling that Congress, in approving the Hoover moratorium, "expressly declared" it to be "against the policy of Congress that any of the indebtedness of foreign countries to the United States should be in any manner cancelled or reduced," Mr. Wickersham declared that the League of Nations Association "believes that this policy should be abandoned, and that to accomplish that

change an effort should be made to arouse a realization that the people of America now feel that their own immediate interests demand a reconsideration of debts, reparations and trade barriers as the problems which block the road to recovery."

It can hardly be necessary for "The Chronicle" to do more than repeat, what it has said on more than one occasion, that it regards the declared policy of Congress respecting the debts to be absolutely sound, or to point out that a nation-wide propaganda such as Mr. Wickersham's Association proposes, intended to marshal public opinion in favor of an abandonment of that policy, can have only mischievous results. What interests us at the moment is the extraordinary confusion of thought which would throw together in the agenda of an international conference such disparate subjects as inter-governmental debts, reparations, tariffs and the world economic situation generally. A little reflection, it would seem, should be enough to show that international, domestic, political and economic questions, whatever their bearings one upon another, could not possibly be dealt with successfully by any international conference. Debts and reparations, for example, are primarily political questions, and any solution of the problems which they present must come, and come solely, through the direct action of Governments. No means exist whereby a conference, however constituted, could bind any Government by its decisions; its decisions would still have to run the gauntlet of congresses and parliaments, ministries and administrations, and we know from long experience how many and perilous are the pitfalls strewn along that path. Moreover, while the debts are an international question to which the United States is an important party, reparations are an international question which concerns Europe alone. We yield to no one in condemning high tariff walls as a most serious impediment to international trade and world economic recovery, but in essence tariffs are a domestic issue representing national policy, and their burdens and irritations can be dealt with only by national legislation or negotiations between States. As for economic questions, those, too, are in many cases so bound up with other questions of national or international policy that a comprehensive treatment of any of their larger aspects would hardly be possible without trenching upon the field of national and international politics.

The impropriety of mixing things that are different was frankly recognized, it is gratifying to note, by a number of the gentlemen whose replies Mr. Wickersham published. Herbert Fleishhacker, banker, of San Francisco, replied: "Doubt political expediency of discussing questions mentioned, although believe they must be recognized as among fundamental causes of present stagnant international trade and unstable exchanges." Melvin A. Traylor, President of the First National Bank, Chicago, "seriously questioned" the advisability of an international economic conference "at this time," while William C. Dickerman, President of the American Locomotive Company, opposed the consideration by a conference of either debts or reparations on the ground that "discussion of these questions in open conference would lead to no conclusive results and would consequently further increase the general uneasiness," and pointed out that "tariff adjustments are matters to be settled between coun-

tries." George A. Ball, President of the Durham Manufacturing Company, Muncie, Ind., replied: "The question of reparations is of primary importance to European countries, the question of tariffs is a domestic problem. By no means should the United States enter any international conference for purpose of discussing these questions." Thomas J. Wilson, President of the International Business Machines Company, New York, declared his belief that "consideration of intergovernmental debts and reparations by international economic conference would jeopardize great possible good which should result from that meeting," while A. R. Erskine, President of the Studebaker Corporation, opposed the participation of the United States in a conference that was to deal with inter-Allied debts or reparations, "which are essentially European questions," and regarded tariffs as a "domestic matter beyond scope of foreign discussion." Robert Sterling Clark of New York expressed what we believe to be the view of great numbers of people in this country when he said: "Am opposed to further participation of United States in European conferences, as they seem to the writer to have resulted in our throwing good money after bad. A most expensive luxury under the present financial condition of our country."

If anything were needed to emphasize the discredit which has been brought upon the international conference idea, the proceedings at Lausanne and Geneva should furnish it in convincing abundance. The United States is not represented, either officially or unofficially, at Lausanne, but it has been dragged into the Lausanne discussions indirectly by the persistent attempt of France to force the United States agree to cancel its war debt claims or become a party to a security compact as the price of any concession by France in the matter of reparations, and by the well-meant effort, for which Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald appears to be mainly responsible, to accompany cancellation of both reparations and European debts by a substantial reduction of armaments. The net result up to the present time of the debates and conversations which have gone on day and night for more than a week has been to widen the breach between France and its Eastern European allies on the one hand and Great Britain and Italy on the other, and to leave Germany as insistent as before that further reparations payments cannot be made. Mr. MacDonald, backed more or less consistently by Signor Grandi, Italian Foreign Minister, sees no possible use in considering anything less than outright cancellation, entirely irrespective of the debts owing to the United States. Premier Herriot is willing to postpone reparations for any number of years, but refuses absolutely to abandon the claim to some measure of payment later, and marshals statistics to show how greatly France and other countries would suffer if all intergovernmental debts were wiped out and Germany were freed. The proposals of Chancellor von Papen for something like an alliance with France, joined to some kind of international consultative arrangement which should prevent sudden or extreme national action in matters of trade, apparently makes no impression upon M. Herriot's contention that the obligation of reparations must be recognized. The fact that M. Herriot has only too much ground to fear that any concession at this point would topple his Cabinet at Paris merely shows the impossibility

of divorcing the action of an international conference from the national politics of the countries represented.

Whether Mr. Hoover has helped matters by suddenly injecting into the situation his newest proposals for disarmament is at this moment doubtful. The plan itself has the merits of directness and, on the surface, simplicity. The armaments of the world are to be reduced by nearly one-third, with the "assurance" that the result will be peace and a saving of from ten to fifteen billion "wasted dollars" in the course of the next ten years. Land forces are to be cut down to a size suitable only for defense, the basis of defense needs being the reduction imposed upon Germany, Austria and Bulgaria by the peace treaties—in the case of Germany, 100,000 troops for a population of approximately 45,000,000. Tanks, chemical warfare and all large mobile guns are to be abolished along with bombing planes, the number and tonnage of battleships are to be reduced by one-third, the tonnage of aircraft carriers, cruisers and destroyers by one-fourth, and submarine tonnage by one-third with a total limit of 35,000 tons. The proposal does not disturb the ratios of strength in battleships and aircraft carriers between the five leading naval Powers as fixed by the Treaty of Washington, nor the ratios for cruisers, destroyers and submarines fixed by the Treaty of London for the United States, Great Britain and Japan. For France and Italy, however, it is proposed that their relative strength in cruisers and destroyers be such as it would have been if they had joined in the London treaty.

A proposal to reduce armaments is always in order, and anything that might help to extricate the Geneva Conference from the quagmire of politics and technicalities in which it has sunk is in general to be welcomed. It is a question, however, whether Mr. Hoover has done well to make his proposal at this time. He is already embarked upon what promises to be a heated and hard-fought presidential campaign in which his own chances of re-election are far from clear, and his sudden action will probably suggest to many persons in this country, as it has promptly suggested to the naturally hostile French press, a desire to bolster his political chances by doing something striking in the international field. The disarmament proposal should stand alone on its own merits, and in no way be allowed to be used as a device for thrusting American opinion about reparations or war debts into the debates at Lausanne. It is certainly questionable whether Mr. Hoover should, at this time, undertake to bring about any international action which might change American defense policy or bind the hands of his possible successor. The initial reaction to the plan in Europe appears to have been either hesitant or unfavorable, Italy alone announcing its unqualified acceptance of the proposal. Even in Great Britain the plan has been rather sharply criticized, and Japan, already irritated at what it regards as discriminating treatment at Geneva and Lausanne, is reported to be openly opposed. With two international conferences going on at the same time, and with all the leading European Powers and a number of others represented in both, any sharp disagreement in one is bound to react unfavorably upon the other. The one thing that is clear in the whole round of dissension about reparations, debts and disarmament is that the main-

tenance of peace and the return to economic health in Europe depend now mainly upon France. It is to be hoped that Mr. Hoover's sudden action may not become an occasion for further obstruction at a time when concession and co-operation are imperatively needed.

Railroads and Prosperity.

The railroads themselves cannot originate or initiate prosperity. Their operations reflect it. This would not be true of the steel industry, of the coal industry, of the building industry, or of the automobile industry. The steel industry is prosperous when the railways, automobile manufacture, building construction, &c., need its products. Its prosperity, in turn, is carried on to these other industries through its enormous purchase of supplies, through its expansion as reflected notably in new building construction, through the large sums paid for the transportation of its raw materials and finished products, and equally through the enormous buying power of its vast payments in the form of wages.

Similar is the situation with respect to the building industry, the automotive industry, and the railway industry; each of them interrelated and each influenced by or influencing the course of the other industry.

If the situation with reference to the railway industry is said to be normally, at least, so interrelated with other industries why should it be worth while to single it out for special treatment? In the simplest terms it is a matter of giving due weight to the importance of the enormous railway buying power.

The railway buying market is referred to as the billion dollar market. Keeping in mind the generally disturbed situation, it is interesting to recall that the railways are one of the largest customers of the basic industries. They buy annually 23% of the bituminous coal output and about 4% of the anthracite production. Directly they consume approximately 17% of the annual iron and steel output and indirectly about 32%, through orders of all kinds of equipment to equipment manufacturing concerns. The railways purchase directly about 16% of the total timber cut; this figure is increased to above 20% if indirect purchases are included.

The railways consume annually about 15% of the copper and brass produced. They also buy large amounts of tin, lead and zinc, and considerable cotton in the form of cotton waste. With respect to cement, statistics indicate they use more than 8% of the total output. The proportion of the fuel oil output taken by the railways approximates 19%.

A billion dollars is a vast sum of money, but when considering these huge railway purchases the observation would appear to be a marked understatement. Three billion dollars is approximately the amount they spend in a prosperous year for capital improvement and for materials and supplies for ordinary upkeep and operation.

This purchasing power of approximately \$3,000,000,000 annually is of vital importance. What is its relation to American industry? It is sufficiently large to make the railways the country's largest user of three of the nation's four leading basic commodities, namely, steel, lumber and coal.

It is not easy therefore to overestimate the importance to the country of maintaining railway

credit at a point which would permit a continuation of capital expenditures, essential not only that the railways may provide at all times a machine adequate to transportation demands, but also that their business may be conducted at the lowest possible operating cost. In other words, it is to the interest of the public to keep the roads in a position where their credit is sound and where the required capital is available, in order that they may function efficiently.

The railways are adapting themselves to newly developing conditions of competition and co-operation. But the people must recognize that an early return to prosperity depends in a large measure on a modern and co-ordinated system of transportation, and that foresight is necessary, and an earnest and intelligent survey of present and future policy with respect to transportation development to preserve the most effective agencies in full vigor and enable them to meet the demands of transportation service.

Handicaps of the Railroads.

An interesting series of articles prepared by Professor William Z. Ripley, of Harvard University, and copyrighted by NANA, Inc., and appearing in the New York "Times" for June 20 and June 21, presents a vivid picture of the extent of competition between the railroads and their new rivals in the field of transportation such as motor trucks, motor buses, electric power transmitted by overhead wires and through pipe lines, and subsidized waterways. Free use of improved highways by motor vehicles, except for occasional tolls collected for crossing bridges, amounts to a subsidy as the extensive system of concrete highways has been constructed at public expense, the railroads being compelled to contribute through taxation.

After pointing out the effect of the new methods of competition upon the freight and passenger traffic of the steam carriers and consequent loss of revenue, Professor Ripley makes the point that it would be utterly impossible for any methods of transportation in the aggregate, aside from the steam and electric railroads, to handle the annual volume of traffic required for the normal conduct of business in the United States. He regards the steam and electrified railroads as absolutely indispensable for the people, because of which the functions of the long established carriers must be preserved.

As motor bus, motor truck and waterways competition against the railroads was only made possible by subsidies through highway improvements at public expense and special privileges and concessions favoring barges on waterways, the unfairness to the railroads is again emphasized.

To illustrate his point Professor Ripley takes two items, coal and newsprint, millions of tons of which are transported annually by the railroads. No other service is adequate to perform this great task, and yet there seems to be no end to barriers which are permitted to be piled up against the steam railroads to handicap their operation.

Having called attention to what he terms the "indispensability of the American railroads," Professor Ripley proceeds to emphasize the assertion by figures showing the stupendous loss of freight tonnage and passenger traffic in a few years and the consequent decrease in gross revenue sustained by the steam carriers in the aggregate, facts which sustain the well-recognized condition. However, all of this

great shrinkage should not be attributed entirely to the new competition. With the falling off of manufacturing, distribution and consumption during the years of the depression there must have been a natural decrease in the volume of freight tonnage for both raw materials ordinarily required by manufacturing plants and shipments of finished products, which should not be charged to competition among the various forms of transportation. Losses of individual earnings and income have impoverished individuals and consequently diminished travel for both business and pleasure, thus curtailing passenger receipts immensely.

Compared with the movement of 150,046,000 tons of freight in 1930, the New York Central handled only 113,945,000 tons in 1931, a drop of 24%, causing a decrease of nearly 20% in revenue. The number of passengers on that system also dropped from 72,951,000 in 1930 to 63,166,000 in 1931, effecting a decrease of 22.3% in passenger revenue, in consequence of which losses the dividend was passed in May of this year, breaking a record which had been sustained since 1870.

Pennsylvania RR. operating revenues in 1931 were \$448,090,279, a decrease of \$122,375,081. While the net income per share was 10.55% in 1930, it was only 2.97% in 1931, the net income per share falling from \$5.28 in 1930 to \$1.40 in 1931, par value being \$50, and to accomplish even this result railway operating expenses were reduced \$74,317,250, or 17.4%, the principal decreases being \$18,698,673 for maintenance of way and structures, \$17,716,134 for maintenance of equipment, and \$34,591,475 in transportation, the first two items particularly being reflected in the decreased earnings of supply companies.

While the Federal Government has devoted its efforts to improvement of navigation on rivers, States and municipalities have expended vast sums in construction of improved highways and the erection of bridges which serve the purpose of increasing both freight and passenger traffic by trucks and buses on the highways. Further appropriations of public funds for such purposes are likely to be less extravagant as current demand upon the nation, States and cities for necessary expenditures in other directions are draining public treasuries. One important tax which has helped to supply States with funds is the levy upon gasoline. The income of the State of Pennsylvania from this source alone last year was \$33,000,000, much of which was expended upon the highways. About the only practical way of rectifying a condition generally conceded to be unfair is to compel owners of all vehicles using the highways for commercial purposes to pay a heavy tax for use of the public roads.

Railroad managers are leaving no stone unturned to overcome the existing handicaps. They have quickened the speed of passenger trains, improved their passenger coaches by air conditioning and made upper berths in sleeping cars more comfortable and attractive with the co-operation of the Pullman Co. They are giving a better train service from large cities to seashore resorts, have reduced fares and granted longer periods for round trip tickets. In addition, they have been expending many millions of dollars for electrification in order to provide greater speed, comfort and safety for passengers. Considering their own earnest efforts, the railroad managers believe that they are entitled to the co-operation of their patrons and also of Federal and

State authorities in order that competition may be placed upon what they regard as a fair basis.

A Travesty on Transportation Costs—Competition of the Motor Truck With the Railroads.

The cost of any transportation service depends largely upon the cost of supplying it. If motor transportation could be offered more cheaply than it is, the fact would have been proved ere this, for it is the lively competition of the truck operators among themselves, and not the competition of the railroads, which fixes the charge for motor transportation.

The actual cost of moving freight by rail when it is once aboard the cars may be easily computed. In wages, fuel, and all the other costs of turning the wheels, the freight train is astonishingly superior to the motor truck.

According to the statistics published by the Interstate Commerce Commission the average freight train carried 666 tons of revenue freight with a crew of six men. The average motor truck in long-distance hauls may be assumed to carry five tons of revenue freight, with a crew of two men. Each wage earner on a freight train can be said to care for 111 tons of freight, and each wage earner on a motor truck, 2½ tons of freight. The wage outlay of a member of a freight train crew is, therefore, nearly 45 times more efficiently applied than the wage spent for hire of a truck employee. Railways and trucking concerns pay practically similar wages, but the railway gets 45 times as great a return for the money so spent. This is quite an accomplishment when one stops to consider that wages are the largest single item in the cost of moving freight.

It is estimated that five tons, net freight, is the average revenue capacity of motor trucks operated on long hauls. The five to seven-and-a-half-ton class ranks first in importance, carrying approximately 30% of the total net tonnage. Light trucks are largely operated in rural districts, 93.7% being of less than three tons capacity, while city-owned trucks are of large capacity and represent 46.7% of all the trucks owned.

The cost of fuel, second in importance in determining the cost of transportation, also shows that the freight train has an advantage over the motor truck. The average five-ton motor truck travels six miles in consuming one gallon of fuel, which, with gasoline costing 18c. a gallon, establishes the fuel charge at 3c. a mile. The fuel cost of a freight train has been conservatively estimated at approximately 60c. a mile.

But the train carries 666 tons of freight at that cost and the truck only five tons. Reduced to the cost of moving a ton of freight one mile, the fuel of the truck costs 0.6 of a cent, and the freight train's fuel costs 0.09 of a cent. The advantage of the freight train is as 9 to 60, or in the ratio of more than 6½ to 1 for fuel alone. The fuel cost of moving a ton of freight one mile by motor truck is over six and a half times as great as that for moving a ton of freight a mile by rail.

If consideration is given to all the costs of actually moving a freight train, such as wages, fuel, repairs and supplies—items similar to those of motor truck operation—the outlay would only be approximately a half a cent per ton-mile to move a freight train of

average load. By applying the same charges to motor trucks, those necessary only for turning the wheels, show an average cost for trucks of 28c. per ton per mile. The motor truck figure is not so accurate as that for the freight train, because the statistics have not been so carefully or consistently kept, but it is based on information from the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

The expense is less than half a cent per ton-mile by rail, and 28c. per ton-mile by truck. It costs 62 times as much to move a ton of freight a mile over the highways as to move it by train, when only the similar charges of the two transportation methods are considered. The advantage of the steam train in this limited comparison is so great that even considerable error in discovering the cost of motor trucking, due to possible incomplete information, would not make an appreciable difference. The train, on the limited costs of actually turning the wheels, is very much more economical per ton per mile than the motor truck. But the railroad, none the less, is embarrassed by truck competition. The motor truck is able to overcome this handicap of greater cost, and to vie with the railroad for business on reasonably even terms.

Both of these agencies must find their business from the same clients. They are natural competitors. But the State and the local public treasuries, burdening the railways by imposing heavy taxes, demanding that the railways build their own track-age, are materially helping the motor trucks by highway construction.

The Course of the Bond Market.

The general bond market this past week, with the exception of Friday, acted in very much the same way as it did last week, that is, it fluctuated within a narrow range and was relatively inactive. However, on Friday the market broke out of this narrow range and receded somewhat. There are several factors which will continue to burden the market and cause price instability. Some of these are the prospects of continued poor business during the coming months, the possibility of the passage of a relief bill which would necessitate a large amount of new financing on the part of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and the belief that the deficit of the Government next year will amount to around one billion dollars in spite of the allegedly balanced budget.

On Friday the bond market was weak and Moody's price index for 120 domestic corporation bonds was down to 63.27, as compared with 63.90 the preceding week, and 63.11 two weeks ago.

The obligations of the U. S. Government showed a mixed trend during the week, and did not make much headway at all until Friday when they sold down slightly in sympathy with the decline in other securities. It would seem that they should improve, because of the halting of the outflow of gold, but this was more than offset by the factors enumerated above, namely, poor business, prospective new financing, and the large deficit in the Government's budget. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Thursday reduced its rediscount rate from 3 to 2½% but in periods like the present this is of relatively minor importance. The average price of eight long-term Treasury issues was 98.44 on Friday, as compared with 98.48 a week previously and 96.71 two weeks ago.

There was no definite trend in railroad bonds up to Friday. Certain issues displayed strength on the same day that other bonds of about the same quality were weak. Illinois Central and Southern Pacific junior liens were soft on Wednesday, but the declines were confined to a few points. This group, with all other groups, moved downward on Friday. The price index for 40 railroad bonds was 55.61 on Friday as compared with the low point of 47.58 established on June 1 1932. One week ago this index was 56.32 and two weeks ago 55.61.

Public Utility bonds followed a course very similar to that of the general bond market. There were no interesting

developments and perhaps the outstanding characteristic of the group was a general, slow, easing off, in prices with the exception of some very high grades. New York tractions, which attracted considerable attention in previous weeks, were unspectacular and followed the general trend. The computed price index for this group finished the week on Friday at 69.59, as compared with 70.52 one week ago, and 69.68 two weeks ago.

The industrial bond market enjoyed a comparatively quiet week with prices fluctuating within narrow limits. The obligations of packing companies were mixed, with the issues of Armour & Co. showing the greatest change on the decline from the recent rally. The rally in motion picture bonds of the preceding week was checked without any important declines. Chile Copper 5s remained quite steady after the erratic declines of the last several weeks. On Friday, Moody's computed price index for 40 industrial bonds ended the day at 66.04 as compared with 66.21 a week ago, and 65.62 two weeks ago.

In the foreign section of the bond market the issues of both the German Government and German corporations were most conspicuous. They continued strong, especially the German public utility and industrial bonds. The motivating power for this section of the foreign list comes from the Lausanne conference. Austrian issues were irregular and lower for the week, in the expectation of a transfer moratorium which was announced on Friday. Scandinavian (including Finnish) issues showed an irregular trend, with few changes for the week. On Friday this group declined with other bonds. Moody's bond yield average for 40 foreign bonds on Friday was 13.92, as compared with 14.30, a week ago, and 14.75 two weeks ago. In the municipal loan market prime short term issues continued scarce, with the group as a whole practically unchanged for the week. New offerings were few.

Accompanying this article is the complete list of bonds used in compiling Moody's bond price indexes and bond yield averages. This list will be published about once every three months and will thus obviate the necessity of publishing intermediate changes in the bond list.

RAILROADS.

<p>Aaa Atch., Top. & S. Fe gen. 4s, 1995 Atlantic Coast Line 4s, 1952 Baltimore & Ohio 4s, 1948 Chesapeake & Ohio 4½s, 1992 Chic., Bur. & Quin. 4s, 1958 New York Central 3½s, 1997 Norfolk & Western 4s, 1996 Pennsylvania 4½s, 1965 Southern Pac. S. F. Term. 4s, 1950 Union Pacific 4s, 2008</p> <p>A Atlantic Coast Line L. & N. 4s, 1952 C. C. & St. L. 4s, 1993 Great Northern 4½s, 1976 Illinois Central 4s, 1953 Louisville & Nashville 4½s, 2003 Morris & Essex 4½s, 1955 Northern Pacific 4½s, 2047 Pennsylvania 4½s, 1970 Reading A 4½s, 1997 Rio Grand Western 4s, 1949</p>	<p>Aa Atlantic Coast Line 4½s, 1964 Chesapeake & Ohio 4½s, 1993 Chic., Milw. & St. Paul 4s, 1989 Chic. & Rock Isld. & Pac. 4s, 1988 Chic. & Western Ind. 4s, 1952 Erie, Cons. P. L. 4s, 1996 Kansas City Southern 3s, 1950 Northern Pacific 3s, 2047 Southern Pacific 4s, 1955 Southern Pacific O. L. 4½s, 1977</p> <p>Baa Boston & Maine 5s, 1967 Chesapeake Corp. 5s, 1947 Chic. & Rock Isld. & Pac. 4½s, 1952 Erie R.R. Cons. gen. 4s, 1996 Lehigh Valley 4s, 2003 Missouri Kans. Tex. 5s, 1962 N. Y. Central 4½s, 2013 (new) N. Y. New Haven & Hart. 4s, 1957 Southern Pacific 4½s, 1981 Western Maryland 4s, 1952</p>
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PUBLIC UTILITIES.

<p>Aaa American Tel. & Tel. 5s, 1965 Bell Telephone of Pa. 5s, 1960 Cincinnati Gas & Elec 4s, 1968 Cons. G. El. Lt. & Pr. Balto 4s, 1981 Consumers' Power 4½s, 1958 New England Tel. & Tel. 4½s, 1961 New York Gas El. Lt. & Pr. 4s, 1949 Philadelphia Electric 4s, 1971 Pub. Service Elec. & Gas 4s, 1971 West Penn Power 4s, 1961</p> <p>A American Gas & Elec. 5s, 2028 Appalachian El. Pr. 5s, 1956 Columbia Gas & Elec. 5s (May), 1952 Detroit City Gas 5s, 1950 Houston Lighting & Pr. 4½s, 1981 Indianapolis Pr. & Lt. 5s, 1957 Louisiana Pr. & Lt. 5s, 1957 North American Edison 5s, 1969 Philadelphia Co. 5s, 1967 Texas Pr. & Lt. 5s, 1956</p>	<p>Aa Columbus Ry. Pr. & Lt. 4½s, 1957 Kansas Gas & Elec. 4½s, 1980 Louisville Gas & Elec. 5s, 1952 Northern States Pr. 4½s, 1961 Ohio Power 4½s, 1956 Pacific Gas & Elec. 4½s, 1957 Pennsylvania Water & Pr. 4½s, 1968 Peoples Gas Lt. & Coke 5s, 1947 Sierra & San Fran. Pr. 5s, 1949 Southern Calif Edison 5s, 1951</p> <p>Baa Amer. Pr. & Lt. 6s, 2016 Amer. Water Wks. & Elec. 6s, 1975 Florida Pr. & Lt. 1st 5s, 1954 Interstate Power 5s, 1957 Iowa-Nebraska Lt. & Pr. B 5s, 1961 National Pr. & Lt. 5s, 2030 Nevada Calif. Elec. 5s, 1956 New Orleans Pub. Serv. 5s, 1955 Southeastern Pr. & Lt. 6s, 2025 Southern Colorado Pr. 6s, 1947</p>
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INDUSTRIALS.

<p>Aaa American Radiator 4½s, 1947 General Petroleum 1st 5s, 1940 Illinois Steel 4½s, 1940 Liggett & Myers 5s, 1951 Procter & Gamble 4½s, 1947 Standard Oil of N. J. 5s, 1946 Standard Oil of N. Y. 4½s, 1951 Tenn. Coal, Iron & RR. gen. 5s, 1951 Union Gulf Corp. 5s, 1950 Western Electric 5s, 1944</p> <p>A Aluminum Co. of Amer. 5s, 1952 Amer. Smelting & Ref. 5s, 1947 Cudahy Packing Co. 5s, 1946 Inland Steel 4½s, 1978 Lorillard (P.) Co. 7s, 1944 National Dairy Prod. 5½s, 1948 Sinclair Pipe Line 5s, 1942 Sun Oil 5½s, 1939 Texas Corp. 5s, 1944 Tobacco Products 6½s, 2022</p>	<p>Aa Atlantic Refining 5s, 1937 Baldwin Locomotive 5s, 1940 Gulf Oil of Pa. 5s, 1947 Humble Oil & Ref. 5s, 1937 Jones & Laughlin Steel 1st 5s, 1939 Kresge, S. S. Co. 5s, 1945 Lehigh Coal & Nav. A 4½s, 1954 Sauda Falls 1st 5s, 1955 Sinclair Crude Oil Pur. 5½s, 1938 Swift & Co. 1st 5s, 1944</p> <p>Baa Abraham & Strauss 5½s, 1943 Dodge Bros. 6s, 1940 Goodyear Tire & Rubber 5s, 1957 Lorillard (P.) Co. 5s, 1951 National Steel 5s, 1956 Pillsbury Flour Mills 6s, 1943 Purity Bakeries 5s, 1948 St. Joseph Lead 5½s, 1941 Sinclair Oil B 6½s, 1938 Wilson & Co. 6s, 1941</p>
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FOREIGNS.

Aa
Antwerp 5s, 1958
Batavian Petrol. 4 1/2s, 1942
Belgium 6 1/2s, 1949
Canada 5s, 1952
Copenhagen 4 1/2s, 1953
Denmark 4 1/2s, 1962
France 7 1/2s, 1941
Norway 6s, 1963
Soissons 6s, 1936
Sweden 5 1/2s, 1954

A
Akershus 5s, 1963
Argentina A 6s, 1957
Austria 7s, 1943
Bergen 5s, 1949
Danish Cons. Munic. 5 1/2s, 1955
Dutch East Indies 6s, 1962
Framerican Ind. Dev. 7 1/2s, 1942
Oslo 6s, 1955
Oslo Gas & Elec. 5s, 1963
Panama 5 1/2s, 1953

Baa
Australia 5s, 1957
Buenos Aires (City) 6 1/2s, 1955
Cuba 5 1/2s, 1953
Finland 5 1/2s, 1958
Germany 5 1/2s, 1965
Italy 7s, 1951
Japan 5 1/2s, 1965
Poland 7s, 1947
Rome 6 1/2s, 1952
Tokio 5 1/2s, 1961

Ba
Buenos Aires (Prov.) 6s, 1961
Cologne 6 1/2s, 1950
Colombia 6s (Oct.), 1961
Karstadt (Rud.) 6s, 1943
Poland 6s, 1940
Prussia 6s, 1952
Ruhr Gas 6 1/2s, 1953
Rumania 7s, 1959
Serbs, Croats & Slovenes 7s, 1962
United Elec. Serv. (Italy) 7s, 1956

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

MOODY'S BOND PRICES.* (Based on Average Yields.) and MOODY'S BOND YIELD AVERAGES. (Based on Individual Closing Prices.)

* Note.—These prices are computed from average yields on the basis of one "ideal" bond (4 1/2% coupon, maturing in 31 years) and do not purport to show either the average level or the average movement of actual price quotations.

Annual Report of Federal Reserve Board—International Gold Movement—Loss of Gold by United States During September-October \$725,000,000—Gross Earnings of Federal Reserve Banks Lower Than in Any Preceding Year Since 1917—Credit Agreements with Foreign Central Banks—2,298 Banks Suspended in 1931 with Aggregate Deposits of \$1,691,510,000—Credit Conditions.

A discussion of the international gold movements features the Annual Report of the Federal Reserve Board, made public June 17, in which it is stated that "suspension of the gold standard in England not only tended to immobilize foreign balances still held in London, but also to impair confidence in such balances held elsewhere, and to cause European banks to convert large portions of their foreign funds into gold." The report adds:

"Since a large part of the realizable short-term foreign balances of the world was held in the United States, it was largely upon this country that this movement then concentrated. As a consequence, the United States lost \$725,000,000 of gold from the middle of September to the end of October. About three-fifths of this gold was taken by France, and the bulk of the remainder by Belgian, Switzerland and Netherlands."

"During 1931 as a whole," says the report, "the monetary gold stock of the United States decreased by about \$135,000,000. Central gold reserves in Germany declined by \$290,000,000; in England by \$130,000,000; in Argentina by \$160,000,000, and in Japan by \$180,000,000. Meanwhile, Central gold reserves in France grew by \$600,000,000, and in Switzerland, Netherlands and Belgium there was an aggregate increase of \$665,000,000.

Gross earnings of the Federal Reserve banks in 1931, at \$29,701,000, were \$6,723,000 less than in 1930, and were lower than in any preceding year since 1917, says the report. Net earnings of \$2,972,000 remained after deducting current expenses of \$27,040,000, and making adjustments for depreciation on bank premises, reserves for losses, &c. This compared with \$8,081,000 netted in 1930. None of the

Federal Reserve banks reported sufficient net earnings to pay accrued dividends in full, the report said, and four of the Reserve banks—Boston, Richmond, St. Louis and Kansas City—reported an excess over income. Accordingly, dividends of all Federal Reserve banks were paid entirely or in part out of surplus.

The report states that "a total of 2,298 banks (and 242 branches operated by 95 of such banks) suspended operations during 1931, with deposits of \$1,691,510,000, as compared with 1,345 banks in 1930, with deposits of \$864,715,000." During the year 276 suspended banks, with deposits of \$158,187,000, reopened.

Throughout the year "unfavorable developments abroad," says the report, "were an important factor in business and credit conditions in the United States." It adds:

The European credit crisis, beginning in Austria in April, spread to adjoining countries and resulted in June in a collapse of credit in Germany. Efforts to arrest the spread of this crisis through the extension of outside support to the Central banks of Austria, Hungary and Germany, and through the American proposal for an international moratorium on inter-governmental debts, were unsuccessful, and in July there were heavy withdrawals of foreign balances from England. Foreign credits of \$250,000,000 obtained by the Bank of England and of \$400,000,000 obtained by the British Government were exhausted by the third week in September, and on Sept. 20 the British Government announced the decision to suspend the gold standard in England. This action, and similar action in other countries, caused large gold withdrawals from the United States, accelerated domestic withdrawals of currency for hoarding, and was followed by a rapid contraction of credit in this country.

It is observed in the report that "1931 was a year of continued depression in business, of reduced employment,

and of decline in values. The volume of bank credit decreased continuously during the year, there were many bank failures, and severe disturbances occurred in financial conditions, both here and abroad. The report goes on to say:

During the first nine months of the year the Federal Reserve System pursued a policy of further easing credit conditions through reductions of rates and through open-market operations. In the autumn of the year, when, following upon the suspension of gold payments in England, the System was subjected to heavy withdrawals of gold from abroad and currency for hoarding in this country, it met these demands freely by discounting paper for member banks and by the purchase of acceptances in the open market.

In the first quarter of 1931 banking conditions, which had been characterized by a large number of suspensions in 1930, showed some improvement, but this improvement was not sustained during the rest of the year. In the late spring the number of bank failures increased, and there was a renewed increase in the withdrawals of cash from banks for hoarding. There was an improvement in conditions for a brief period in July after the announcement on June 20 of the American proposals, for a moratorium on intergovernmental debts and repatriation payments, but in August the downward movement was resumed, and in September, after the suspension of the gold standard in England, gold exports from the United States were in large volume and withdrawals of currency from the banks were accelerated. Withdrawals of deposits and declines in the value of investment portfolios were accompanied by a large number of bank failures in September and October. Gold exports practically ceased at the end of October, and in the last part of the year there were considerable imports of gold, largely from Japan. After the organization in October of the National Credit Corporation for making loans to banks with sound assets, though these assets be ineligible for discount at the Reserve banks, there was a reduction in the number of bank suspensions, and some return flow of currency to the banks, but in December bank failures increased again and were accompanied by renewed withdrawals of currency for hoarding. When Congress convened in December, a bill was introduced for the establishment of a Reconstruction Finance Corporation with a capital of \$500,000,000 supplied by the United States Treasury and authority to borrow up to \$1,500,000,000. The bill creating the corporation, which is authorized to make loans to banks and other financial institutions and to railroads, was passed by Congress in January and approved by the President on Jan. 22 1932.

Reserve Bank Credit.

Volume of Reserve Bank credit, which as a result of gold imports had declined in mid-summer to the lowest level since 1924, increased sharply in September and October, as gold and currency withdrawals occluded, and at the end of the year was near the highest level in 10 years. The course of Reserve Bank credit since 1922 is shown on the chart, in relation to the demand for currency, gold movements, and member bank reserve balances.

Increase in the demand for currency began in November 1930, when bank failures increased in number, but the resulting demand for Reserve Bank credit was met until after the middle of 1931 by the use of funds derived from imports of gold from abroad, with the consequence that there was little change in the outstanding volume of Reserve Bank credit. After that time, however, in September and October, when a large reduction in the monetary gold stock of the country coincided with a further large increase in the demand for currency, the volume of Reserve Bank credit increased by \$1,000,000,000 within a few weeks. In November and December, however, there was a reduction of more than \$200,000,000, reflecting in part a renewed inflow of gold from abroad, but in larger part a rapid decrease in member bank reserve balances, which accompanied a further decrease in member bank deposits.

The following table shows on a monthly average basis the changes in Reserve Bank credit during the first nine months of 1931, in the last three months of the year, and for the year as a whole, in comparison with the changes in gold stock, money in circulation, and member bank reserve balances:

RESERVE BANK CREDIT AND PRINCIPAL FACTORS IN CHANGES. (Monthly averages of daily figures. In millions of dollars)

	Dec. 1930.	Sept. 1931.	Dec. 1931.	Changes Between		
				Dec. 1930 & Sept. 1931.	Sept. 1931 & Dec. 1931.	Dec. 1930 & Dec. 1931.
Reserve bank credit.....	1,273	1,313	1,950	+40	+637	+677
Monetary gold stock.....	4,583	4,948	4,460	+365	-498	-133
Money in circulation.....	4,823	5,133	5,611	+310	+478	+788
Member bank reserve balances.	2,415	2,333	2,069	-82	-264	-346

Member and Non-Member Bank Credit

The decrease of member bank reserve balances by \$346,000,000 during the year was the largest decrease in these balances that has taken place in a single year since the Federal Reserve System was established. During the first nine months of the year the decrease was gradual, amounting in the aggregate to \$82,000,000, but during the final quarter it became accelerated, the decrease amounting to \$264,000,000 for the period and reflecting the rapid decline in loans and investments of member banks. The decline in bank loans which had begun in the autumn of 1929 continued throughout 1930 and 1931; until the summer of 1931, however, the decline in loans was partly offset in the total volume of bank credit by a growth in the bank's holdings of investment securities. In the third quarter of 1931 banks discontinued their purchases of securities, and in the fourth quarter they began to sell investments, with a consequent increase in the rapidity of liquidation of bank credit and bank deposits.

The decrease during the year in member bank deposits subject to reserve requirements approximated \$4,875,000,000, of which \$2,675,000,000 was in net demand deposits and \$2,200,000,000 in time deposits. This decrease reflected chiefly a reduction in member bank loans and investments, a decrease which amounted for the year ending Dec 31 1931, to \$4,300,000,000. For non-member banks the reduction in loans and investments during the year was \$1,800,000,000, and for all banks, both member and non-member combined, it was \$6,100,000,000, or 11%.

The accompanying chart (this we omit—Ed.), based on figures for all banks in the United States, shows the course of bank credit since 1919, with separate curves for member banks and non-member banks. It brings out the fact that, while there was some reduction in bank credit in the last quarter of 1929 and the first quarter of 1930, it was not until the later months of 1930 that the volume of bank credit showed a rapid decline, either for member or for non-member banks. After the middle of 1930, however, the reduction became pronounced and continuous, and after the middle of 1931 extremely rapid. During the last quarter of 1931 the reduction of \$3,300,000,000, or 6%, in bank loans and investments was larger than the reduction during the three preceding quarters of the year

and about equal in volume to the post-war liquidation of November 1920-March 1922. At the end of 1931 loans and investments of all banks in the United States, amounting to \$50,100,000,000, were about \$8,750,000,000 less than in the autumn of 1929 and at about the same level as in the autumn of 1925.

The reduction of \$8,750,000,000 in bank loans and investments from Oct. 4 1929 to Dec. 31 1931, reflected a reduction of \$10,600,000,000 in bank loans, offset to the extent of \$1,850,000,000 by an increase in bank investments. The decrease in loans was continuous throughout the period, while the increase in investments reflected the net result of a growth of about \$3,000,000,000 prior to September 1931, and a subsequent decrease of more than \$1,000,000,000 during the final quarter of the year.

Money Rates.

Continued liquidation of bank loans during the first half of 1931 was accompanied by a further decline in short-term money rates, both in the open market and on loans made by banks directly to their customers. At the beginning of 1931 rates in the open market were already at the lowest levels in more than 20 years, and during the early months of the year they declined further to 2% for commercial paper, 1½% for call money, ¾ of 1% for bankers' acceptances, and less than ½ of 1% on United States Government obligations of short maturity. These levels prevailed through part of May, all of June, July and August, and most of September, reflecting the combined effects of a limited demand for loans from borrowers of the highest credit rating, the prevalence of excess reserves at the larger and more active member banks, and a low level of indebtedness by member banks at the Reserve banks, accompanied by further reductions during the first five months of the year in the discount rates of the Federal Reserve banks and in their buying rates for bankers' acceptances. Throughout the summer, therefore, the cost of credit in the short-term money markets for borrowers of acceptable credit standing was low, and the possession of excess reserves by member banks reflected the inactive demand for credit from sources acceptable to the banks and a lack of confidence on the part of the banks in investment securities. These conditions prevailed for somewhat more than four months until the suspension of the gold standard in England on Sep. 20. At that time the demand for gold from abroad and for currency at home absorbed the excess reserves of the member banks and led to a sharp increase in the volume of their borrowings at the Reserve banks.

Credit Policy of the Reserve Banks.

The credit policy of the Federal Reserve System in the first nine months of 1931 was directed toward the furtherance of easy credit conditions, as indicated by further reductions in rates on discounts and acceptances between January and May and by purchases of United States Government securities between May and September. During the summer Reserve bank rates were at the lowest levels that have ever prevailed, the official buying rate on acceptances being at 1% for the principal maturities and the discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at 1½%, and at the other Reserve banks between 2 and 3½%. After the middle of September, in view of the outflow of gold from the country and of currency into hoarding, the Federal Reserve banks increased their rates on discounts and acceptances. The discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was advanced by 1% on Oct. 9—from 1½ to 2½%—and on Oct. 16 to 3½%. Buying rates on acceptances for different maturities were advanced by ½ of 1% on Sep. 25, and advanced further on Oct. 9, 13 and 16—to the level of 3½% for maturities up to 90 days and 3¼-3½% for longer maturities. Between Oct. 9 and Nov. 14 discount rates were also advanced at other Reserve banks—at Boston from 2 to 3½%, at Philadelphia, Cleveland, Atlanta and Kansas City from 3 to 3½%, at Richmond from 3 to 4%, and at Chicago, St. Louis, and San Francisco from 2½ to 3½%. On Nov. 20, when the gold outflow had ceased and the currency demand subsided, buying rates on acceptances of maturities up to 45 days were reduced by ½ of 1%. The accompanying table shows the Federal Reserve Bank rates in effect at the beginning of 1931, during the four-month period from May 22 to Sept. 24, and at the end of the year.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK RATES.

	In Effect Jan. 1 1931.	In Effect During Period May 22 to Sept. 24 1931.		In Effect Dec. 31 1931.	
		Rate.	Date Established.	Rate.	Date Established.
Buying Rates on Acceptances					
1-15 days.....	1½%	1%	May 13	3%	Nov. 20
16-45 days.....	1½%	1%	May 19	3%	Nov. 20
46-90 days.....	1½%	1%	May 19	3½%	Oct. 16
91-120 days.....	1½%	1½%	May 13	3½%	Oct. 16
121-180 days.....	2%	1¾%	May 13	3½%	Oct. 16
Discount Rates					
Boston.....	3%	2%	May 7	3½%	Oct. 17
New York.....	2%	1½%	May 8	3½%	Oct. 16
Philadelphia.....	3½%	3%	May 7	3½%	Oct. 22
Cleveland.....	3%	2½%	May 9	3½%	Oct. 24
Richmond.....	3½%	3%	May 15	4%	Nov. 14
Atlanta.....	3½%	3%	Jan. 10	3½%	Oct. 17
Chicago.....	3½%	2½%	May 9	3½%	Oct. 22
St. Louis.....	3½%	3%	y	3½%	y
Minneapolis.....	3½%	3%	May 21	3½%	Oct. 23
Kansas City.....	3½%	3%	May 8	4%	Oct. 21
Dallas.....	3½%	3%	May 22	3½%	Oct. 21
San Francisco.....	3½%	2½%	May 22	3½%	Oct. 21

x Buying rates at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. y Sept. 12 1930.

Excess Reserves of Member Banks.

During the first half of the year, increased currency demand was approximately offset by gold imports, and until June the maintenance of member bank deposits at a fairly constant level was reflected in reserve requirements that remained close to \$2,300,000,000, or about the same as in the middle of 1929. Beginning with June, however, when deposits and reserve requirements decreased, and continuing through the next five months, the banks had excess reserves in considerable volume. These facts are brought out by the chart, which shows for the period 1929-1931 the reserves held by the member banks, the required reserves, and the excess reserves. The increase in excess reserves at the middle of the year, to a level in June and July above \$120,000,000, was due in part to an increase in monetary gold stock that exceeded for the time being the growth in currency demand. An offsetting influence at that time, which tended to reduce member bank reserve balances was liquidation of dollar acceptances held in this country by foreign Central banks and deposit of the proceeds with the Reserve banks. This operation results in a transfer of funds from the market to the Reserve banks and tends to increase the demand for Reserve Bank credit. The transfer of funds from the market to the Reserve banks, however, which began in the middle of June, did not result in increasing member bank indebtedness and, therefore, tightening credit conditions, for the reason that it was offset by the purchase of government securities by the Reserve banks.

Composition of Reserve Bank Credit.

During the period of transfers of funds from the market to the Reserve banks by foreign correspondents in June, the Reserve banks purchased \$60,000,000 of government securities, and in a similar situation in August they made additional purchases of securities, bringing the total holdings of the system to \$725,000,000. This amount was maintained until near the end of the year, except for temporary increases at the time of Treasury financing periods in September and December. At the end of 1931 Reserve Bank holdings of government securities amounted to \$800,000,000 and showed an increase for the year, as measured by monthly average figures, of \$133,000,000, which compares with an increase of \$436,000,000 in bills discounted, \$83,000,000 in acceptances, and \$25,000,000 in other Reserve Bank credit. The figures are given in the accompanying table, which also shows separately the changes during the first three quarters of the year and during the final quarter.

COMPOSITION OF RESERVE BANK CREDIT.
[Monthly averages of daily figures. In millions of dollars.]

	Dec. 1930.	Sept. 1931.	Dec. 1931.	Change Between—		
				Dec. 1930 & Sept. 1931.	Sept. 1931 & Dec. 1931.	Dec. 1930 & Dec. 1931.
Bills discounted	338	290	774	-58	+494	+436
Bills bought	257	259	340	+2	+81	+483
United States securities	644	736	777	+92	+41	+133
Other reserve bank credit	34	38	59	+4	+21	+25
Total reserve bank credit	1,273	1,313	1,950	+40	+637	+677

International Gold Movements.

The movement of gold to the United States during the first half of 1931 was similar to that which characterized the year 1930. Except for an import of \$20,000,000 of gold from France in April, practically no gold flowed between this country and Europe. The bulk of the imports was from Canada, Latin America, and the Far East, and reflected the continued fall in raw material prices and the pressure of foreign indebtedness. Up to the middle of June about \$230,000,000 was added to the monetary gold stock of the United States.

In the next three months \$190,000,000 more gold was added to United States stock. Although the movement from Canada, Latin America, and the Far East continued, by far the largest receipts during this second period were from Germany. Following the threatened collapse in May of the Credit Anstalt—the largest bank in Austria—confidence in the banking situation in Central Europe was impaired. Early in June the withdrawals of foreign funds from Germany assumed substantial proportions. The Reichsbank lost \$230,000,000 of gold in the first three weeks, in addition to large amounts of foreign exchange. About one-half of this gold was transferred directly or indirectly to the Federal Reserve banks.

After the withdrawals from Germany subsided, with the introduction of exchange control in that country, withdrawals of foreign balances from London began on a large scale.

During the first half of 1931 the British gold stock, like that of the United States, had been increasing. There had been a constant flow of gold to England from the mines of the Transvaal, Rhodesia, and West Africa; and a substantial amount in the aggregate had come from South America, the Straits Settlements, and Australia. Early in the year there were losses to France and Belgium; but from the end of January to the middle of July gold reserves of the Bank of England increased by \$120,000,000. In the last two weeks of July the movement was reversed and \$155,000,000 of gold flowed out—mostly to France, Netherlands, and Belgium. Temporarily the loss of gold was stopped by the purchase of \$125,000,000 of sterling bills by the Federal Reserve banks and an advance of \$125,000,000 to the Bank of England by the Bank of France, followed later in August by a credit to the amount of \$400,000,000 granted to the British Government by private interests in France and the United States. These measures were, however, insufficient to meet the continued withdrawal of funds, and on Sept. 21 the Bank of England was relieved by law of its obligation to redeem its notes in gold.

Suspension of the gold standard in England not only tended to immobilize foreign balances still held in London but also to impair confidence in such balances held elsewhere and to cause European banks to convert large portions of their foreign funds into gold. Since a large part of the realizable short-term foreign balances of the world was held in the United States, it was largely upon this country that this movement then concentrated. As a consequence, the United States lost \$725,000,000 of gold from the middle of September to the end of October. About three-fifths of this gold was taken by France, and the bulk of the remainder by Belgium, Switzerland, and Netherlands. These were the countries which previously had been drawing heavily upon the Bank of England's reserves, and which continued to draw gold from the London bullion market when the bank itself ceased to pay out gold. To a considerable extent the movement reflected the desire of the Central banks in these countries to increase their metallic reserves with a view to showing a stronger gold position.

In the final two months of 1931 the general movement of the first of the year was resumed, and gold stock in the United States rose as a result of shipments from Canada, Latin America, and the Far East. The flow from these areas had in fact never ceased; but from the middle of September through October the shipments to Europe had been much larger than the receipts from other parts of the world. In November and December, however, exports to Europe practically ceased, while shipments from Japan, which was endeavoring to maintain the gold standard, were in heavy volume. Even after Japan abandoned the gold standard on Dec. 13, Japanese gold continued to arrive at San Francisco. In these two months the monetary gold stock of the United States increased by \$170,000,000.

During 1931 as a whole, the monetary gold stock of the United States decreased by about \$135,000,000. Central gold reserves in Germany declined by \$290,000,000; in England, by \$130,000,000; in Argentina, by \$160,000,000; and in Japan, by \$180,000,000. Meanwhile central gold reserves in France grew by \$600,000,000; and in Switzerland, Netherlands, and Belgium there was an aggregate increase of \$665,000,000.

The reported central gold reserves of the world as a whole showed a net increase for 1931 of about \$335,000,000. If allowance is made for gold in transit between Central banks and for gold pledged as collateral for loans and thus temporarily removed from Central gold reserves, the figure of the increase during the year is nearer \$450,000,000. This figure compares with \$440,000,000, the output from the world's gold mines, and an additional \$275,000,000 representing the indicated release of gold from private holdings in China, Russia, and India. Probably not more than \$45,000,000 of this total of \$715,000,000 was taken for industrial uses in 1931. The remaining difference between the amount of gold coming from the mines and from private holdings in the East and the amount added to central gold reserves is nearly \$220,000,000, and represents largely gold absorbed in commercial bank and other private holdings during the year—

for the most part in European centres at the time of the international financial crisis.

Credit Agreements With Foreign Central Banks.

On several occasions during 1931 the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in association with other Federal Reserve banks and with the approval of the Federal Reserve Board, entered into agreements with foreign Central banks to purchase from them up to specified amounts prime commercial bills bearing their guarantee of repayment in gold.

Such agreements were made on May 30 with the Austrian National Bank, which at the same time entered into credit agreements with the Bank for International Settlements and 10 European Central banks; on June 19 and July 8 with the National Bank of Hungary, which on the same dates entered into agreements with the Bank for International Settlements and a number of European Central banks; on June 26 with the Reichsbank, which at the same time entered into agreements with the Bank for International Settlements, the Bank of England, and the Bank of France; and on Aug. 1 with the Bank of England, which at the same time also entered into an agreement with the Bank of France. The Austrian credits, original aggregating about \$14,070,000, including \$1,083,000 for the Federal Reserve banks, were renewed for about seven weeks on Aug. 30, and after reduction by 10% on Sept. 16 were again renewed on Oct. 16 for three months in the amount of \$12,660,000, including \$975,000 for the Reserve banks; the Hungarian credits, originally aggregating about \$10,000,000, including \$2,000,000 for the Federal Reserve banks, and later increased to about \$21,000,000, including \$5,000,000 for the Reserve banks, were renewed for three months on Sept. 18 in the reduced total amount of \$16,800,000, and renewed again for one month on Dec. 18 in the reduced total amount of \$16,570,000, including in both instances \$4,000,000 for the Federal Reserve banks. The Reichsbank credits, which were for \$100,000,000, including \$25,000,000 for the Federal Reserve banks, were originally for a period of three weeks, but were renewed on July 16, and again renewed—for three months—on Aug. 6 and Nov. 4. The Bank of England credits, originally for \$250,000,000, including \$125,000,000 for the Federal Reserve banks, were renewed for three months on Oct. 31 in the reduced total amount of \$150,000,000, including \$75,000,000 for the Federal Reserve banks.

Reserve Bank holdings of bills payable in foreign currencies, which represent largely purchases of bills in accordance with agreements made with foreign Central banks, were reduced during the first quarter of the year from \$36,000,000 at the end of December 1930, to \$1,063,000 at the end of March 1931. They remained at about this level in April and May. In June they increased to \$10,551,000, in July to \$34,371,000, and in August to \$145,215,000. During September they declined to \$48,804,000 and during October to about \$33,000,000 at which level they remained throughout the rest of the year.

Details of Operation.

In the preceding pages there has been presented a brief discussion of business and banking developments in 1931 and of the policies pursued by the Federal Reserve System during the year. In the following sections of this report there is given a more detailed account of the operations of the Federal Reserve banks and branches and of administrative matters with which the Federal Reserve Board has dealt during 1931.

Earnings, Expenses and Volume of Work of the Federal Reserve Banks.

Gross earnings of the Federal Reserve banks in 1931 amounted to \$29,701,000, or \$6,723,000 less than in 1930, and were lower than in any preceding year since 1917. After deducting current expenses of \$27,040,000—somewhat less than the previous year—and adjustments for depreciation of bank premises, reserves for losses, &c., there remained net earnings of \$2,972,000. Earnings, expenses, dividend payments, &c., for all Federal Reserve banks combined for 1931 and 1930 are shown in the following table

EARNINGS AND EXPENSES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS DURING 1931 AND 1930.

	1931.	1930.
Total earnings	29,701,000	36,424,000
Current expenses	27,040,000	28,343,000
Current net earnings	2,661,000	8,081,000
Additions (profits on sales of U. S. securities, &c.)	3,187,000	3,475,000
Deductions (depreciation and other reserves, &c.)	2,876,000	3,568,000
Net additions to current net earnings	311,000	-93,000
Net earnings	2,972,000	7,988,000
Dividends paid	10,030,000	10,269,000
Charged to surplus	x7,058,000	2,298,000
Franchise tax paid to United States Government		17,000

x Not including a depreciation reserve on United States bonds of \$8,158,000 charged direct to surplus.

The reduction in gross earnings in 1931, notwithstanding an increase of \$194,000,000 in the daily average holdings of bills and securities, was due to the decrease from 3.25 to 2.20% in the average rate of earnings on bills and securities. The average rate of earnings on each class of earning assets showed a substantial decline during the year, the average rate on discounted bills declining from 3.93% in 1930 to 3.01%, on bills bought in the open market from 2.85 to 2.04%, and on Government securities from 3.06 to 1.86%. Average daily holdings of discounted bills, bills bought in open market, United States Government securities and other bills and securities, together with average rates and amounts earned on each are shown for recent years in the following table:

EARNINGS ON BILLS AND SECURITIES.
[Amounts in thousands of dollars]

Year—	Bills and Securities Held by All Federal Reserve Banks.				
	Bills Discounted.	Bills Bought in Open Market.	United States Government Securities.	All Other Bills and Securities.	Total.
Daily Average Holdings—					
1927	442,287	263,258	417,480	1,513	1,124,538
1928	839,942	327,806	297,499	2,124	1,467,371
1929	950,680	241,399	207,659	13,420	1,413,058
1930	271,727	213,201	563,672	8,295	1,056,895
1931	326,217	245,260	669,013	10,568	1,251,058
Avg. Rate of Earnings (%)					
1927	3.83	3.49	3.41	3.88	3.60
1928	4.56	3.97	3.64	4.34	4.24
1929	5.03	5.00	3.93	4.94	4.86
1930	3.93	2.85	3.06	4.09	3.25
1931	3.01	2.04	1.86	2.90	2.20
Earnings—					
1927	17,011	9,207	14,206	58	40,482
1928	38,334	13,021	10,828	92	62,275
1929	47,791	12,064	8,165	663	68,683
1930	10,672	6,081	17,273	339	34,365
1931	9,821	5,010	12,428	306	27,565

	Number of Bank Suspensions.			
	1931.	1930.	1921-1929.	
			Yearly Average.	Total for Nine Yrs.
New England States.....	33	13	2	16
Middle Atlantic States.....	250	32	9	82
North Central States.....	611	286	50	449
South Mountain States.....	152	87	21	188
Southeastern States.....	245	276	103	929
Southwestern States.....	174	201	77	694
Western Grain States.....	717	413	291	2,620
Rocky Mountain States.....	62	25	59	534
Pacific Coast States.....	54	12	15	130
Total, United States.....	2,298	1,345	627	5,642

The average size of banks that suspended in 1931 was larger than in any of the previous 10 years, 23.7% of the banks that suspended in 1931 having had a capital stock of \$100,000 or more, compared with 15.8% in 1930 and 9.7% during the nine-year period 1921-1929. The increase in the average size of banks that suspended in 1931 was due chiefly to the fact that a relatively larger number of suspensions was in the larger towns and cities. Percentages of bank suspensions, according to capital of the banks and population of the places where the suspensions occurred, are shown in the following table:

BANK SUSPENSIONS, BY SIZE OF BANK AND SIZE OF TOWN.

Banks With a Capital of—	Per Cent of Total No. of Bank Suspensions.			Banks Located in Places With a Population of—	Per Cent of Total No. of Bank Suspensions.		
	1931.	1930.	1921-1929.		1931.	1930.	1921-1929.
\$100,000 and over.....	23.7	15.8	9.7	25,000 and over.....	13.7	9.2	5.2
\$50,000 and over.....	43.6	32.2	27.2	10,000 and over.....	19.5	13.4	8.4
\$25,000 and over.....	75.5	64.6	59.0	5,000 and over.....	25.6	17.9	12.6
Less than \$25,000.....	24.5	35.4	41.0	1,000 and over.....	53.5	46.4	39.5
				Less than 1,000.....	46.5	53.6	60.5

Bank Consolidations.

Bank consolidations in 1931 were more numerous than in any previous year, 812 banks having been absorbed by other banks during the year. Of these 812 banks, 315 were members of the Federal Reserve System and 497 were nonmember banks. Of the 315 member banks that went out of existence as separate institutions through consolidation, 209 were absorbed by other member banks and their absorption, therefore, did not affect the banking resources in the Federal Reserve System. Member banks absorbed by nonmember banks numbered 106, as compared with 197 nonmember banks absorbed by member banks. The total decrease during the year in the number of banks in the United States was 2,801, and the number in operation at the end of the year was 19,968. Following is a classification of the banks absorbed during 1931 and 1930 through consolidation with other banks:

BANK CONSOLIDATIONS—NUMBER OF BANKS ABSORBED BY OTHER BANKS.

	1931.	1930.
Total number of banks absorbed by other banks.....	812	x
National banks absorbed—total.....	275	261
By other National banks.....	151	143
By State bank members.....	26	26
By nonmember banks.....	98	96
State bank members absorbed—total.....	40	47
By other State bank members.....	17	15
By National banks.....	15	19
By nonmember banks.....	8	13
All member banks absorbed—total.....	315	308
By other member banks.....	209	199
By nonmember banks.....	106	109
Nonmember banks absorbed—total.....	497	x
By National banks.....	140	y135
By State bank members.....	57	y30
By other nonmember banks.....	300	x

x Complete figures of nonmember banks absorbed are not available. y Figures for 1930, of nonmember banks absorbed by member banks, are probably somewhat incomplete.

Banks on Par List.

At the end of 1931 there were 16,427 banks on the Federal Reserve par list, which comprises all member banks and such nonmember banks as have agreed to pay, without deduction of exchange charges, such checks drawn upon them as are presented or forwarded for payment by the Federal Reserve banks. During the year the number of nonmember banks on the par list decreased by 1,775—largely as the result of the reduction in the number of banks in operation—and the number not on the par list by 230. Of the 3,207 banks not on the par list at the end of 1931, 1,753

were located in the Southern and 1,329 in the West North Central States and the adjoining State of Wisconsin. As will be seen from the following table, all of the banks in the Boston, New York and Philadelphia districts and all but six in the Cleveland District were on the Federal Reserve par list:

MEMBERSHIP IN PAR-COLLECTION SYSTEM.
[Number of banks at end of December.]

	Member Banks.		Nonmember Banks.			
	1931.	1930.	On Par List.		Not on Par List. ^a	
			1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
United States.....	7,246	68,050	9,181	10,956	3,207	3,437
Boston.....	373	396	234	260	-----	-----
New York.....	841	914	340	395	-----	-----
Philadelphia.....	715	753	358	451	-----	-----
Cleveland.....	655	757	792	936	6	9
Richmond.....	403	470	445	523	381	441
Atlanta.....	349	390	150	186	792	862
Chicago.....	903	61,079	2,586	3,200	248	238
St. Louis.....	465	513	1,240	1,404	405	417
Minneapolis.....	579	642	386	497	881	1,007
Kansas City.....	824	871	1,633	1,917	216	191
Dallas.....	617	684	468	572	223	211
San Francisco.....	522	581	549	615	55	61

a Figures cover all incorporated banks (other than mutual savings banks). b Exclusive of two banks that suspended at the end of 1930 but which were included in the Comptroller's Dec. 31 1930 abstract.

Trust Activities of National Banks.

The Federal Reserve Board in 1931 approved 41 original and seven supplementary applications by National banks for permission to exercise fiduciary powers under the provisions of Section 11k of the Federal Reserve Act. Two thousand three hundred and twenty-nine National banks were holding fiduciary permits on Dec. 31 1931, representing 36.5% of the number of National banks in operation on that date.

Three National banks during the year surrendered their right to exercise trust powers, under the provisions of Section 11k of the Federal Reserve Act as amended June 26 1930.

Changes in the Board's Regulations.

The only change made by the Board during the year in its regulations applicable to member banks was in its regulation G governing the rediscout by Federal Reserve banks of notes secured by adjusted service certificates issued under the provisions of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act. Section 502 of this Act was amended by Act of Congress of Feb. 27 1931 so as to provide that the loan basis of an adjusted service certificate should at no time be less than 50% of its face value and also that the rate of interest on any such loan should in no event exceed 4½% per annum compounded annually; and on March 2 1931 the Board amended its regulation G so as to conform to the law as thus amended.

Administration of the Clayton Anti-Trust Act.

During the year 1931 the Board received and considered the applications of 300 persons for permission to serve at the same time as director, officer or employee of more than one bank or trust company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of the Clayton Anti-Trust Act. The comptroller of the Currency reported 662 apparent violations of this law, and where violations were found to exist the persons and banks involved were required to conform to the law.

Meetings of Federal Advisory Council.

Four meetings of the Federal Advisory Council were held in Washington during 1931 on the following dates: Feb. 17, May 19, Sept. 15 and Nov. 17.

Conferences Held by the Federal Reserve Board.

The Federal Reserve Board, as usual, conferred with the Federal Advisory Council at each of its meetings during the year.

The governors of the Federal Reserve banks met in Washington on April 27 and on Nov. 30. At both conferences sessions were held at which the Board was in attendance.

Organization, Staff and Expenditures.

Mr. George R. James, of Tennessee, whose term of office as a member of the Federal Reserve Board expired on April 27 1931, was reappointed by the President for a 10-year term.

Mr. Wayland W. Magee, of Nebraska, was appointed by the President on May 5 1931 as a member of the Federal Reserve Board, to fill the vacancy created by the death, on Nov. 28 1930, of Mr. Edward H. Cunningham.

Mr. Floyd R. Harrison was appointed Assistant to the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board on Sept. 16 1931.

Mr. Chester Morrill was appointed Secretary of the Federal Reserve Board on Oct. 7 1931 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation, on May 31 1931 of Mr. Walter L. Eddy.

The total cost of conducting the work of the Board during the year 1931 was approximately \$744,275. Two assessments were levied against the Federal Reserve banks, aggregating \$718,552.77, or less than 1-6 of 1% of their average paid-in capital and surplus for the year.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Frigh Night, June 24 1932.

The weather has been against retail business except at the South. For instance, while New York City was having summer conditions, northern New York had snow and, in general, unprecedentedly cold weather for this time of the year. Water froze in the Saranac region on the 23d inst. Where there has been an increase in business it was due to buying to forestall new taxes provided by Congress in bringing about the balancing of the budget. In not a few sections of the country retail trade has been smaller than it was last week. In the Eastern parts of the country there has been too much rain. Texas has also had too much rain and there are fears of damage by boll weevil in many parts of the great section known as the cotton belt. Cotton has,

therefore, shown a trifling advance. It might have been larger but for the liquidation of July and the lack of any real snap in the speculation, after the disappointing experiences of recent weeks or months. Moreover, print cloths have declined 1-16c. Manchester, England, has reported a little better demand for cloths from India, but on the whole its trade could not be called satisfactory. Wheat declined about a cent, in spite of persistent reports of grasshoppers, some advices of black rust and fears that the harvest might be delayed in the Southwest by rains. The grasshopper menace might be said to have alone prevented any marked decline in wheat, despite the lack of a good foreign demand. Corn is universally recognized as cheap and during the week has advanced 1c. to 2c., although of late the cash demand has not been altogether satisfactory.

Still, elevator interests have been buying and interior offerings have been small. The weather has been very favorable for the crop; but there is a certain bullish sentiment in regard to corn which might become more aggressive if circumstances favor it. Oats have remained practically unchanged. Rye declined 1c. in sympathy with a drop in wheat and also because of the absence of any stimulating export demand. Provisions have been stronger and lard futures are up 20 to 33 points, largely because of the advance in hogs coincident with much smaller receipts than those of a year ago. Coffee has declined 7 to 16 points in a small dragging market, with no stimulating factors at this time. Sugar futures advanced 2 to 3 points net owing to the fact that it seems to be increasingly clear that the shipments of Cuban sugar to the United States this year will be very much smaller than during the same time in 1931. Also there has been a firm market for spot raws and the withdrawals of refined sugar have been encouraging, especially early in the week when the temperatures rose. Rubber declined 10 points. Hides were irregular, ending 20 points lower to 10 points higher. Cocoa declined 15 to 17 points. Silk has remained practically stationary.

In the Southwest harvesting is rapidly progressing northward and the yield is irregular in both quantity and quality. It is of course a recognized fact that the winter wheat crop this year will be very much smaller than that of last year. The only offsets to this are that farmers are apparently disinclined to sell winter wheat freely at these low prices. The outlook for the spring wheat crop at the Northwest is generally favorable, certainly very much better than it was a year ago though the crop there, it seems, would be the better for more rains. Reports of black rust are not taken very seriously, but a plague of grasshoppers in Minnesota and the Dakotas is regarded as serious. The citrus fruit packing season in Florida ended and attention is now being diverted to other fruits. Fruit harvests throughout the country are proceeding under very favorable conditions, but prices are so low as to excite general complaint. In the Northwest there is an active demand for cattle and beef steers have advanced. Hogs are at the highest price seen for the last 60 days. Some reports on the wool trade from Boston show improvement, the demand being better and prices firmer, so that the outlook is more cheerful. There is renewed activity in the wholesale shoe trade and a good business in this branch of trade is expected this fall. One indication is a better demand in wholesale leather trade. All grades of leather are in steady demand and prices are firm. In some some central districts, however, things do not look so well, as wholesale trade is as quiet as usual at this time and many factories are shut down and will not reopen, it seems, until late in July. Furniture makers in the Central States are in some cases closing down temporarily owing to dullness of business. Auto body builders in the same section are also having a dull trade. So far as tires are concerned, however, there is an active demand and many of the big plants are running on full time. Pig iron remained quiet. Steel in general is also reported slow of sale. In the Cleveland district the steel trade makes the best showing though the production for all that, is no greater than 29% of capacity. This, however, is in very sharp contrast with the state of things among Chicago steel mills which are operating now, it is said, at only 15 to 16%. The Ford Motor Co. is producing, it is stated, at the rate of 5,000 cars a day and the Plymouth production is also high, but other manufacturers, it is reported, are expecting a dull summer. The petroleum industry has been active pending new taxation. It now seems that \$1 oil is expected for the first time in two years. At any rate, that is the view taken in the fields. In the Oil City district there was a high record of carloadings for one week of 973 of refined products which is certainly doing very well for six days. Of course, the week has been one of unusual political interest so far as National conventions are concerned and Wall Street has been watching Chicago as well as Washington and Lausanne. The fluctuations in stocks have not been wide, and trading has been extraordinarily small pending further developments.

On the 18th inst., stocks made a small net advance in trading in only 341,000 shares, after an early decline. In some respects it was the smallest day in over six years. The point was it ended at a slight advance. The action on the bonus was ignored. Bonds were quiet and the under tone was steady. German and Japanese issues were higher, but United States Government bonds fell 1-32 to 10-32 points. On the 20th inst., trifling advances occurred in a

listless market. The sluggishness may be gathered from the fact that the transactions reached only 388,460 shares. It was the poorest day's business in eight years. Bonds made an irregular advance. German bonds advanced; also railroad and utilities. Federal issues both advanced and declined. On the 21st inst. prices declined slightly in trading of only 490,000 shares. There was really no point to it or if there was any point at all it was the refusal of the market to break. It is true that United States Steel and American Telephone dropped to new low levels. Preferred stocks made a poorer showing than common. United States Government bonds were unchanged to 15 points higher. Most domestic corporations hardly moved, but home utilities advanced. German issues were firm.

On the 22d inst. prices were irregular but the general trend was lower on sales of 606,000 shares. Some stocks dipped to new lows. Yet the light trading seemed to indicate a professional market and an absence of serious liquidation. On the 23d inst. Wall Street had its eyes on Chicago, Washington, and possibly Lausanne, but apparently on anything but the stock market, judging by the sales of only 472,300 shares and the almost meaningless fluctuations in prices. Yet there was a very slight net advance in the end. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York reduced its rediscount rate $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%, the new rate being 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. In bonds, German issues headed a rise and United States Government's also advanced. Railroad and utilities made a better showing than industrials. To-day stocks declined and some of the leading issues fell to new lows owing to fears among not a few as to dividend prospects. Next week there will be dividend meetings on American Can, Allied Chemical, Aetehison and Westinghouse. Government bonds advanced early but reacted later. First and second grade railroad bonds did not change much, but the undertone was firm.

It is reported that electric output in the United States for the week ended June 18 was 1,441,532,000 kwh., against 1,435,471,000 in the preceding week and 1,609,931,000 in the same week in 1931, according to the National Electric Light Association. This is a decrease of 10.5% from last year. It is the first increase in some time over the preceding week. Is the tide turning? Nashua, N. H., wired that the employment situation in New Hampshire showed little change during the month of May, according to the State Director of Employment for the United States Employment Service. Reports from the various cities with reference to textile activities follows: Dover—One of the textile mills that closed temporarily reopened with about one-half of its regular force employed. Keene—While one silk fiber mill closed, a woolen mill at Gilsum which had been closed for the past year and a half reopened with a force of 75 employees. Restricted operations continue in the woolen mills and machine shops.

At Gastonia, N. C., the Trenton Cotton Mills operated two days last week. No night work is the rule, except when it is sometimes necessary to operate a couple of winders at night. Gastonia, N. C., also reported that the Myrtle Mills, Inc., operated the past week on a five-day schedule, with a few twistors operated at night. For about five weeks the mills operated on about half time, which is the biggest curtailment in the past year. Present orders on hand up until Friday night will be filled this week, and unless more are received in the meantime, there may be more curtailment. The mills spin 40s to 50s and 20s to 60s yarns. The Myers Mills, Inc., operated last week for the first time in over three weeks. The mills ran in the day time only for three days. The company is spinning 20s, 22s and 30s yarns. Gastonia, N. C., reported that the Parkdale Mills, Inc., operated three days last week. A little work is being done at night. The mills have 70 spinning frames. The week of June 6 the mills operated two days and will run this week on a part-time schedule. Spartanburg, S. C., wired that the management of the Clearwater textile plant in Aiken County, which has been closed since a strike in early April, resumed operations this week, employing approximately 250 workers. Clearwater was one of three mills affected by the April strike. The Bath Mill, another, resumed night operations on a limited scale two weeks ago, while the Langley plant has not yet opened.

Manchester cabled: "In most districts of Lancashire no change in employment conditions has taken place this week, although the notices by the Cotton Spinners' & Manufacturers' Association to end all agreements on wages and hours in the industry took effect at noon last Saturday. The em-

ployers decided to continue the old rates for the time being. In some districts, however, there were attempts by individual mills to impose wage reductions and the operatives affected quit work."

Employees of Procter & Gamble Co. have been notified that the usual two weeks shut down in July has been indefinitely postponed owing to increased business partly ascribed to the large sales in anticipation of the 5% Federal tax and the recent reduction in the wholesale price of soap. Sears, Roebuck reports for four weeks from May 28 to June 18, sales of \$24,200,341 against \$29,813,876 in 1931 period, a decrease of 18.8%. For the 24 weeks to June 18 sales were \$126,335,261 against \$158,968,370 in the 1931 period, a decrease of 20.5%.

Washington wired: "The Department of Commerce announced that according to preliminary census figures, 31,737,174 cotton spindles were in place in the United States on May 31; of these, 21,639,352 spindles were operated at some time during the month, compared to 23,409,246 for April and 26,379,082 for May 1931. The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was 4,577,485,125. Based on an activity of 8.93 hours per day, the average number of spindles operated during the month was 20,101,816 or at 63.3% of capacity in a single shift basis. This, compared to 70.7% for April and 89.6% for May 1931. The average number of active spindle-hours per spindle in place for the month was 144." London cabled: "A sensation was caused in Lancashire cotton circles by the resignation of Sir Kenneth Stewart as Chairman of the Lancashire Cotton Corporation, the largest spinning and manufacturing firm in the world. No details are as yet available concerning the reason for the resignation."

As to weather conditions, on the 20th inst. it was 57 to 79 degrees here. Boston had 64 to 76; Chicago, 66 to 82; Cincinnati, 70 to 84; Cleveland, 60 to 84; Denver, 58 to 74; Detroit, 66 to 90; Kansas City, 64 to 82; Milwaukee, 66 to 84; Montreal, 64 to 88; Oklahoma City, 76 to 92; Omaha, 58 to 74; Philadelphia, 58 to 78; Portland, Me., 50 to 74; Portland, Ore., 58 to 88; San Francisco, 56 to 74; Seattle, 58 to 70; Spokane, 52 to 82; St. Louis, 64 to 84; Winnipeg, 60 to 78. On the 21st inst. New York had temperatures of 63 to 78. Boston had 70 to 80, Chicago 68 to 72. In New York on the 23rd inst. the temperatures were 66 to 78, while at Lake Placid, N. Y., snow fell. It was very unusual. Earlier in the week it was 83 here. In Boston on the 23rd inst. it was 74; in Chicago, 72; in Cincinnati, 88; in Kansas City, 92; in Minneapolis, 78. To-day New York had 52 to 61 degrees. The forecast for to-morrow and Sunday was fair and warmer; 52 degrees was the coldest June 24 on record. Snow fell in northern New York; water froze. There were snow flurries at Saranac Lake, Bloomingdale and in the Moose River Valley near McKeever. Rochester had a new low of 45. Other temperatures were 34 at Saranac Lake, 40 at Schroon Lake, 44 at Albany, 46 at Buffalo and 47 at Syracuse.

Total Unemployed Estimated at 12,000,000—Data Covering Various Industries From Federal and Other Sources Compiled By Representative Collins.

Information compiled from analysis of various official and unofficial computations on unemployment indicates the possibility that there were more than 12,000,000 persons involuntarily idle in February 1932, and that the number of unemployed has increased since then, Representative Collins (Dem.), of Meridian, Miss., stated orally June 8. This is learned from the "United States Daily" of June 9, which further stated:

He has made a study of various official and unofficial computations with the result, he said, that it is possible to estimate the number of workers laid off in various industries.

Sources of Information.

"There has been no complete unemployment census," he said, "since that of April 1930; and so, in order to determine how many persons lost their jobs since that time, it is necessary to refer to certain other information."

"The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor publishes in the 'Monthly Labor Review' each month reports on unemployment from a large number of industries and occupations, including manufacturing, anthracite mining, bituminous coal mining, metalliferous mining, quarrying and non-metalliferous mining, crude petroleum producing, telephone and telegraph, power, light, and water, electric railroads, wholesale trade, retail trade, and hotels. The Inter-State Commerce Commission publishes reports on employment on Class I steam railroads each month.

Agricultural Situation.

"In agriculture the Department of Agriculture collects reports from several thousand farms on the number of hired workers employed, and publishes a report each month showing the average number of hired workers per farm. In the field of building there are no employment figures available for the entire country extending back to April 1930, although the Survey of Current Business publishes an index of construction employment in Ohio.

"Also the F. W. Dodge Corp. compiles data showing the number of building projects undertaken each month, the square feet of floor space represented by those contracts, and their valuation. From these figures it is possible to arrive at an estimate of the changes in employment in the building industry.

"By computing the percentage changes in the various indicators from April 1930 to February 1932—the latest month for which complete figures are available—and applying these percentages to the actual numbers at work in April 1930, it is possible to estimate the number of workers laid off in the various industries specified above.

"All told, the compilation covers industries and occupations in which the normal number of 'persons with gainful occupations' is 26,643,323, or 54.6% of the 48,832,589 gainful workers as reported by the April 1930 census.

"According to this tabulation the total estimated number of persons who have lost their jobs since April 1930 in these industries alone is 6,502,794. This figure represents an increase of unemployment over that of April 1930. Adding this figure to the 3,187,647 reported as unemployed in classes A and B, we get an estimated total of 9,690,441.

Unknown Conditions.

"The compilation covers only a little more than half of the gainful workers of the United States. Some of occupations for which there is no employment information, such as public service, insurance, farming, and professional occupations, have probably experienced little unemployment since April 1930.

"But common experience tells us that in forestry and fishing, construction of roads, streets, and sewers, banking and brokerage, recreation and amusement, water transportation, domestic and personal service, and many other occupations there has been a considerable increase of unemployment since April 1930.

"Taking into consideration all of these factors—possible error in these estimates, the stability of employment in certain occupations not included in the compilation, and the probable increased unemployment in other occupations for which there is no information—it is safe to conclude that the estimated total of nearly 9,700,000 unemployed is the minimum. It is quite possible that there were more than 12,000,000 persons involuntarily idle in February 1932. The number of unemployed has increased since February."

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight a Little Larger.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on June 11 totaled 501,760 cars, according to reports filed by the railroads with the car service division of the American Railway Association and made public on Tuesday. This was an increase of 54,375 cars above the preceding week this year when loadings were reduced somewhat owing to the observance of Decoration Day. It was, however, a reduction of 230,649 cars below the corresponding week in 1931 and 424,306 cars under the same period two years ago. Details follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week ended on June 11 totaled 195,549 cars, an increase of 25,556 cars above the preceding week, but 99,052 cars under the corresponding week in 1931, and 170,867 cars under the same week in 1930.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 176,681 cars, an increase of 21,697 cars above the preceding week, but 42,035 cars below the corresponding week last year and 66,364 cars under the same week two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 24,623 cars, 1,320 cars above the preceding week, but 6,336 cars below the corresponding week last year and 14,352 cars below the same week in 1930. In the Western districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week ended on June 11 totaled 15,498 cars, a decrease of 4,450 cars below the same week last year.

Coal loading totaled 66,833 cars, an increase of 3,739 cars above the preceding week, but 39,577 cars below the corresponding week last year, and 68,285 cars below the same week in 1930.

Forest products loading totaled 17,074 cars, an increase of 655 cars above the preceding week, but 13,472 cars under the same week in 1931 and 32,996 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Ore loading amounted to 3,141 cars, an increase of 956 cars above the week before, but 24,473 cars under the corresponding week last year, and 59,292 cars under the same week in 1930.

Coke loading amounted to 2,647 cars, a decrease of 364 cars below the preceding week, 2,815 cars below the same week last year and 6,735 cars below the same week two years ago.

Live stock loading amounted to 15,212 cars, an increase of 814 cars above the preceding week, but 2,889 cars below the same week last year and 5,415 cars below the same week two years ago. In the Western districts alone, loading of live stock for the week ended on June 11 totaled 11,563 cars, a decrease of 2,292 cars compared with the same week last year.

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

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

	1932.	1931	1930
Four weeks in January	2,269,875	2,873,211	3,470,797
Four weeks in February	2,245,325	2,834,119	3,506,899
Four weeks in March	2,280,672	2,936,928	3,515,733
Five weeks in April	2,772,888	3,757,863	4,561,634
Four weeks in May	2,087,756	2,958,784	3,650,775
Week ended June 4	447,387	761,084	935,582
Week ended June 11	501,760	732,409	926,006
Total	12,605,663	16,854,398	20,567,486

The foregoing, as noted, cover total loadings by the railroads of the United States for the week ended June 11. In the table below we undertake to show also the loadings for the separate roads and systems. It should be understood, however, that in this case the figures are a week behind those of the general totals—that is, are for the week ended June 4. During the latter period a total of only four roads showed increases over the corresponding week last year, the most important of which were the Bangor & Aroostook RR. and Virginian Ry.

REVENUE FREIGHT LOADED AND RECEIVED FROM CONNECTIONS (NUMBER OF CARS)—WEEK ENDED JUNE 4.

Table with columns for Railroads, Total Revenue Freight Loaded (1932, 1931, 1930), and Total Loads Received from Connections (1932, 1931). Rows are categorized by Eastern District, Northwestern District, and Southern District.

x Included in New York Central. y Included in Baltimore & Ohio RR. z Estimated.

Current Business Conditions According to Statisticians of National Industrial Conference Board—Volume of Activity in May About Same as in Low Period of 1920-1921 Depression—Automobile Production and Construction Gained.

General business activity continued to decline in May, dropping below the level of April by an amount which was greater than seasonal, said the June 20 Survey of the Conference of Statisticians in Industry, operating under the auspices of the National Industrial Conference Board.

"This decline in business as a whole," says the survey, "occurred in the face of sharp gains in automobile production and public works construction." It is added that "the volume of activity in May was roughly the same as that reached during the low period in the 1920-21 depression." Continuing, the survey further summarizes conditions as follows:

Productive activity in the main declined, as did both total distribution by rail freight and retail trade. Declines in primary shipments and in distribution to the consumer occurred, notwithstanding the fact that, ordinarily, seasonal movements are upward between April and May.

Automobile production moved upward sharply in May as in April and reflected activity held over from the early months of this year. Building and engineering construction again showed gains because of increased public works activity. Output of steel and iron declined more

than is normal at this time of the year to new low levels for the depression. Production of bituminous coal and shipments of anthracite were sharply curtailed during the month. Electric power produced in May declined again by more than a seasonal amount, although a slight improvement has been observed during the first half of June.

The total number of passenger cars and trucks produced in the United States and Canada in May, estimated at 185,970 units, showed a 20% increase over production in April, moving upward once again, although in previous years output in May has shown a down turn under that of April. Output in May was 44% below that of May, 1931. New car registrations in reporting states to date showed an increase in May of 12% over April, at a level 46% below registrations in May, 1931.

The dollar value of building and engineering contract awards in May, as reported by the F. W. Dodge Corporation, increased over awards in April by 20% to a total of \$146,221,200, but was at a level 52% below that of May 1931. The seasonal movement at this time of the year has been a 5% decline. The increase was due largely to gains in public works and in non-residential construction. Residential awards totaling \$25,556,800 declined in May by 11%, an approximately seasonal amount, under awards in April to a level 71% below that of a year ago.

Steel ingot production declined more than the seasonal amount between April and May to an average daily output in the latter month of 42,593 gross tons. The decline of 12% brought output to a level 56% under that of May 1931; the seasonal movement in recent years has been a 3% decline. Pig iron production averaged 25,276 gross tons per day in May, a decline of 11% under daily output in April, whereas a 3% seasonal decline is normal. Steel operations during the month were at 20.1% of capacity as against 22.5% in April and 45.4% in May 1931. Unfilled orders held by the United States Steel Corporation at the end of the month totaled 2,177,162 gross tons, the lowest on record, declining 6% under those at the end of April, at a level of 40% under those of a year ago.

Bituminous coal output declined by 9% in May as compared with April to an estimated total of 18,370,000 net tons; in recent years the movement between these months averaged an increase of 5%. Shipments of anthracite in May amounted to 2,589,883 gross tons as against 4,476,704 in April and 4,132,989 tons in May 1931. Shipments were the lowest in many years, except when operations were interrupted by labor difficulties.

Electric power produced in May, averaging 1,432 million kilowatt hours per week, declined more than seasonally under output in April. Per day of operations electric power produced during the month declined by roughly 4½%, which is three times the usual seasonal decline. Total output of current during the month is now at the 1927 level and 17% below the amount produced in May 1929. Demand for power appears, however, to have become stabilized at the present level, with a slight improvement during the first two weeks of June.

Activity in the textile apparel industry is now at the lowest level for which records are available.

Total distribution of commodities by freight in May declined 6% under shipments in April, although a seasonal increase of 6% is normal. Freight loadings averaged 522,000 cars per week, which average was at a level 30% below that of May 1931. Merchandise and miscellaneous carloadings declined 3% in May as compared with April to an average weekly total of 376,500 cars; the seasonal movement in recent years has been a 1% increase. These loadings were 27% below May 1931.

The dollar value of department store sales in May declined 4% under sales in April, though a 2% increase is seasonal. Sales in May in dollar values were 24% below those of May 1931, on an average daily basis. Prices are estimated to be 17½% below their level of May 1931. Five and ten cent store sales declined in dollar values in May by 1% under sales in April to an amount 14% under that of a year ago. Seasonally the April to May movement in recent years was on the average a 4% increase. Fixed chain groups seem now to begin feeling the effects of the depression.

Wholesale prices of commodities in May declined by almost 2% under prices in April to a level 12% under what they were a year ago, and to a level 30% under the level of January 1930. Declines in May were distributed over a wide front and were greater than in the past three months.

Commercial failures during the month slackened somewhat. The number of failures declined by 1% under the number for April to a total of 2,788, although the average seasonal decline in recent years has been 5%. Liabilities incurred, totaling \$83,763,000, declined by 17% in May as against a normal seasonal decline of 7%. Failures in May were 24% greater in number and 57% greater in liabilities than in May 1931.

Preliminary estimates of employment in manufacturing industries reveal a more than seasonal decline under employment in April. Weekly and hourly earnings of those employed also declined, as did the average number of hours worked per week. The cost of living in May again declined slightly.

Altogether, the further decline of business in May showed no slowing up in the rate of contraction. The levels of activity in a few major fields are less than half of what they were a year ago. Consumer purchasing continued to subside, although a slight seasonal improvement is normal at this time. Carry-over operations from early months of the year in the automobile industry and in public works construction were the only visible signs of improvement during May.

Wholesale Price Index of National Fertilizer Association Advanced for First Time in Two Months During Week Ended June 18. |

For the first time in two months wholesale prices, as measured by the index of The National Fertilizer Association, advanced during the latest week. For six consecutive weeks this index had declined. During the latest week the index number advanced from 59.6 to 60.0, an increase of four fractional points. A month ago the index stood at 60.6, while a year ago it was 68.5. The index number 100 is based on the average for the three years 1926-1928. The Association also said as follows, June 20:

Of the fourteen groups listed in the index, four advanced, five declined and the remaining five showed no change during the latest week. The advancing groups were grains, feeds and livestock, fuel (including petroleum and its products), foods and fats and oils. The largest gain was shown in the group of grains, feeds and livestock. The declining groups were house-furnishing goods, building materials, textiles, fertilizer materials and agricultural implements. With the exception of house-furnishing goods, the declines were very small.

A greater number of commodity prices advanced during the latest week than for any week during the last several months, 22 commodities showing price advances, compared with 11 commodities that showed price advances during the preceding week. During the latest week 23 commodity prices were lower. During the preceding week 37 commodities evidenced lower prices. Included in the list of commodities that showed advanced prices were cotton, burlap, lard, sugar, flour, corn, wheat, cattle, hogs, tin and gasoline. Among the commodities that showed price losses were wool, bread, eggs, rice, silver, butter and coffee.

The index number and comparative for each of the 14 groups listed in the index are given in the table below.

WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX—BASED ON 476 COMMODITY PRICES (1926-1928=100.)

Per Cent Each Group Bears to the Total Index.	Group.	Latest Week June 18 1932.	Preceding Week.	Month Ago.	Year Ago.
23.2	Foods.....	59.7	58.9	61.0	71.2
16.0	Fuel.....	64.9	64.0	63.5	54.2
12.8	Grains, feeds and livestock..	41.3	40.3	42.2	62.4
10.1	Textiles.....	40.7	40.8	43.1	58.5
8.5	Miscellaneous commodities..	59.5	59.5	60.1	69.0
5.7	Automobiles.....	87.7	87.7	87.7	88.4
6.6	Building materials.....	72.1	72.4	73.0	80.9
6.2	Metals.....	71.0	71.0	71.1	76.0
4.0	Housefurnishing goods.....	75.3	80.0	80.0	90.5
3.8	Fats and oils.....	36.1	35.9	37.2	54.4
1.0	Chemicals and drugs.....	87.6	87.6	87.8	88.7
0.4	Fertilizer materials.....	67.9	67.8	68.3	80.7
0.4	Mixed fertilizer.....	71.9	71.9	71.9	84.1
0.3	Agricultural implements.....	92.1	92.2	92.2	95.4
100.0	All groups combined.....	60.0	59.6	60.6	68.5

Decrease Reported by United States Department of Labor in Wholesale Prices for Week Ended June 18.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor announces that the index number of wholesale prices for the week ending June 18 stands at 63.7 as compared with 63.8 for the week ending June 11. The Bureau on June 22 further reported:

This index number, which includes 784 commodities or price series, weighted according to the importance of each article and based on the average prices in 1926 as 100.0, shows that a decrease of 2-10ths of 1% has taken place in the general average of all commodities for the week of June 18, when compared with the week ending on June 11.

The accompanying statement shows the index numbers of groups of commodities for the weeks ending May 21, 28; June 4, 11 and 18.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES FOR WEEKS OF M Y 21, 28, JUNE 4, 11 AND 18.

	Week Ending.				
	May 21.	May 28.	June 4.	June 11.	June 18.
All commodities.....	64.5	64.3	64.0	63.8	63.7
Farm products.....	47.1	46.3	45.6	45.8	45.4
Foods.....	59.1	59.3	58.6	58.6	58.5
Hides and leather products.....	72.2	72.1	72.0	71.5	71.2
Textile products.....	55.8	55.4	54.8	54.3	53.6
Fuel and lighting.....	71.4	71.4	71.3	71.3	71.6
Metals and metal products.....	79.9	79.8	79.9	79.9	79.9
Building materials.....	71.8	71.3	71.0	71.0	70.9
Chemicals and drugs.....	73.6	73.4	73.2	73.1	73.0
Housefurnishing goods.....	75.9	75.9	75.8	75.6	75.7
Miscellaneous.....	64.4	64.1	64.0	64.0	64.0

Federal Reserve Board's Summary of Business Conditions in the United States—Industrial Production in May at Lowest Level in 13 Years.

Industrial production in May touched the lowest level in 13 years, dropping below the low points of 1921 for the first time, according to indices made available by the Federal Reserve Board June 23. The "United States Daily" of June 24, notes this and further reports as follows the Board's monthly summary of conditions:

The Federal Reserve index of industrial production, which covers only the 13 years between 1919 and 1931 and which is based on 1923-25 averages as 100, fell to 61 in May. The lowest record in 1921 was 64 according to the information.

In April the index equalled the 1921 low of 64, and declines continued during May until the index fell to 61. The index records production at factories and mines, according to a statement issued by the Board.

Activity in Automobile Industry.

Minor increases in activity, offset by other, declines occurred in automobile production during May and were maintained during the opening weeks of June. Steel and iron production decreased, however.

Gold withdrawals which cut the American monetary gold stock by \$435,000,000 between May 4 and June 15 practically ceased after the middle of June. The only expansion in bank credit was in holdings of Government securities.

The Board's statement follows in full text:

Volume of production in basic industries and employment at factories decreased further in May, and wholesale prices declined. Foreign withdrawals of gold, which had been in large volume in May and the first half of June, practically stopped after the middle of the month.

Production and Employment.

Production at mines and factories declined further in May, and the Board's seasonally adjusted index of industrial production showed a reduction from 64% of the 1923-1925 average in April to 61% in May.

Output of coal was substantially reduced, particularly in the anthracite fields; shipments of iron ore showed less than the usual seasonal increase, production of iron and steel declined, and activity at textile mills and shoe factories was further curtailed. In the automobile industry output increased considerably.

In the first part of June activity in the steel and cotton industries was reported to have declined further, while output of automobiles continued at about the same rate as in the latter part of May.

Increase in Unemployment.

Further reductions in employment and earnings of factory workers accompanied the smaller volume of manufacturing output in May, particularly in the steel and machinery industries and in the textile and clothing trades. Employment at automobile plants and in the seasonally active food industries showed an increase.

Value of building contracts awarded, according to reports to the F. W. Hodge Corp., after increasing somewhat in April and May, declined slightly in the first half of June, reflecting chiefly smaller awards for public works and other non-residential building.

Distribution.

Railroad freight traffic decreased further in May, the largest reduction being in shipments of coal and miscellaneous freight. Sales of department stores in leading cities, which had increased substantially during April, were smaller in May.

Wholesale Prices.

Prices of commodities at wholesale were 1.7% lower in May than in April according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. There were large decreases in prices of many domestic agricultural products and of hides and textiles. Prices of petroleum products advanced.

During the first three weeks of June, market quotations for a number of non-agricultural commodities were relatively steady, and prices of sugar, meats, and livestock increased. Prices of wheat, after considerable fluctuations, were at unusually low levels at the beginning of the third week in June.

Bank Credit.

Withdrawal of gold from the United States continued through May and the first half of June, and the country's stock of monetary gold declined by \$435,000,000 between May 4 and June 15. After that date there was no further decline in the total stock of monetary gold, continued gold exports representing gold previously earmarked by foreign central banks.

During the first part of May continued purchases of United States Government securities by the Reserve Banks enabled member banks further to

ment of Labor from 352 identical cities of the United States having a population of 25,000 or over, for the months of April 1932 and May 1932. The estimated cost of all buildings for which permits were issued in these 352 cities during the month of May 1932, was \$67,501,025. This was 24.0% greater than the estimated cost of building operations in these cities during the month of April 1932. Ordinarily permits issued during May show a decrease as compared with April. The number of permits for all building operations decreased 4.4% comparing these two periods. Comparing May 1932 with April 1932, there was a decrease of 10.9% in the number and a decrease of 18.6% in the estimated cost of new residential buildings. New non-residential buildings decreased 4.4% in number but the indicated expenditures for this class of building increased 57.1%. Additions, alterations and repairs decreased 3.7% in number and 14.7% in estimated cost. During May 1932, 2,696 family dwelling units were provided for in new buildings. This is a decrease of 16.0% as compared with April. The survey issued by the Bureau June 20, also states:

Various agencies of the United States Government awarded contracts during May for buildings to cost \$29,241,856. This valuation was more than twice as high as for either April 1932 or May 1931.

Comparing permits issued in 346 identical cities in May 1932 and May 1931, there was a decrease of 64.2% in number and a decrease of 79.8% in estimated expenditures for new residential buildings. New non-residential buildings decreased 37.2% in number and 26.7% in estimated cost. Additions, alterations and repairs decreased 15.4% in number and 42.2% in cost. Total construction decreased 28.9% in number and 48.9% in indicated expenditures. The number of family dwelling units provided decreased 76.8%.

Permits were issued during May 1932, for the following important building projects: In Springfield, Mass., for a bank building to cost \$350,000; in Hackensack, N. J., for a store building to cost over \$300,000; in the Borough of Queens for a public school building to cost \$582,000; in Pittsburgh for two churches to cost \$2,480,000; in Indianapolis for a public works and utilities building to cost over \$600,000; in Baltimore for a City hospital to cost \$800,000; in Seattle for a school building to cost \$350,000. Contracts were awarded by the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, for an addition to the post office in New York to cost \$1,800,000; in Washington, D. C., for various public buildings to cost over \$22,000,000; in Chattanooga for a post office to cost over \$800,000; in Knoxville for a post office and Federal Court House to cost over \$900,000. A contract was awarded by the Veterans' Administration for a hospital in Wichita, Kans., to cost over \$700,000.

ESTIMATED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS IN 352 IDENTICAL CITIES, AS SHOWN BY PERMITS ISSUED IN APRIL AND MAY 1932, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS.

Geographic Division.	Cities.	New Residential Buildings.			
		Estimated Cost.		Families Provided for in New Dwellings.	
		April 1932.	May 1932.	April 1932.	May 1932.
New England.....	54	\$1,411,099	\$1,111,223	324	252
Middle Atlantic.....	71	3,421,189	2,534,167	730	534
East North Central.....	92	2,178,313	1,484,042	396	337
West North Central.....	25	1,079,198	1,081,855	302	314
South Atlantic.....	38	1,193,120	1,238,690	307	314
South Central.....	35	886,545	695,911	386	344
Mountain and Pacific.....	37	2,414,373	2,094,568	764	601
Total.....	352	\$12,583,837	\$10,240,480	3,209	2,696
Per cent of change....			-18.6		-16.0

Geographic Division.	Cities.	New Non-Residential Buildings, Estimated Cost.		Total Construction (Including Alterations and Repairs), Estimated Cost.	
		April 1932.	May 1932.	April 1932.	May 1932.
		New England.....	54	\$1,200,991	\$1,278,979
Middle Atlantic.....	71	11,829,408	9,366,909	19,169,539	15,164,225
East North Central.....	92	4,183,252	3,879,727	8,281,658	7,108,051
West North Central.....	25	1,074,241	2,494,668	2,839,137	4,119,466
South Atlantic.....	38	6,682,779	23,867,760	9,214,332	26,347,224
South Central.....	35	2,932,421	3,685,609	4,510,227	5,014,360
Mountain and Pacific.....	37	2,110,394	2,553,484	5,884,642	6,005,939
Total.....	352	\$29,994,486	\$47,127,136	\$54,454,936	\$67,501,025
Per cent of change....			+57.1		+24.0

Decrease Reported in Wholesale Prices by United States Department of Labor During May as Compared With April.

The index number of wholesale commodity prices as computed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor shows a decrease from April 1932, to May 1932. This index number, which includes 784 commodities or price series weighted according to the importance of each article, and based on the average prices for the year 1926 as 100.0, averaged 64.4 for May as compared with 65.5 for the month of April, showing a decrease of approximately 1 3/4% between the two months. When compared with May 1931, with an index number of 73.2 a decrease of about 12% has been recorded in the 12 months. The Bureau also had the following to say on June 18, as to wholesale prices:

In the group of farm products, decreases in the average price of grains, cows, steers, hogs, sheep, live poultry, cotton, hay, fresh milk at Chicago, peanuts, onions, tobacco and wool, caused the group as a whole to decline 5 1-3% from the previous month. Increases in the average price for the month were shown for calves, dried beans, eggs, lemons, oranges, and sweet potatoes.

Among foods price decreases were reported for butter, cheese, evaporated milk, bread, crackers, meats, lard, raw and granulated sugar, and vegetable oils. On the other hand, wheat flour, prunes, canned spinach, and coffee averaged higher than in the month before. The group as a whole declined 2 3/4% in May when compared with April.

The hides and leather products group decreased 3 1-3% during the month, with all the subgroups sharing in the decline. The group of textile products as a whole decreased 2 1/2% from April to May, due to marked declines for cotton goods, knit goods, silk and rayon, woolen and worsted goods, and other textile products. The subgroup of clothing declined slightly.

In the group of fuel and lighting materials increases in the prices of gas, Pennsylvania gasoline, and crude petroleum more than offset decreases in the prices of anthracite coal, bituminous coal, coke, and electricity, resulting in a net advance of 3/4 of 1% over the April level for the group as a whole.

Metals and metal products showed a slight downward tendency for May. Decreases were shown for agricultural implements, iron and steel, and non-ferrous metals. Motor vehicles and plumbing and heating fixtures showed no change between April and May. In the group of building materials, cement and structural steel showed no change in average prices for the two months. Brick and tile, paint and paint materials, and other building materials continued their downward movement, forcing the group as a whole to decline approximately 1 1/2%.

Mixed fertilizers showed further recession during May, as did also chemicals, drugs and pharmaceuticals, and fertilizer materials. The group as a whole decreased more than 1% from the April level.

Furniture averaged 4% lower in May than in April, while furnishings were slightly higher. As a whole the housefurnishing goods group declined about 2% from the month before.

The group of miscellaneous commodities decreased 1/2 of 1% between April and May due to sharp declines in prices of cattle feed. Paper and pulp declined slightly, while for crude rubber and other miscellaneous commodities the trend was upward. Automobile tires and tubes remained at the April level.

The May averages for all of the special groups of commodities were below the averages for April, ranging from a little more than 1/2 of 1% in the case of all commodities other than farm products and foods to nearly 3% in the case of raw materials.

Between April and May, price decreases took place in 302 instances, increases in 55 instances, while in 427 instances no change in price occurred.

The Bureau also issued the following index numbers: INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES BY GROUPS AND SUBGROUPS OF COMMODITIES (1926=100.0).

Commodity Groups and Subgroups.	May 1931.	April 1932.	May 1932.
All commodities.....	73.2	65.5	64.4
Farm products.....	67.1	49.2	46.6
Grains.....	59.6	44.5	42.6
Livestock and poultry.....	64.1	49.2	44.4
Other farm products.....	71.5	51.2	49.6
Foods.....	73.8	61.0	59.3
Butter, cheese and milk.....	78.1	61.6	59.6
Cereal products.....	74.6	68.2	68.1
Fruits and vegetables.....	76.1	62.3	61.5
Meats.....	74.4	59.8	56.5
Other foods.....	67.9	55.8	54.9
Hides and leather products.....	87.6	75.0	72.5
Bots and shoes.....	94.8	84.8	84.4
Hides and skins.....	62.6	40.8	35.7
Leather.....	88.1	67.2	60.6
Other leather products.....	101.4	98.0	97.9
Textile products.....	67.4	57.0	55.6
Clothing.....	76.9	68.7	68.2
Cotton goods.....	69.2	55.1	52.9
Knit goods.....	60.7	51.9	50.5
Silk and rayon.....	41.4	31.3	29.1
Woolen and worsted goods.....	68.5	59.7	58.3
Other textile products.....	76.7	68.2	67.2
Fuel and lighting materials.....	65.3	70.2	70.7
Anthracite coal.....	87.5	85.7	85.6
Bituminous coal.....	83.9	82.7	82.0
Coke.....	83.7	79.8	77.1
Electricity.....	98.0	103.5	*
Gas.....	99.0	99.1	*
Petroleum products.....	35.9	45.5	47.2
Metals and metal products.....	85.0	80.3	80.1
Agricultural implements.....	94.3	85.0	84.9
Iron and steel.....	83.8	80.1	80.0
Motor vehicles.....	94.5	93.8	93.8
Non-ferrous metals.....	63.3	49.3	48.3
Plumbing and heating.....	86.6	64.4	64.4
Building materials.....	80.0	72.5	71.5
Brick and tile.....	83.7	78.4	77.4
Cement.....	79.7	75.0	75.0
Lumber.....	69.4	60.0	59.5
Paint and paint materials.....	80.2	74.7	73.9
Plumbing and heating.....	86.6	64.4	64.4
Structural steel.....	84.3	81.7	81.7
Other building materials.....	86.3	80.2	78.2
Chemicals and drugs.....	80.5	74.4	73.6
Chemicals.....	83.9	79.7	79.1
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....	63.2	58.9	58.7
Fertilizer materials.....	80.5	70.1	69.4
Mixed fertilizers.....	82.8	71.1	69.0
Housefurnishing goods.....	86.8	76.3	74.8
Furnishings.....	83.6	75.4	75.5
Furniture.....	90.4	77.4	74.1
Miscellaneous.....	70.5	64.7	64.4
Automobile tires and tubes.....	46.9	39.2	39.2
Cattle feed.....	67.9	53.4	45.9
Paper and pulp.....	81.5	76.8	76.5
Rubber, crude.....	13.7	6.6	6.7
Other miscellaneous.....	88.5	84.5	84.6
Raw materials.....	66.5	55.5	53.9
Semi-manufactured articles.....	69.8	59.6	58.1
Finished products.....	76.9	71.1	70.3
Non-agricultural commodities.....	74.5	68.9	68.1
All commodities less farm products and foods.....	75.1	70.9	70.4

* Data not yet available.

Retail Food Prices Show Decrease of About 2 1-3% Between April 15 and May 15—Average Decline of About 16 1/4% from May 15 1931, According to United States Department of Labor.

Retail food prices in 51 cities of the United States, as reported to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, showed an average decrease of about 2 1-3% on May 15 1932, when compared with April 15 1932, and an average decrease of about 16 1/4% since May 15 1931. The bureau's weighted index numbers, with average prices in 1913 as 100.0, were 121.0 for May 15 1931; 103.7 for April 15 1932; and 101.3 for May 15 1932. Under date of June 18 the bureau also said as follows:

During the month from April 15 1932 to May 15 1932, 31 articles on which monthly prices were secured decreased as follows: Onions, 35%; pork chops, 7%; butter, and pork and beans, 6%; plate beef and lard, 5%; sliced bacon, canned red salmon, and sugar, 4%; hens, evaporated milk, cheese, vegetable lard substitute, and rice, 3%; rib roast, chuck roast, sliced ham, leg of lamb, fresh milk, oleomargarine, navy beans, canned peas, coffee, prunes and bananas, 2%; sirloin steak, round steak, corn flakes, macaroni, and tea, 1%; and wheat cereal, less than .5 of 1%. Four articles increased: Potatoes, 6%; cabbage, and oranges, 3%; and strictly fresh eggs, 1%. The following seven articles showed no change in the month. Bread, flour, cornmeal, rolled oats, canned corn, canned tomatoes and raisins.

Changes in Retail Prices of Food by Cities.

During the month from April 15 1932, to May 15 1932, 50 of the 51 cities from which prices were received showed decreases in the average cost of food as follows: Houston, 5%; Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Columbus, Mobile, New Orleans, Omaha, Peoria and Pittsburgh, 4%; Birmingham, Boston, Bridgeport, Butte, Dallas, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Newark, New Haven, Richmond, Rochester, St. Louis, Savannah, Springfield (Ill.), and Washington, 3%; Charleston (S. C.), Cincinnati, Cleveland, Fall River, Jacksonville, Little Rock, Louisville, Manchester, Minneapolis, Norfolk, Portland (Me.), Providence, San Francisco, Scranton, and Seattle, 2%; Atlanta, Denver, New York, Philadelphia, and St. Paul, 1%; and Los Angeles, Memphis and Salt Lake City, less than .5 of 1%. In Portland (Oreg.) there was an increase of less than .5 of 1%.

For the year period May 15 1931, to May 15 1932, all of the 51 cities showed decreases; Detroit, 24%; Cincinnati, 23%; Columbus, Houston, Little Rock, and Pittsburgh, 20%; Jacksonville, Kansas City, Savannah, and Washington, 19%; Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Mobile, Richmond, and St. Louis, 18%; Atlanta, Boston, Butte, Indianapolis, Louisville, Omaha, and Philadelphia, 17%; Los Angeles, Manchester, Peoria, St. Paul, Salt Lake City, and Springfield (Ill.), 16%; Birmingham, Charleston (S. C.), Dallas, Fall River, and Milwaukee, 15%; Bridgeport, Buffalo, Memphis, Newark, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Providence, and Scranton, 14%; Denver, New Haven, Rochester, San Francisco, and Seattle, 13%; Portland (Me.), 12%; and Portland (Oreg.), 11%.

Gas Utility Revenues Down 6% in April.

Revenues of manufactured and natural gas utilities aggregated \$58,929,472 in April 1932, as compared with \$62,686,965 in April 1931, a decline of 6%, according to reports to the American Gas Association from 405 companies serving 14,102,466 customers and representing over 90% of the public utility distribution of manufactured and natural gas. The Association further states:

Revenues of the manufactured gas companies aggregated \$33,219,682 for the month, a drop of 3% from a year ago. The natural gas utilities reported revenues of \$25,709,790 which were about 9% under the figures for April 1931.

Sales of manufactured gas reported for April totaled 31,585,383,000 cubic feet, a decline of 2.5%, while natural gas utility sales for the month were 58,704,285,000 cubic feet, a decline of 13.1%.

A significant feature of the data on manufactured gas was an increase of more than 17% registered in New England in sales of gas for house heating purposes, although the number of house heating customers gained only 2%. The East North Central States, comprising Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, indicated an increase of nearly 14% in this class of sales, although the number of house heating customers in April was practically unchanged from the same month of the preceding year.

New York State was one of the few sections of the country to register a gain in manufactured gas sales. In that State total sales for the month were up 1.2%, the result in large part of an increase of some 35% in gas house heating sales.

In most sections of the country domestic sales of both manufactured and natural gas receded but little from 1931 levels. Gas sales for industrial-commercial purposes however continued to average from 12 to 15% under the preceding year.

Report by University of Buffalo on Wholesale Credit Conditions in Buffalo—Rise Reported for May in Ratio of Overdue to Outstanding Accounts.

The ratio of overdue to outstanding accounts for 28 identical concerns in the Buffalo area rose from 19.5% on May 1 to 21.3% on June 1, an increase of 9%, according to a report issued June 20 by the Bureau of Business and Social Research of the University of Buffalo. The report states that the "overdue accounts rose 5% and outstanding account fell 4%." It adds:

A comparison of the June 1 1932 ratio with that of June 1 1931 shows a 17% increase. This ratio is based upon reports of 21 identical concerns.

In the food group conditions were more favorable. Outstanding accounts rose 15% and overdue accounts declined 6%, resulting in a decrease of the ratio from 31.8% on May 1 to 26.2% on June 1.

Below are given (1) a comparison of June 1 1932 with May 1 1932 for 28 comparable concerns and eight food concerns, and (2) the monthly increases or decreases in outstanding accounts for comparable concerns in adjoining months.

Table showing (1) Ratio of Overdue to Outstanding Accounts for 28 Identical Concerns and Eight Food Concerns, comparing May 1 and June 1 1932 ratios.

Table showing (2) Volume of Outstanding Accounts, comparing monthly changes in June 1932 with other months from May to June.

Valuation of Construction Contracts Awarded as Compiled by F. W. Dodge Corp. Shows 52% Decline for May.

The valuation of construction contracts awarded in the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains in the month of May, 1932, was \$159,857,900 less than in May 1931, the figure for May of this year being only \$146,221,200, against \$306,079,100 in the same month of last year, a decline of 52% as compared with a decline of 64% in April of 1932 in comparison with April of 1931. For the first five months of the year the decline from 1931 was \$922,342,400.

Construction contracts awarded in the 37 Eastern States during the first half of June (13 business days) showed a total valuation of \$57,813,100, according to F. W. Dodge Corp. This total compares with \$63,079,100 for the period from May 1 through May 14 (12 business days), and \$158,073,800 for the comparable 13 business days of June 1931.

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

Table showing Valuation of Construction Contracts Awarded for 37 States East of the Rocky Mountains, comparing 1932 and 1931 data for various months and categories.

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

Table showing Contemplated Work Reported for 37 States East of the Rocky Mountains, comparing 1932 and 1931 data for various months and categories.

Electric Output for Week Ended June 18 1932 Off 10 1/2%.

The production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Saturday, June 18, was 1,441,532,000 kwh., according to the National Electric Light Association. The Atlantic seaboard shows a decrease of 6.3% from last year, and New England taken alone shows a decrease of 9.5%. The central industrial region, outlined by Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Milwaukee, registers as a whole a decrease of 12.7%. The Pacific Coast shows a decline of 7.6% below last year.

Arranged in tabular form, the output in kilowatt hours of the light and power companies for recent weeks and by months since the beginning of 1932 is as follows:

Table showing Electric Output for Week Ended June 18 1932 Off 10 1/2%, comparing weekly output in kilowatt hours for 1932, 1931, 1930, and 1929.

x Including Memorial Day. y Change computed on basis of average daily report.

Note.—The monthly figures shown above are based on reports covering approximately 97% of the electric light and power industry and the weekly figures are based on about 70%.

Total Sales of 37 Chain Stores Declined 11.8% in May 1932 As Compared with the Same Month Last Year—Mail-Order Companies Off 23.4%.

According to a compilation by E. A. Pierce & Co. of this city, 39 chain store and mail-order companies reported total sales of \$244,030,562 for the month of May 1932, a decrease of 13.8% as compared with the corresponding month last year, while sales for the same number of stores during the first five months of the current year amounted to \$1,190,521,030, or a decline of 12.9%, as compared with the same period in 1931.

The compilation further shows that during the first five months of 1932 sales of grocery chains fell off 13.1%, of 5 and 10-cent and \$1 chains 6.1%, drug chains 10.3%, of shoe chains 17.3%, of restaurant chains 8.8%, of apparel and department chains 11.4% and of mail-order houses 21.7%. A comparative table follows:

Table with 5 columns: Store Name, Sales May 1932, % Change from May 1931, Sales 5 Months 1932, % Decrease from 5 Mos. 1931. Rows include Grocery Chains, 5 & 10 Cent & \$1 Chains, Apparel & Dept. Chains, Drug Chains, Shoe Chains, Restaurant Chains, Miscellaneous, Mail Order, and Grand total 39 companies.

a Four weeks ended May 23. b Four weeks ended May 21. c 21 weeks ended May 28. d 20 weeks ended May 21. e Five months ended May 28. f 22 weeks ended May 28. g 20 weeks ended May 21. h Safeway figures included in totals but not considered in computing percentage decrease. x Comparable figures for 1931 not available. y Increase over same period of 1931.

Review of Building Situation in Illinois During May and First Five Months of 1932 by Illinois Department of Labor.

In reviewing the building situation in Illinois, Howard B. Myers, Chief of the Division of Statistics and Research of the Illinois Department of Labor, states that "during May, building permits were issued in 45 reporting Illinois cities for 1,196 building projects involving an estimated expenditure of \$1,467,450. This is a loss from April of 7.6%," continues Mr. Myers, "in the number of projects authorized and 25.6% in the estimated expenditure." Mr. Myers also reported further as follows on June 19:

While some decline is usually expected in May, the authorized expenditure for May 1932, discloses a loss of 67.9% from the amount authorized by permits in May 1931. The total expenditure for May 1932, is the lowest recorded for any May for the last twelve years—the period for which such records of the Illinois Department of Labor are available.

Cities classified in the suburban group and those outside the Metropolitan area were responsible for the declines from the April 1932 totals. The proposed expenditure for building in the 21 reporting suburban cities in May 1932, declined 64.8% from April 1932, and the loss from May 1931, was 83.6%. Four of the reporting suburban cities experienced an increase in the estimated cost of building projects over April 1932, and 3—Glencoe, West Chicago and Wheaton—reported increases over May 1931.

Declines of 57.1% from April 1932, and 70.5% from May 1931, were recorded by the 23 reporting cities outside the Metropolitan area. Nine of these cities showed a total proposed expenditure higher than that of April 1932, and 3—Canton, Centralia and Murphysboro—showed an increase in proposed expenditure over May 1931.

In contrast, the total estimated cost of building in Chicago increased 82.3% in May over April 1932, although compared to May 1931, estimated expenditure declined 58.1%. Despite this increase the total amount to be expended for building projects in Chicago during May 1932, was less than 5% of the average monthly expenditure for 1929, which is the base period. Non-residential building and additions, alterations, repairs and installations were responsible for the Chicago increase during May, while residential building declined.

The distribution of total expenditure for building projects in the State during May shows that a large proportion, 33.8%, was to be spent on addition, alteration, repair and installation projects; 19.7% on new residential building; and 46.6% on new non-residential building. For Chicago the distribution was 28.1% for additions, alterations, repairs, and installations, 11.1% for new residential, and 60.8% for new non-residential building; for the suburban cities the distribution was 72.9% for additions, alterations, repairs and installations, 15.0% for new residential building, and 12.1% for new non-residential building; and for the remaining reporting cities the corresponding percentages were 29.2, 38.8 and 32.1.

During May 1932, the erection of 68 residential buildings estimated to cost \$289,650 and providing for 71 families was authorized by permit in the 45 reporting cities of the State. Of this total, 20 buildings estimated to cost \$95,250 and providing for 23 families were to be erected in Chicago; 4 buildings estimated to cost \$25,500 and providing for 4 families were to be erected in the reporting suburban cities; and 44, to cost \$168,900 and providing for 44 families were planned for erection in the remaining reporting cities.

During the first five months of 1932 the total estimated expenditure was \$7,065,487 compared to \$47,915,788 for the same period in 1931, a decrease of 85.3%. In Chicago, building declined from \$36,074,290 for the first five months of 1931 to \$3,497,150 for the first five months of 1932, or 90.3%; in the reporting suburban cities from \$5,539,737 in 1931 to \$1,266,903 in 1932, or 77.1%; and in the remaining reporting cities, from \$6,301,761 in 1931 to \$2,301,434 in 1932, or 63.5%.

Statistics issued by Mr. Myers, follow:

TABLE 1—TOTAL NUMBER AND ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDINGS BASED ON PERMITS ISSUED IN 45 ILLINOIS CITIES IN MAY 1932, BY CITY.

Table with 6 columns: City, No. of Bldgs. (May 1932, April 1932, May 1931), Estimated Cost (\$ (May 1932, April 1932, May 1931)). Rows include Total all cities, Metropolitan area, Chicago, Metropolitan area excluding Chicago, and various cities like Alton, Aurora, etc.

TABLE 2.—TOTAL NUMBER AND ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDINGS BASED ON PERMITS ISSUED IN 45 ILLINOIS CITIES FROM JANUARY THROUGH MAY 1932, BY CITY.

City.	Jan.-May 1932.		Jan.-May 1931.	
	No. of Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.	No. of Bldgs.	Estimated Cost.
Total all cities.....	4,243	\$7,065,487	6,999	\$47,915,788
Metropolitan area.....	2,325	4,764,053	4,296	41,614,027
Chicago.....	1,735	3,497,150	3,074	36,074,290
Metropolitan area excluding Chicago.....	590	1,266,903	1,222	5,539,737
Berwyn.....	49	28,888	103	220,428
Blue Island.....	62	36,146	103	120,924
Cicero.....	27	22,285	57	295,708
Evanston.....	93	340,250	152	1,090,000
Forest Park.....	23	9,820	49	128,055
Glencoe.....	10	34,176	27	101,200
Glen Ellyn.....	15	47,190	40	121,859
Harvey.....	18	74,130	39	25,421
Highland Park.....	52	124,030	67	264,474
Kenilworth.....	2	600	14	79,850
La Grange.....	16	8,750	39	60,925
Lake Forest.....	44	59,195	66	672,759
Lombard.....	8	5,150	27	21,210
Maywood.....	38	156,843	89	323,537
Oak Park.....	43	99,020	113	347,425
Park Ridge.....	14	16,625	61	234,900
River Forest.....	8	24,510	25	599,178
West Chicago.....	4	1,450	8	12,840
Wheaton.....	23	67,750	19	42,200
Wilmette.....	19	9,650	78	509,334
Winnetka.....	22	100,445	46	215,850
Total outside metropolitan area.....	1,918	2,301,434	2,703	6,301,761
Alton.....	103	102,345	119	244,048
Aurora.....	103	68,911	195	741,257
Batavia.....	3	5,500	13	27,735
Bloomington.....	14	100,600	35	554,700
Canton.....	16	12,765	18	22,375
Centralla.....	1	20,000	5	19,500
Danville.....	54	74,241	55	59,568
Decatur.....	80	131,345	102	428,350
East St. Louis.....	188	123,791	192	523,504
Elgin.....	95	76,778	179	244,462
Freeport.....	36	49,660	58	161,981
Granite City.....	—	—	10	36,500
Joliet.....	52	59,200	131	370,000
Kankakee.....	15	19,325	23	53,650
Moline.....	200	68,846	245	268,310
Murphysboro.....	3	7,000	2	4,500
Ottawa.....	6	7,300	30	158,800
Peoria.....	251	293,550	322	852,927
Quincy.....	46	24,050	57	90,863
Rockford.....	124	685,020	247	274,685
Rock Island.....	208	75,236	273	274,536
Springfield.....	279	220,971	294	578,958
Waukegan.....	41	75,100	98	310,552

an increase in employment during the March to April period, registered a decrease of 21% from April to May. Employment in woollens, carpets and felts, in silk goods and in miscellaneous continued to decline further.

Few Increases in Other Industries.

Employment in all the other chief industrial groups also was depressed. The furs, leather and rubber goods division reported an 8% decrease. However, two branches of this group had increased employment. Leather manufacturers reported a small increase, while fur factories showed a seasonal improvement of 11%. The shoe industry operated during the April to May period with 7% fewer workers, and manufacturers of gloves, bags and canvas goods used only 75% of the persons on their April payrolls.

All the branches of the chemicals, oils and paints division had fewer workers. Printing and paper goods plants showed a decrease of 3%. Employment in foods, in wood manufactures, in pulp and paper, in stone, clay and glass, and in water, light and power moved downward. Small increases were shown in flour, feed and cereal, meat and dairy products, beverages, in saw and planing mills, and in musical instruments. A seasonal pick-up took place in brick, tile and pottery establishments.

New York City Suffers Severely.

Employment in New York City was depressed. All major manufacturing groups had fewer workers in May than in April. Large decreases were recorded in the stone, clay and glass; furs, leather and rubber goods; clothing and millinery; and metals and machinery groups. A precipitate drop of over 30% took place in employment in the shoe industry. Decreases in men's clothing, women's clothing, women's headwear, and men's furnishings ranged from 14 to 17%. Some gains in employment were noted. Automobile and automobile parts plants in New York City showed an increase of approximately 9%, due to increased personnel in factories manufacturing automobile parts. Fur establishments reported a seasonal increase and manufacturers of meat and dairy products and beverages had taken on workers.

Declines in All Up-State Cities.

Among the up-State cities, Utica reported the greatest decline with decreases of 11% in both employment and payrolls. Some of the metal goods concerns had made sharp reductions in employment and there was a net decline in textiles. Employment dropped 9% in Syracuse, 8% in Albany-Schenectady-Troy, and 7% in Buffalo and Rochester. In most cases the heaviest losses were in the metal industries, although in Rochester, the men's clothing industry had laid off a large number of workers. Binghamton factories laid off only 2% of their workers but cut payrolls 9%.

Construction Employment Low.

Employment in the construction industries was considerably lower in May than in April. A strike of the building trades' workers in New York City caused most of the decrease of 32.2% reported for all kinds of construction. Highway contractors more than doubled their April forces this month. The sub-contracting group, including the greatest proportion of building trades employees showed a decline of 60% from April. Building contractors reported a drop of 57% and other general contractors, 16%. Those statements are based on the reports of 540 contractors operating in New York State.

Factory Employment in New York State Dropped 7% During May as Compared with April According to New York State Department of Labor.

The number of workers employed in New York State factories decreased by 6.7% from April to May, according to a statement issued June 11 by Industrial Commissioner Frances Perkins. Total factory payrolls also declined sharply, dropping nearly 10%. These declines brought the index of factory employment, based on the average for 1925-1927, as 100, to a new low of 58.0 (preliminary), and the index of total factory payrolls, based on the same three year average, to 45.3 (preliminary), the lowest point reached since August 1915. Returns from 1,524 factories operating throughout the State, representing all industries, form the basis for these statements. Commissioner Perkins also said as follows:

The decline in employment was the sharpest monthly decrease, except in December 1920 and January 1921, recorded since the State Labor Department began tabulating those statistics in June 1914. The percentage drop in total payrolls was exceeded only in January 1921, when the decrease reached 10.1%. A decrease of 1.3% in factory employment, and of 0.4% in factory payrolls is expected during May. All major industrial groups joined in the downward movement, with losses in numbers employed ranging up to 12%. New York City again showed a greater percentage decline than the State as a whole, employment dropping 7.2%, and total payrolls decreasing almost 11%.

General Decline in Metals and Machinery.

The metals and machinery group contributed the largest number of layoffs. All industries comprising the group reported decreased employment. The largest percentage declines were registered by manufacturers of cooking, heating and ventilating apparatus, structural and architectural iron, boat and ship building, firearms, tools and cutlery, and iron and steel. Machinery and electrical apparatus manufacturers continued to lay off help in large numbers, with the result that employment declined 8%. Manufacturers of automobiles and automobile parts reported a decrease of 5%. Employment in the other metal industries fell off from four to 6%.

Decline in Clothing and Millinery Continues.

The unusually large seasonal decline in employment in clothing and millinery establishments continued to manifest itself during May. The decrease of 12% in numbers employed was the largest percentage decline shown by any major industrial group during the period. The men's clothing industry, which is in the midst of its dull season, registered the greatest decline in the group. Large declines were noted in men's furnishings, women's clothing, and women's headwear. Decreases in employment were also reported in women's underwear and in miscellaneous sewing. The laundering and cleaning industry, in which the spring seasonal rise usually continues into May, remained practically unchanged.

Employment in Textile Factories Down Sharply.

Employment in the textiles group also declined more than is seasonal. All branches, with the exception of knit goods, were operating at lower levels. The increase in knit goods was slight, whereas the decreases in the other textile industries ranged from 11% to 21%. The net decline in employment for the group was 10%. Cotton goods firms, which had reported

FACTORY EMPLOYMENT IN NEW YORK STATE.

(Preliminary.)

Industry.	Percentage Change April to May 1932.	
	Total State.	N. Y. City.
Stone, clay and glass.....	-5.1	-29.9
Miscellaneous stone and minerals.....	-25.5	-84.5
Lime, cement and plaster.....	-3.3	-7.8
Brick, tile and pottery.....	+12.4	+23.3
Glass.....	-2.7	-1.1
Metals and machinery.....	-8.1	-7.4
Silverware and jewelry.....	-3.9	-13.6
Brass, copper and aluminum.....	-5.5	-8.8
Iron and steel.....	-15.1	—
Structural and architectural iron.....	-32.9	-3.0
Sheet metal and hardware.....	-4.0	-4.0
Firearms, tools and cutlery.....	-16.7	-3.4
Cooking, heating, ventilating apparatus.....	-44.2	-34.2
Machinery and electrical apparatus.....	-8.4	-6.6
Automobiles, airplanes, &c.....	-5.2	+8.6
Railroad equipment and repair shops.....	-3.9	-1.2
Boat and ship building.....	-18.1	-17.9
Instruments and appliances.....	-4.1	-8.9
Wood manufactures.....	-0.8	-4.4
Saw and planing mills.....	+9.5	-4.2
Furniture and cabinet work.....	-4.9	-4.7
Pianos and other musical instruments.....	+3.8	-10.1
Miscellaneous wood, &c.....	-2.9	-2.9
Furs, leather and rubber goods.....	-7.6	-17.1
Leather.....	+0.7	—
Furs and fur goods.....	+10.9	+10.9
Shoes.....	-6.8	-31.7
Gloves, bags, canvas goods.....	-25.3	-11.4
Rubber and gutta percha.....	-6.3	-14.1
Pearl, horn, bone &c.....	-10.3	-2.9
Chemicals, oils, paints, &c.....	-2.8	-1.4
Drugs and industrial chemicals.....	-4.4	-1.9
Paints and colors.....	-0.4	—
Oil products.....	-1.9	No change
Photographic and miscellaneous chemicals.....	-3.0	-9.8
Pulp and paper.....	-2.4	-2.2
Printing and paper goods.....	-3.1	-3.9
Paper boxes and tubes.....	-1.6	-2.8
Miscellaneous paper goods.....	-1.3	-3.8
Printing and bookmaking.....	-3.5	-4.0
Textiles.....	-9.9	-5.0
Silk and silk goods.....	-18.9	-5.2
Woollens, carpets, felts.....	-11.3	+28.6
Cotton goods.....	-20.9	—
Knit goods, except silk.....	+0.9	+2.1
Other textiles.....	-11.2	-17.3
Clothing and millinery.....	-12.0	-11.7
Men's clothing.....	-17.7	-14.3
Men's furnishings.....	-11.7	-17.0
Women's clothing.....	-15.0	-15.7
Women's underwear.....	-1.3	-3.3
Miscellaneous sewing.....	-15.8	-15.8
Laundering and cleaning.....	-4.1	-3.6
Food and tobacco.....	No change	-0.6
Flour, feed and cereals.....	-1.6	-1.1
Canning and preserving.....	+1.1	No change
Sugar and other groceries.....	-3.7	+3.1
Meat and dairy products.....	-3.8	-5.7
Bakery products.....	+1.1	+1.1
Candy.....	No change	+0.3
Beverages.....	-4.3	-8.6
Tobacco.....	+1.4	+5.6
Water, light and power.....	-6.3	-1.5
	-0.3	-0.6
Total.....	-6.7	-7.2

FACTORY EMPLOYEE-HOURS IN DELAWARE.

Industries.	Number of Plants.	Per Cent Change May Compared with April 1932.		
		Employment.	Payrolls.	Employee Hours.
All manufacturing industries.....	51	-2.9	-6.5	-5.0
Metal products.....	10	-4.6	-11.9	-8.4
Transportation equipment.....	5	-1.7	-3.3	-3.0
Textile products.....	3	-6.5	-16.1	-13.7
Foods and tobacco.....	6	-1.2	-0.5	-0.5
Stone, clay and glass products.....	4	+3.6	-9.7	-5.3
Lumber products.....	5	-7.1	-8.3	-11.0
Chemical products.....	5	+0.3	+18.3	+13.2
Leather and rubber products.....	7	-1.8	-5.4	-3.1
Paper and printing.....	6	+0.3	-5.9	-6.8

FACTORY EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE PAYMENTS BY CITY AREAS.

(City areas are not restricted to corporate limits of cities given here.)	Employment.			Payrolls.		
	May Indexes	Per Cent Change Since		May Indexes	Per Cent Change Since	
		April 1932.	May 1931.		April 1932.	May 1931.
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton	51.5	-10.7	-23.0	31.9	-12.4	-42.9
Altoona.....	54.3	-10.2	-34.7	35.2	-10.2	-61.8
Erie.....	59.0	-11.0	-31.0	37.8	-10.4	-45.8
Harrisburg.....	64.4	-4.3	-22.7	42.8	-15.6	-42.3
Hazleton-Pottsville.....	66.2	-6.9	-6.9	39.8	-13.9	-33.0
Johnstown.....	46.0	-8.0	-20.7	20.3	-20.7	-60.0
Lancaster.....	60.8	-6.5	-21.0	35.3	-5.9	-47.6
New Castle.....	39.8	+1.0	-34.0	21.9	+2.8	-51.7
Philadelphia.....	66.7	-0.3	-16.5	50.1	-3.7	-33.8
Pittsburgh.....	54.4	-5.7	-21.0	25.0	-15.5	-54.4
Reading-Lebanon.....	70.4	-7.4	-15.9	37.4	-20.9	-45.6
Seranton.....	49.2	-0.6	-37.6	38.6	-10.2	-41.7
Sunbury.....	56.6	-6.1	-17.9	34.6	-14.1	-34.7
Wilkes-Barre.....	75.3	-8.2	-19.3	54.9	+0.4	-29.9
Williamsport.....	51.4	-18.3	-32.3	32.8	-22.5	-55.9
Wilmington.....	85.8	-1.8	-7.5	70.1	-4.5	-24.3
York.....	73.9	-1.1	-11.6	52.9	-1.5	-24.3

Decrease Reported by Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank in Employment and Payrolls in Pennsylvania Anthracite Collieries from April to May.

Anthracite employment in Pennsylvania showed a decline of 4.5% and payrolls 19.5% from April to May, according to figures compiled by the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank from reports to the Anthracite Bureau of Information from 157 collieries employing over 90,000 workers, whose weekly payroll in May amounted to more than \$2,300,000. The Bank continues:

The employment index in May was 65% of the 1923-25 average, showing a reduction of almost 17% from a year ago. The payroll index stood at less than 49, or 24% lower than in May 1931. Index numbers showing comparisons with the preceding months and years are given below.

1923-1925 Average=100.

	Employment.			Wage Payments.*		
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1930.	1931.	1932.
January.....	105.6	88.3	74.2	91.0	75.0	51.5
February.....	107.8	87.1	69.3	102.4	85.5	48.0
March.....	83.3	79.9	71.7	66.2	59.6	51.3
April.....	84.8	82.9	68.1	63.2	63.1	60.4
May.....	92.3	78.3	65.1	84.8	63.9	48.6
June.....	89.5	74.2	78.3	55.9	45.0	
July.....	90.3	63.4	71.8	45.0	47.2	
August.....	81.7	65.5	67.3	54.4	47.2	
September.....	91.9	77.8	77.3	66.6	66.6	
October.....	96.2	84.4	101.1	76.3	66.6	
November.....	94.7	81.2	84.1	65.6	65.6	
December.....	96.5	77.7				

*Revised May 1932.

Industrial Employment Conditions in Ohio and Ohio Cities—Continued Decline Reported by Ohio State University for May.

"Industrial employment in Ohio continued to decline in May," states the Bureau of Business Research of the Ohio State University, "and the decline of 1% was in contrast with an average increase of 1% in May during the 5-year period. The total volume of employment in the State in May was 20% less than in May 1931, and," continues the Bureau, "for the first five months of 1932, averaged 16% below the corresponding period of 1931." The Bureau also said:

The May decline from April was caused by the contra-seasonal declines in both manufacturing and non-manufacturing employment, which have shown relative stability in May during the past five-year period. Construction employment in May increased 11% from April, but this increase was no greater than the average May increase during the past five years, and in the total for the State, this increase was entirely offset by the declines in the other two major types of employment. As compared with May 1931, employment declined 21% in the manufacturing industries of the State, 9% in the non-manufacturing industries, 44% in the construction industry, and 20% in all industries combined. For the first five months of 1932 as compared with the corresponding period of 1931, manufacturing employment declined 17%; non-manufacturing employment, 10%; construction employment, 45%; and total industrial employment, 16%. It should be remembered, in comparing percentage declines in 1932 from 1931 that employment had been declining for more than a year and a half prior to 1931, so that 1932 employment declines are from a relatively low 1931 level.

Although employment for the State as a whole and for all industries combined declined in May from April, 319 of the 910 concerns reporting to the Bureau of Business Research reported employment increases in May, and another 129 reported no further declines. Also, in four of the 11 major manufacturing groups of the State—the food products, the stone, clay, and glass products, the textile products, and the vehicles groups—

there were slight increases in employment, amounting to 1% in the vehicles, the textiles, and the stone, clay, and glass products groups, and to 2% in the food products group. The 1% increase in the stone, clay, and glass products group was no greater than the average May increase during the past five years, but the increases in the other three groups were in contrast with declines during the past five years or were slightly greater than the average May increase. The miscellaneous manufacturing group, composed of 38 industries, reported no further decline in May. In the six major manufacturing groups reporting decreases in May, the declines ranged from 1% in the rubber products group to 6% in the lumber products group, and amounted to 2% in the chemicals and the paper and printing groups, 3% in the metal products group, and 5% in the machinery group.

As compared with May 1931, all of the major manufacturing groups reported declines ranging from 7% in the food products and the miscellaneous manufacturing groups to 31% in the vehicles group, and amounted to 8% in the rubber products group, 10% in the chemicals, and 11% in the textiles and the paper and printing groups, 22% in the lumber products group, 24% in the stone, clay, and glass products group, 27% in the machinery group, and 28% in the metal products group. For the first five months of 1932, as compared with the corresponding period of 1931, employment declined in all the major manufacturing groups of industries in the State, the declines for the five months ranging from 6% in the food products group to 27% in the vehicles group.

In the vehicles industry, in which automobile and automobile parts is the principal industry, the 1% increase in May from April was in contrast with the five-year average May decline of 2%, but the total volume of employment in May was 31% less than in May 1931, and for the first five months of this year fell 27% below the corresponding period of 1931.

In the metal products industries, the 3% decline in May from April was in contrast with relative stability in May during the past five-year period and the total volume of employment in May was 28% less than in May 1931, while the total for the first five months of 1932 fell 22% below the total for the corresponding period of last year.

In the rubber products industry, in which tire and tube manufacturing is the chief industry, the 1% decline in employment in May from April compares poorly with the 2% May increase during the past five-year period. The total volume of employment in the rubber products industry in May was 8% less than in May 1931, and the total for the first five months of this year was 6% less than for the corresponding period of last year.

The machinery industries of the State reported a 5% employment decline in May, although during the past five-year period May has shown substantially no decline from the previous month. The total volume of employment in the machinery industry in May was 27% less than in May of last year, and, for the first five months of 1932, was 22% less than for the same period of last year.

Employment declined in May from April in all of the 8 chief cities of the State except Canton, where the total for the county increased 2% as compared with the five-year average increase of 1%. In the other chief cities, the declines amounted to 1% in Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo; 3% in Youngstown and 4% in Dayton. The 1% decline in Toledo was not as great as the average May decline of 2% during the past five-year period, but in all the other cities the May declines were either in contrast with an average May increase during the past five-year period or with relative stability. As compared with May 1931, total employment declined in all the chief cities of the State, the declines ranging from 10% in Akron to 35% in Canton and amounting to 11% in Columbus, 15% in Dayton, 17% in Cincinnati, 22% in Cleveland, 28% in Toledo, and 31% in Youngstown.

Manufacturing employment in May declined in all the chief cities of the State except Toledo, which reported no change from the previous month, and Canton, which reported an increase of 1%. Construction employment increased in Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Youngstown, and Canton, and remained unchanged in Cincinnati. Dayton and Toledo were the only two of the eight chief cities to show decreases in this type of employment. As compared with May 1931, all types of employment except non-manufacturing employment declined in all the chief cities, and non-manufacturing employment declined in all the cities except Columbus and Canton, the former reporting an increase of 4%, the latter, of 3%.

Non-manufacturing employment declined in May from April in all the chief cities of the State except Columbus and Canton, where increases of 6% and 8% respectively were recorded. In all of the other cities the May declines in non-manufacturing employment were in contrast with an average increase of 1% or relative stability in May during the past five-year period. For the first five months of 1932, as compared with the same period of 1931, all types of employment declined in all the eight chief cities of the State. The declines in manufacturing employment for this period ranged from 6% in Dayton to 35% in Canton, and amounted to 7% in Akron, 11% in Columbus, 18% in Cincinnati, 19% in Cleveland, 22% in Toledo, and 30% in Youngstown.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT IN OHIO.

In Each Series Average Month 1926 Equals 100.

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

Industry.	No. of Reporting Firms.	Index May 1932.	Change from April 1932.	Average Change May from April 1927-31.	Change from May 1931.	Average Jan.-May Change from 1931.
Chemicals*.....	22	84	-2%	-1%	-10%	-9%
Food Products.....	54	100	+2	+1	-7	-6
Lumber products.....	30	51	-6	-2	-22	-13
Machinery.....	107	67	-5	0	-27	-22
Metal products.....	160	55	-3	0	-28	-22
Paper and printing.....	52	91	-2	0	-11	-8
Rubber products.....	24	64	-1	+2	-8	-6
Stone, clay and glass prods.....	72	60	+1	+1	-24	-18
Textiles.....	44	80	+1	-1	-11	-7
Vehicles.....	55	61	+1	-2	-31	-27
Miscell. manufacturing.....	38	93	0	0	-7	-8
Total manufacturing.....	658	65	-2	0	-21	-17
Service.....	42	102	+1	+2	-9	-7
Trade.....	33	79	-1	-2	-6	-5
Transp'n and public utility.....	18	81	-1	+1	-12	-13
Total non-manufact.....	93	77	-1	0	-9	-10
Construction.....	159	34	+11	+11	-44	-45
All Industries.....	910	68	-1	+1	-20	-16

Lumber Shipments Increase—Curtailed Production Continues.

Slight reduction in hardwood production and continued curtailment of the softwood cut, with some increase in shipments, marked the lumber movement during the week ended

June 18, it is indicated in telegraphic reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from regional manufacturers' associations covering the operations of 644 leading hardwood and softwood mills. Production of these mills amounted to 116,011,010 feet; new business 128,419,000, or 11% above the cut, and shipments 142,594,000 feet, or 23% above the cut. A week earlier 655 mills produced 123,098,000 feet, with orders 5% above and shipments 2% above the cut. Figures for the latest week compared by identical mill reports with the equivalent week in 1931 show: for softwoods, 429 mills, production 48% less, shipments 36% less and orders 40% less than for the week last year; for hardwoods, 151 mills, production 55% less, shipments 46% less, and orders 44% under the volume a year ago.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended June 18 1932, by 478 softwood mills totaled 117,587,000 feet, or 10% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 131,769,000 feet, or 23% above production. Production was 107,240,000 feet.

Reports from 183 hardwood mills give new business as 10,832,000 feet, or 23% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 10,825,000 feet, or 23% above production. Production was 8,771,000 feet. The Association's statement further shows:

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 411 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 317,499,000 feet, on June 18 1932, or the equivalent of eight days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 486 softwood mills on June 20 1931, of 654,244,000, the equivalent of 14 days' production.

The 383 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 325,154,000 feet on June 18 1932, or the equivalent of eight days, average production, as compared with 574,797,000 feet, or the equivalent of 15 days' average production, on similar date a year ago. Last week's production for 429 identical softwood mills was 102,647,000 feet, and a year ago it was 197,952,000 feet; shipments were respectively 126,030,000 feet and 195,986,000; and orders received 112,671,000 feet and 188,887,000. In the case of hardwoods, 151 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 6,381,000 feet and 14,076,000; shipments 8,580,000 feet and 15,849,000; and orders 8,365,000 feet and 14,903,000.

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 June 18:

NEW BUSINESS.		UNSHIPPED ORDERS.		SHIPMENTS.	
Feet.		Feet.		Feet.	
Domestic cargo delivery	19,880,000	Domestic cargo delivery	54,430,000	Coastwise and intercoastal	26,835,000
Export	11,173,000	Foreign	47,006,000	Export	12,377,000
Rail	21,126,000	Rail	44,593,000	Rail	19,988,000
Local	7,276,000			Local	7,276,000
	59,455,000		146,029,000		66,476,000

Production for the week was 50,437,000 feet.

Southern Pine.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 116 mills reporting, shipments were 5% above production, and orders 17% above production and 10% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 22,008,000 feet (previous week 26,355,000 at 123 mills); shipments, 24,507,000 feet (previous week 24,024,000); and production 20,931,000 feet (previous week 21,741,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 102 mills were 55,545,000 feet. The 102 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 25% and in new business a decrease of 33%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

Western Pine.

The Western Pine Association reported from Portland, Ore., that for 122 mills reporting shipments were 1% below production and orders 10% below production and 9% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 30,915,000 feet (previous week 30,162,000 at 121 mills); shipments, 34,002,000 feet (previous week 33,260,000); and production 34,238,000 feet (previous week 35,545,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 121 mills were 133,253,000 feet. The 103 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 49% and in new business a decrease of 40%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

Northern Pine.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers of Minneapolis, Minn., reported production from seven mills as 1,530,000 feet, shipments 5,644,000 feet and new business 4,413,000 feet. The same number of mills reported production 60% less and new business 100% more than for the same week a year ago.

Northern Hemlock.

The Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 17 mills as 104,000 feet, shipments 1,140,000 and orders 796,000 feet. The 16 identical mills reported a decrease of 94% in production and a decrease of 46% in new business compared with the same week last year.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers' Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 166 mills as 8,289,000 feet, shipments 9,801,000 and new business 9,845,000. The 135 identical mills reported a 52% decrease in production and a 46% decrease in new business, compared with the corresponding week of 1931.

The Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 17 mills as 482,000 feet, shipments 1,024,000 and orders 987,000. The 16 identical mills reported production 73% less and orders 17% less than for the same week a year ago.

Production of Crude Rubber in 1932 Predicted as Falling Short by 30,000 Tons of Estimated Consumption—Survey by Former President Henderson of New York Rubber Exchange.

Production of crude rubber in 1932 will fall at least 30,000 tons short of estimated consumption, according to a survey made public June 13 by F. R. Henderson, former president of the Rubber Exchange of New York who is now manager

of the rubber department of Clark, Childs & Co. While there is plenty of rubber in reserve now to take care of this production shortage, the survey points out, the steady decline in production, due to the continuous fall in the price of the commodity, is a cause for grave concern for the future. The survey says:

We are facing a situation in rubber such as we have never experienced. For years we have tried to anticipate a trend in price based on the best available data, and in most instances unexpected influences—Government control of production, sudden flood of supply, threatened shortages and almost every conceivable obstacle to sound analysis—have upset calculations with disastrous consequences. During these years, however, our own Government, as well as the British and Dutch, have evolved the necessary means of furnishing comprehensive statistical data on which an intelligent study can be made.

Unable to reach a basis for controlling native output, the British and Dutch Governments abandoned the effort to control production, and rubber is now free of unnatural influence and the law of economics will rule.

The three fundamental factors that determine price movements are surplus, production and consumption. The so-called world stock is about 725,000 tons. For market analysis we try to arrive at surplus as distinguished from normal stock. Keep in mind that rubber is produced 60 days journey from consuming markets and that about four weeks are required for preparation, drying, boxing, etc.

Manufacturers to day have about 300,000 tons against a normal of 115,000 tons; there is afloat or enroute 135,000 tons against a normal of 115,000 tons; 40,000 tons on estates against a normal of 55,000 tons and 220,000 tons in the secondary trading markets against a normal of 125,000 tons. The 30,000 tons at present in the primary trading markets is about normal. There is, therefore, 285,000 tons excess at present, and this is either in manufacturers' hands or dealers' in Europe and New York.

The present low price has attracted an unusually large stock to the important factories and trading centers. For the first time in rubber history, New York has an adequate cushion of stock to support healthy trading—2½-cent rubber permits carrying a large stock at a minimum of finance. Traders hesitate to buy or sell unless the stock exists for delivery purposes and traders are necessary for a flexible and healthy market.

The survey estimates the potential production for 1932 would be 1,000,000 tons if the price level justified full operations, which it does not. As it stands, now the influence will be only slightly reflected in the first six months, but the curtailment now taking place indicates a 1932 production of only about 670,000. Mr. Henderson further says:

World rubber production in 1931 was divided about as follows: British Malaya (Estate) 30% British Malaya (Native) 23%; Ceylon 8%; Dutch East Indies (Estate) 20%; Dutch East Indies (Native) 13%; all other 6%.

Recent cable information from the Far East indicates the Dutch native showing the most severe drop in production. Present prices are less than actual transportation cost to the market and the native is not tapping his trees. Ceylon is a high cost producer due to low yields and reduction there amounts to 30% of normal.

The Dutch estates are being compelled to close down rather rapidly due to the foreign exchange situation. It must not be forgotten that maintenance of the gold standard by Holland operates adversely for the Dutch producer. British estates are receiving 25% more in buying-power and this is enabling British Malaya to at least retard estate closings. Dutch native production is down to 50% of normal.

The closing down of estates is a serious phase of the rubber situation. The main body of rubber labor is recruited and once repatriated, considerable capital outlay is necessary for reopening. Closing down only takes place when reserves are depleted and new financing will only be possible when the price level is attractive. Present prices do not permit the production of a single ton of estate rubber, except at an out-of-pocket loss and it is most important to remember that once an estate closes down it requires four to six months to reopen.

The excess production of rubber coming at the same time as world conditions reduced consumptive requirements has resulted in a price of 2½ cents a pound, an all-time low.

Properly calculated cost of production has long since been discarded and the market price is finding a bottom from which to recover its economic equilibrium. The longer it takes to get started on the recovery, the more violent will it move and probably over-swing. This is peculiar to rubber and principally because the estates cannot resume full tapping without time to recruit new labor and time to refinance.

Wheat Prices at New Low Levels with Arrival of 1932 Wheat Crop in Kansas City.

According to Associated Press accounts from Kansas City prices of wheat futures there on June 17 reflected the arrival of the first of the 1932 wheat crop in Kansas City by slumping to new low levels. The market was down about 2 cents a bushel at the low point, said the dispatches, which added:

Two cars of wheat arrived from Kiowa, Barber County, Kan. One tested 17.8% moisture, 58 pounds to the bushel and 9.25% protein. It sold at auction at 42 cents a bushel, returning the farmer about 27 cents a bushel.

Consumption of Crude Rubber by Manufacturers in the United States Increased 12½% During Month of May—Imports Declined—Inventories 56.8% Above a Year Ago.

Consumption of crude rubber by manufacturers in the United States for the month of May amounted to 29,197 long tons as compared with 25,953 long tons for April 1932, and represents an increase of 12.5% according to statistics released by the Rubber Manufacturers Association. Imports of crude rubber for the month of May to be 32,224 long tons, a decrease of 12.9% below April but were 1.6% above May a year ago.

The Association estimates total domestic stocks of crude rubber on hand May 31, at 346,231 long tons, which com-

pares with April 30 stocks of 343,098. May stocks show an increase of 1% above April of this year and 56.8% above the stocks of May 31 1931. The participants in the compilation report 50,453 long tons of crude rubber afloat for the United States ports on May 31 which compares with 40,387 long tons afloat on April 30 1932, and 55,173 long tons afloat on May 31 1931.

Spain Authorizes Additional Importation of 25,000 Tons of Wheat—Total Importations 300,000 Tons.

The Spanish Government has just authorized the additional importation of 25,000 tons of wheat and 300 tons of hard wheat for the manufacture of starch, the latter to be consigned to Camara de Industrias Quimicas at Barcelona, says a cablegram to the Commerce Department from Commercial Attache Charles Livengood, Madrid. On June 18 the Department likewise reported:

This allotment will bring the total importation of wheat into Spain to 300,000 tons, the last authorization being made on May 28.

Payment of wheat will be made in pesetas, which the exchange control centre will convert into foreign exchange at stipulated rates and in terms of 25% of the amount due within three months after arrival of the wheat, 25% six months after arrival and 50% within the remaining six months.

Each importation requires express authorization of the Ministry of Agriculture.

An earlier announcement by the Department regarding the importation of wheat by Spain appeared in our issue of May 7, page 3356.

Premier Karolyi of Hungary Placates Farmers.

Under date of June 17 a cablegram from Budapest to the New York "Times" said:

Although Premier Karolyi is understood to have averted the threatened defection of the farmers' section of the coalition by obtaining a promise from the banks not to press the payment of agrarian debts until autumn, it is now generally accepted that he will present his resignation to Governor Horthy by the end of next week.

In this event it is likely he will be asked to form a new Cabinet. If he refuses to persist in his thankless task, there is a strong possibility that former Premier Bethlen, who returned to active politics some weeks ago, will succeed him.

The mere possibility of such a development has excited the indignation of the Opposition parties, who declare it would make further parliamentary government impossible. As a compromise Premier, the present Minister of the Interior, Frances Keresztes Fischer, is mentioned.

Further Budapest advices to the same paper June 20 said:

Count Julius Karolyi was strongly urged to-day to withdraw his resignation as Premier to prevent damaging the cause of Hungary while the negotiations are in progress at Lausanne, and it is believed that he will do so.

As a result of the refusal of Count Stephen Bethlen, a former Premier, and Julius Goemboes, the Minister of War, to undertake the task of forming a Cabinet if Premier Karolyi resigned, the Minister of Interior, Keresztes Fischer, agreed to attempt to do so.

Baron Koranyi, the Minister of Finance, and Louis Walko, the Foreign Minister, announced that if the Premier resigned they would follow him into retirement.

Egyptian Government May Make Loans to Small Farmers.

Approximately 3,000,000 Egyptian pounds will be made available over a period of five years to small farmers in the form of mortgage loans, if the plan now under consideration by the Council of Ministers materializes, according to a report to the Commerce Department from Commercial Attache Charles E. Dickerson, Jr., Cairo. The Department of Commerce announcing this June 15 also said:

These loans will be made through the medium of the Egyptian Agricultural Bank, which will establish a mortgage loan department especially for this purpose.

The convention between the Government and the bank is the result of studies made at the instance of the former by the Economic Council. Past experience, especially of recent years, has disclosed increasing difficulties being encountered by the small farmer in obtaining loans against the mortgage of his property. Many farmers have been forced to seek loans from the village usurers, whose high rates have merely increased their burdens or entailed capital loss.

The motive behind the present plan is also believed to be partly nationalistic, because of the fact that the private land banks are largely foreign-owned. Under the present plan the Agricultural Credit Bank would also be permitted to take over mortgages in the possession of private mortgage banks. (The Egyptian pound, which is linked with sterling, is now quoted at about \$3.75.)

Destruction of Coffee in Brazil.

Destruction of coffee in Brazil passed the billion pound mark in the week of June 18 according to statistics issued by the N. Y. Coffee & Sugar Exchange. The latter says:

Total coffee destroyed by June 18, either burned or dumped into the sea, amounted to 7,786,000 bags, or 1,027,752,000 pounds. There are 132 pounds in a bag. The coffee destroyed had an approximate value of \$35,000,000. Another 7,000,000 bags has already been purchased and is scheduled for destruction. The original plan contemplates a total destruction of 18,000,000 bags.

In its plan to defend the price of coffee, the National Coffee Council, which is in complete charge of coffee affairs in Brazil, had purchased 14,255,000 bags of coffee up to May 28 1932 in accordance with the program adopted early last June to purchase the retained coffee stored in the interior warehouses of Brazil. The coffee purchased so far, including the quantity already destroyed and the 7,000,000 bags awaiting destruction, is valued

by the Council at \$19,000 "contos of reis," or approximately \$63,000,000 at the present rate of exchange.

A reference to the coffee destroyed in Brazil appeared in our issue of June 18, page 4398.

Report of Cuban Sugar Pool—Price Advances.

A cablegram as follows from Havana June 23 appeared in the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The Cuban Sugar Institute met to-day and agreed officially in principle to the formation of a pool to take off the market, until the price reaches 1½% cost and freight New York, approximately 800,000 tons, the estimated surplus over requirements of United States refiners in the current year. A majority of Cuban producers are in accord with the plan.

This voluntary agreement of the producers will be given legal force by Presidential decree, it is stated. Proponents of the plan are now obtaining written conformity of all Hacendados.

As to the sugar proposed to be pooled Havana advices yesterday (June 24) to the New York "Sun" stated:

This sugar is independent of the segregated sugar held by the Government under the Chadbourne plan.

The Sugar Institute, which is backing the plan is endeavoring to obtain voluntary contributions of 600,000 tons from banking and affiliated interests and the remainder from Cuban producers. The latter already have pledged 100,000 tons to the pool.

From the Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" of last night (June 24) we take the following:

With heavy increases in trading volume and values the sugar market moved into new high ground to-day. News from Cuba that the Cuban Sugar Institute had decided to withhold 800,000 tons of sugar from export to the United States, originally earmarked for sale here, caused heavy buying in the futures market. Opening prices were 4 to 8 points above last night's close.

The futures market here was the scene of much activity as the third week of the bull market drew to a close. Wall Street houses which have been out of the sugar market for the past few years were active to-day on both sides of the market. The market has become considerably broadened since the bull movement started. The July position, which is the most active, sold at 88-100 of a cent a pound this morning, an advance of 31 points since the start of the movement early in June. After the opening prices tapered off as some profit-taking came into the market from commission houses. Volume of trading on the Exchange in the first two hours was 35,000 tons.

National Sugar Exporting Corporation Asks Tenders of Republic of Cuba Sugar Stabilization Bonds.

The National Sugar Exporting Corporation is inviting tenders of the Republic of Cuba Sugar Stabilization sinking fund 5½% secured gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1940, at a price not exceeding par and accrued interest. Tenders will be accepted up to the amount sufficient to exhaust, for the payment of principal, the sum of \$1,200,000 deposited for this purpose by the corporation with the Chase National Bank of the City of New York. Tenders should be submitted to the bank at its office, 11 Broad St., or at its office in Havana, on or before 3 p. m. July 1 1932.

Java Cuts Sugar Output Sharply—Export Situation May Result in Suspension of Planting Next Year.

The "Wall Street Journal" in advices from Amsterdam June 18 said:

Facing unfavorable prospects for sugar exports, the indications now are that Java will not plant next year, which would result in a complete closing down of all factories in 1934, according to reports received here. It is certain now that this year 13 mills will not operate, and 60 factories will not plant sugar cane for the harvesting of the crop of next year.

The 1933 crop is, therefore, estimated at an area of 90,000 hectares, which is 55% restriction on the unlimited crop of 1931 harvested from 200,587 hectares. Taking 145 quintals per hectare as an average output, the 1933 crop will produce about 1,300,000 tons. This, of course, will force closing down several mills and it is stated that 77 Java sugar mills will not operate in 1933, which is more than one-third of the total of all the mills in Java.

The two largest buyers of Java sugar, British India and China, are practically out of the market. In China there are no signs of betterment or a trade revival in general. British Indian buyers are taking only very small quantities off the market, expecting that the Visp, the Union of Java sugar producers, will be dissolved at the end of this year. The dissolution, they feel, should result in a further fall of prices.

However, for two reasons, it is more than doubtful that such a thing will happen. Most of the sugar stocks are now mortgaged through the banks in Java and these institutions will not, of course, favor a dissolution of the Visp. In the second place, the Dutch-Indian government would deplore a disorganized sugar industry. Under the circumstances many Java sugar producers think the only solution would be to sell sugar in markets west of the Suez Canal. Freight in that case is an important item and prices therefore will be very low in Java.

However, such sales would result in a greater liquidity of factories and the heavy costs now involved through storage of sugar would be avoided.

In the Dutch-Indian parliament it has been proposed to grant a premium of one florin per quintal for selling sugar west of Suez, the whole credit not exceeding 4,000,000 florins. A reduction in rent for the sugar industry was also discussed. Because of the financial situation of the Indian government it is not certain whether more credits can be granted. The proposals made in parliament did not emanate from sugar circles, though such measures would be a great help to the Java sugar industry.

Most Active Week in Year in New York Sugar Market in Week of June 17—Signing of Cuban Sugar Decree a Factor.

In the most active week in a year, the sugar market in the week of June 17 passed through the second week of a

bull movement which has advanced the value of sugar by 40% in two weeks. The New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange reporting this said:

Net advances for the week ending Friday, June 17, were 9 to 12 points on the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange. Turnover for the week on the Exchange was 244,100 tons compared with 103,000 tons for the preceding week. The actual raw sugar market has been even more sensational than the futures market. Raw sugar was purchased by refiners at .90 cents a pound on Friday compared with the price of .57 at the start of the movement. During the week refiners advanced their prices from a record low of 3.70 cents a pound to 3.90 in some cases and 4.00 in others.

Behind the advance is seen the seasonal improvement in the refined sugar demand which this year caught important consumers with small supplies and a rush to buy at the record low price of 3.70 for refined. Another important market factor was the signing by President Machado of Cuba of the recommendations of the Cuban Export Corp. and the Cuban Sugar Institute. His decree states that the amount of sugar that will be available for export from Cuba to the United States during 1933 will be the total amount imported into the United States during 1932 less the amount of carryover in Cuba at the end of 1932. Furthermore, if there is any excess in stocks in the United States Atlantic and Gulf ports over what is considered the normal stock of 300,000 tons on Jan. 1 1933, such excess will also be deducted from the United States allotment. There were also rumors in the market that a private pool had been formed in Cuba to take over about 800,000 tons of Cuban sugar to hold same for higher prices.

The signing of the decree was noted in our issue of June 18, page 4397.

Activity in the Cotton Spinning Industry for May 1932.

The Department of Commerce announced on June 21 that, according to preliminary figures compiled by the Bureau of the Census, 31,737,174 cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on May 31 1932, of which 21,639,352 were operated at some time during the month compared with 23,409,246 for April, 24,818,008 for March, 25,189,748 for February, 25,013,750 for January, 24,637,864 for December and 26,379,082 for May 1931. The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was 4,577,485,125. During May the normal time of operation was 25½ days (allowance being made for the observance of Memorial Day in some localities) compared with 25¼ for April, 27 for March, 24 2-3 for February, 25½ for January and 26 for December. Based on an activity of 8.93 hours per day the average number of spindles operated during May was 20,101,816 or at 63.3% capacity on a single shift basis. This percentage compares with 70.7 for April, 90.1 for March, 92.5 for February, 84.5 for January, 79.3 for December, and 89.6 for May 1931. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 144. The total number of cotton spinning spindles in place, the number active, the number of active spindle hours and the average hours per spindle in place, by States, are shown in the following statement:

State.	Spinning Spindles.		Active Spindle Hours for May.	
	In Place May 31.	Active During May.	Total.	Average per Spindle in Place.
United States.....	31,737,174	21,639,352	4,577,485,125	144
Cotton growing States	19,144,778	16,030,742	3,742,592,814	195
New England States..	11,383,704	4,881,018	722,988,004	64
All other States.....	1,208,692	727,592	111,904,307	93
Alabama.....	1,857,202	1,655,370	434,174,561	234
Connecticut.....	1,067,276	567,486	81,832,857	77
Georgia.....	3,311,154	2,711,170	662,445,744	200
Maine.....	981,580	493,824	63,253,486	64
Massachusetts.....	6,168,048	2,524,464	349,417,637	57
Mississippi.....	216,768	138,440	31,345,678	145
New Hampshire.....	1,188,678	500,782	91,384,931	77
New Jersey.....	237,008	217,128	36,016,448	152
New York.....	626,488	235,058	40,095,880	64
North Carolina.....	6,193,474	4,996,542	1,008,174,324	163
Rhode Island.....	1,860,858	759,902	125,210,453	67
South Carolina.....	5,687,944	5,136,302	1,265,480,511	222
Tennessee.....	615,444	601,880	141,707,954	230
Texas.....	282,100	176,188	37,485,756	133
Virginia.....	681,950	557,860	125,486,848	184
All other States.....	761,202	466,956	83,972,057	110

Tubize-Chatillon Corp. Cuts Rayon Prices Again.

Further price reductions of 10 cents a pound on viscose process rayon yarns were made on June 20 by the Tubize-Chatillon Corp. said the New York "Times" of June 21, which noted:

The revision brings the 150-denier first quality style to 55 cents a pound and the 100-denier to 70 cents. The acetate yarn numbers were cut 15 cents a pound, bringing the 150-denier to 75 cents and the 75-denier to \$1.10. The Tubize-Chatillon Corp. is the first company to make an additional price cut on yarns, following the initial reduction a few weeks ago. Trading has been at a standstill practically and the price structure has been very weak.

Increased Use of Cotton Fabrics in Manufacture of Men's Clothing Shown in Survey of Cotton Textile Institute.

Greatly increased use of cotton fabrics in the manufacture of men's clothing is disclosed by a survey completed by the Cotton-Textile Institute. The results, as announced by George A. Sloan, President of the Institute, indicate that

cotton has gained an encouraging position in the men's clothing field, with promise of steady advances. Returns supporting this announcement were obtained from 32 large cities in 24 States in the northern and southern sections of the country. Data from more than 100 establishments was obtained, including department stores, men's wear and clothing stores, chain stores, bleaching and dye works, retail dry goods associations, and trade publications. It is stated under date of June 13, that from sources covered in the nation-wide survey, the responses indicated larger start-of-season retail stocks of what might be generally termed "wash" suits, together with general confidence that consumer preference would be directed more largely than ever this year to cool suits that can be readily laundered.

Expectations of merchants, as expressed to the Institute, predicate sales increases, this year, on cotton suits of from 20 to 100% as compared to last year's sales. The Institute adds:

Merchants report that they have increased their customary stocks of all types of "summary" suits, and duck trousers, also that they have largely added cotton "slacks" to their lines in anticipation of a big year for this apparel. Cotton is finding favor not only because it meets the requirements for comfort and washability, but also on account of the popularity it won this spring at men's coileges. The importance of this trend as a style factor in the young man's world is obvious.

Confirming the growing popularity of cotton, a single Southern manufacturer, offering this year his first line of cotton suits, informs the Institute that he is shipping 2,000 cotton suits per day, largely on the basis of mail orders and direct sales to consumers. These are three-piece suits, of a tan shade, 95% cotton, retailing at \$4.95. About 75,000 yards of fully pre-shrunk cotton fabric are required per day for this manufacturer's output.

Tailoring establishments in six Southern cities employing about 5,000 hands are running on a full-time basis to keep up with orders being sent in by his 500 salesmen. Measurements forwarded by mail can be accurately "fitted" by an ensemble from 83 sizes of coats and 150 sizes of trousers comprising the manufacturer's range.

Through the use of pre-shrunk fabric, good cutting and tailoring are possible, the usual shrinkage allowance having been eliminated. The resultant fit and good appearance of these suits greatly facilitate sales, and the fact that they can be laundered satisfactorily and economically adds to their popularity.

Laundering of cotton and other washable suits no longer presents a problem since the Laundryowners National Association began its campaign to promote proper and economical "servicing" of this type of apparel. Through the Association, bulletins describing the best methods of laundering the garments, and traveling exhibits which give practical demonstrations have been provided to assure good work at low prices by commercial laundries throughout the country.

Production, Sales and Shipments of Cotton Cloth in May as Reported by Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York.

Further progress in adjusting production to the requirements of current demand is manifest in the statistical reports of production, billings and sales of carded cotton cloths during the month of May 1932, which were made public June 20 by the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York. The figures cover a period of four weeks. The report made by the Association also says:

Production during May amounted to 1,371,700 yards, or at the rate of 45,929,000 yards per week. This was 10.4% less than the weekly rate for April and 24.8% less than the weekly rate for February, which was 61,086,000 yards.

Billings during May were 170,485,000 yards, or 92.8% of production. Sales during the month were 145,756,000 yards, equivalent to 79.3% of production.

Stocks on hand at the end of the month were 315,448,000 yards, representing an increase of 4.4% during the month. Unfilled orders on May 31 were 193,637,000 yards, representing a decrease of 11.3% during the month.

These statistics are compiled from data supplied by 23 groups of manufacturers and selling agents reporting to the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York and the Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc. These groups report on more than 300 classifications or constructions of carded cotton cloths and represent the major portion of the production of these fabrics in the United States.

Production Statistics, May 1932.

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

Production.....	May 1932 (4 Wks.)
Sales.....	183,717,000 yards
Ratio of sales to production.....	145,756,000 yards
Billings.....	170,485,000 yards
Ratio of billings to production.....	92.8%
Stocks on hand May 1.....	302,216,000 yards
Stocks on hand May 31.....	315,448,000 yards
Change in stocks.....	Increase 4.4%
Unfilled orders May 1.....	218,366,000 yards
Unfilled orders May 31.....	193,637,000 yards
Change in unfilled orders.....	Decreases 11.3%

Cotton Exports from India Still Under Reduced Scale.

The exports of cotton from the principal ports of India from Sept. 1 to the end of May aggregated 1,200,000 bales of 400 pounds, compared with nearly 3,000,000 bales exported for the corresponding period of last season, says a cablegram received by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic

Commerce from Assistant Trade Commissioner Wilson C. Flake, at Calcutta. Under date of June 16 the Department says:

The reduced exports apply to all destinations. Thus the exports to Japan were only about 45% of last year, to China 55% and to Europe only 37%. The quantity of cotton ginned and pressed from Sept. 1 to May 20 amounted to 2,697,000 bales compared with 4,554,000 bales last season. It is believed by some merchants that the actual 1931-32 crop may be under the current estimate. This opinion is based upon the fact that last year the ginnings to date aggregated 94% of the crop while this year it runs only 66% of the estimate.

Japanese Silk Industry Asks Government Aid.

Conditions have become such that the Japanese silk industry has asked the Government, in effect, to assume all its losses for several years' operation and permit it to start over again free from all debt, it is stated in a report to the Commerce Department from Commercial Attache H. A. Butts, Tokyo. In making this known, June 21, the Department said:

This is not likely to be done, the report states, since the Government would not only be obliged to assume the silk debts, but the land debts as well. Any such action would increase the national debt by some 2,000 million yen. (One yen equal to about 31c. at current exchange.)

The silk industry as a whole is so badly in debt that only the larger companies may be able to continue operations. Local estimates have claimed that some 80% of the companies will be unable to pay any amounts to the banks in connection with silk financed during the past two or three years.

Although unpaid accounts to this industry in the last six or seven years approximates 100,000,000 yen, the silk people only recently demanded additional loans, the minimum suggested being 20,000,000 yen. The majority of the industry is asking, however, that the Government extend the scope of the indemnity law so that the entire amount of the bank loans and other amounts such as storage, insurance, &c., advanced by the banks on stored silk should be paid by the Government, and that the silk should be sold for the account of the Government.

It was also pointed out that in the near future co-operation among the electric power companies will eliminate drastic competition and that power supply will be apportioned among the companies and charges maintained by agreements.

The "United States Daily," in referring, on June 22, to the Department's advices, reported as follows:

Uncertainty as to the ultimate disposal of the large stocks of raw silk stored under the indemnification act casts a doubtful outlook on the silk industry. Improvement depends largely on a satisfactory disposition of the stocks, production, curtailment and better conditions in consuming markets.

The price of silk strengthened recently following Japan's cancellation of sales of a considerable volume of stored silk to American interests. These sales brought on a slump in the silk price.

The American buyers were as glad to get out of their contract as the Japanese silk interests were to have sales stopped. The United States purchasers were taking a loss on price, while the new crop in Japan was likewise menaced by the drop in price.

Practically all other industries in Japan are suffering from adverse conditions and business generally is very quiet, according to a cable to the Commerce Department from Mr. Butts.

Items regarding the Japanese silk industry appeared in these columns April 30, page 3179; May 14, page 3564; May 28, page 3892, and June 11, page 4230.

Petroleum and Its Products—Oklahoma and California Feature Week in Crude Market—Pacific Price Advance Offer Extended to To-day—Gov. Murray Again Proclaims Martial Law.

The crude petroleum market was featured this week by outstanding developments in two States. In California, the Standard Oil Co. extended until seven o'clock this morning, Saturday, its offer to increase crude oil prices providing operators met its requirements for curtailment of production. In Oklahoma Governor Murray has appointed a new oil proration board consisting of a force of 30 National Guardsmen in charge of Lieut. Col. Cicero I. Murray, which supercedes the State Corporation Commission in control of petroleum output.

California's situation has become acute because of the failure of Long Beach and Huntington Beach fields to limit their output to the production stipulated. The State's production has been reduced to the required limit, but a provision of the offer was that every field must keep within its limit, regardless of the output of other fields.

The attention of the entire industry is centered upon California to-day, for the price advance promised will bring that State's crude price structure to the dollar per barrel mark. The Standard Oil Co. of California, in a message to William M. Keck, Chairman of the Executive Committee for Equitable Curtailment of Oil, said in part that "we are advised that while the State's production has been curtailed to a point under the total allowable for the State, a few fields are still producing in excess of the allowable fixed by your Committee on a basis of a total allowable of 476,700 barrels daily for the State. You will recall that in our offer one of the conditions of the higher price for crude oil was

that no field should produce in excess of the allowable your Committee had set for such field. The great progress your Committee has made and the whole-hearted co-operation accorded it by the great majority of producers in the short time since our offer was made encourage us to believe that you will be successful in accomplishing the objective of your Committee and in order to afford an opportunity for doing so you may consider our offer as remaining in effect until 7 a. m. Saturday, June 25.

"Our original proposal indicated that if the production exceeded the allowable in any one week the advanced prices would be withdrawn. We propose to extend this to a 10 day period."

This is the second extension of time granted by the Standard Oil Co., and indicates that there is little doubt of the 25c. per barrel increase going into effect. This will have a beneficial influence not only on the Pacific Coast, but throughout the entire country. It will eliminate to a great extent the competition offered Mid-Continent producers in the East by cheaper California gasoline, and will serve to stabilize the market generally from coast to coast.

The action of Governor Murray in Oklahoma came as a surprise to the industry. While affecting only the Oklahoma City field at present, there is little doubt but that the Governor will extend the military group's authority throughout the State if he feels that conditions warrant such action. The order extends the military zone to include oil storage, tanks and pipe lines, as well as wells. The expenses of the military control are to be paid by the field operators. The Governor charged that great quantities of oil were being taken out of the field in defiance of the Corporation Commission's orders, and that the Commission was powerless to inflict penalties except a possible fine. He asserted that honest and rigid enforcement of the law is necessary to maintain a reasonable and stable price for oil and its by-products, and for the collection of revenues due the State and school fund from school lands leased for oil. The present production orders of the Corporation Commission are to continue to July 1, and beyond until other orders are substituted by the military control. A further check on production is to be made by supervision of pipe lines. Owners and managers of lines transporting oil out of the field, and of refineries in the vicinity, have been ordered to equip with meters sufficient to determine the flow of oil through the pipes, this to be done by Aug. 1, and also to prepare for the field umpire a daily report of the amount of oil coming from each producer in the field. This double check, it is believed by the Governor, will serve to halt any illegal divergence of crude.

Prices throughout the country remained stable through the week. The reported movement in Mid-Continent for a further crude oil advance has been stopped for the time being, due to the stand taken by large buyers, who have declared that present conditions do not warrant consideration of a higher price structure.

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	\$0.75
Corning, Pa.	1.05	Rusk, Texas, 40 and over	*.83
Illinois	.80	Salt Creek, Wyo., 40 and over	.85
Western Kentucky	.80	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
Spindletop, 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—BULK GASOLINE PRICE ADVANCES REFLECT IMPROVED CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT EASTERN TERRITORY—FUEL OIL HIGHER AT GULF—REFINERS PLAN PARTIAL SHUT-DOWN TO PREVENT ACCUMULATION OF STOCKS—FEDERAL TAX BOOSTS GAS PRICES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

The firmer tone in the refined products market was reflected this week by the posting of higher prices for gasoline in bulk, independent of the general 1c. advance made in service station prices on June 21 in observance of the new Federal tax which went into effect as of that date. The higher bulk prices affect the East Coast market generally. Fuel oil and Diesel were advanced at Magpecto, Beaumont and Galveston, Tex., by the Standard Oil Co. of New York on Tuesday. Fuel oil advance was 10c. per barrel to 70c., and Diesel up 15c. to \$1.50. Other companies are expected to meet these levels.

Oklahoma oil refiners have arrived at an important decision which will affect the permanence of the improved conditions now existing in the refined products market. They have decided to operate on a partial shut-down basis throughout the summer to prevent the possible demoraliza-

tion of the market through increases of stocks liable to accumulate as a result of the new Federal taxes on gasoline and lubricants. The refineries of the Barnsdall Oil Co. closed on June 20 for a period extending at least to the end of the month, while others are operating on schedules which will eliminate at least one week's output this month.

Tank car prices in Oklahoma have reached the 6c. mark, but weakness has become discernible since the expected falling off in orders materialized the date the new Federal taxes became effective.

The Oklahoma refiners are also paying close attention to the possibility that the new taxes will bring forth an expansion in gasoline "bootlegging" since the violators are now offered an extra inducement of 1c. a gallon. It is thought, however, that the fact of the new tax being a Federal measure will serve to halt any widespread violation, due to the presence in the situation of Federal revenue agents, who might be expected to operate more efficiently than those in charge of collection of State taxes.

The efforts of some operators to accumulate large stocks of gasoline and lubricating oil prior to June 21 were made ineffectual by the favorable report of the Senate Finance Committee on an amendment to the new tax bill providing that the 1c. tax be applicable on gasoline sold to persons having title on June 21 to 40,000 gallons or more, and that the 4c. tax on lubricating oil be made applicable when sold by those having title to 1,000 or more gallons on June 21.

Domestic heating oils displayed a greatly improved tone this week, and prices are tending toward higher levels. Kerosene continues weak, with 41-43 water white still posted at 5½c.-6c., but easily obtainable in bulk at the lower quotation.

Price changes follow:

June 20.—Tide Water Oil Co. advances unbranded gasoline ½c. a gallon, tank car, new prices being: 7¼c., New York Harbor terminal; 7¾c. at Portland, Me.; 7½c. at Providence, and 7¼c. at Baltimore.

June 21.—Grade C bunker fuel oil advanced 10c. to 85c. a barrel at New York Harbor and other principal North Atlantic ports; Diesel oil advanced 15c. at same points.

June 21.—General advance of 1c. a gallon on gasoline and 1c. a quart on oil effective throughout country at service stations as result of new Federal taxes in these amounts.

June 21.—Standard of New Jersey advances fuel oil 10c. to 70c. a barrel and Diesel oil 15c. to \$1.50 at Gulf ports. Other companies will meet.

June 21.—Standard of New Jersey advances tank car gasoline ½c. at Bayonne.

June 21.—Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky advances tank car gasoline 1c. at Jacksonville and Tampa and ½c. at New York.

June 21.—Shell Eastern Petroleum Products raises minimum price on gasoline, tank car, ½c. to 7½c.

June 21.—Gulf Refining Co. posts ¼c. advance in U. S. Motor gasoline, new prices being 7¾c. at New York and Providence, and 8c. at Portland, Me.

June 21.—Texas Co. posts ¼c. advance at New York and Philadelphia, and 1c. advance at all other Atlantic Seaboard deepwater terminals. Texaco aviation gasoline advanced 1c. to 12½c. a gallon.

June 22.—Gulf Refining Co. posts ½c. advance in U. S. Motor gasoline, new price tank car New York being 8¼c. Other large marketers expected to meet.

June 22.—Sinclair Refining Co. advances tank car gasoline 1c. a gallon at Jacksonville and Tampa, Fla., and ½c. a gallon at New York.

June 23.—Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey posts ½c. a gallon advance in tank car gasoline prices at all points outside New York Harbor.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York.....\$.135	Cleveland.....\$.18	New Orleans.....\$.128
Atlanta.....\$.195	Denver.....\$.20	Philadelphia.....\$.14
Baltimore.....\$.181	Detroit.....\$.13	San Francisco.....\$.135
Boston.....\$.18	Houston.....\$.17	Third grade.....\$.155
Buffalo.....\$.173	Jacksonville.....\$.19	Above 65 octane.....\$.185
Chicago.....\$.17	Kansas City.....\$.155	Premium.....\$.185
Cincinnati.....\$.18	Minneapolis.....\$.167	St. Louis.....\$.144

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

N. Y. (Bayonne) .05 ½-.06	Chicago.....\$.02 ¼-.03 ¼	New Orleans, ex.....\$.03 ½
North Texas.....\$.03	Los Ang., ex.....\$.04 ¼-.06	Tulsa.....\$.04 ½-.03 ½

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

N. Y. (Bayonne).....\$.85	California 27 plus D.....\$.75-1.00	Gulf Coast C.....\$.70
Bunker C.....\$.85	New Orleans C.....\$.60	Chicago 18-22 D.....\$.42 ½-.50
Diesel 28-30 D.....\$ 1.65	Philadelphia C.....\$.70	

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

N. Y. (Bayonne).....\$.03 ¼-.04	Chicago.....\$.01 ¼-.02	Tulsa.....\$.01 ¼-.02
28 D plus.....\$.03 ¼-.04	32-36 D Ind.....\$.01 ¼-.02	32-36 D Ind.....\$.01 ¼-.02

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

N. Y. (Bayonne).....\$.05 ½-.05 ¾	Chicago.....\$.05 ½-.05 ¾	New Orleans, ex.....\$.05-05 ¼
Standard Oil, N. J.---	Sinclair.....\$.07 ¾	Arkansas.....\$.04-.04 ¼
Motor, 60 octane.....\$.08 ¾	Pan-Am. Pet. Co. .08	California.....\$.05-.07
Motor, 65 octane.....\$.08 ¾	Shell Eastern Pet. .07 ¾	Los Angeles, ex.....\$.04 ¼-.07
Motor, standard.....\$.08 ¾	New York---	Gulf Ports.....\$.05-.05 ¼
Standard Oil, N. Y. **	Colonial-Beacon.....\$.08 ¾	Tulsa.....\$.06
Tide Water Oil Co.....\$.07 ¾	Crew Leveck.....\$.08 ¾	Pennsylvania.....\$.05 ¾
Richfield Oil (Cal.).....\$.08 ¾	z Texas.....\$.07 ¾	
Warner-Quin, Co.\$.08 ¾	Gulf.....\$.08 ¾	
** Below 65 octane.	Continental.....\$.08 ¾	
	Republic Oil.....\$.07	
	z "Texaco" s.....\$.08 ¾	

** Standard Oil of N. Y. now quoting on basis of delivered price not more than 5c. per gal. under company's new service station price at point and date of delivery but in no event less than 7c. a gal., f.o.b. New York Harbor, exclusive of taxes.

Net Crude Oil Stock Changes For May.

Pipe line and tank farm net domestic crude oil stocks east of the Rocky Mountains decreased 4,191,000 barrels in the month of May, according to returns compiled by the American Petroleum Institute from reports made to it by re-

presentative companies. The net change shown by the reporting companies accounts for the increases and decreases in general crude oil stocks, including crude oil in transit, but not producers' stocks at the wells.

Messrs. Arnott and Sheets Sail for Oil Conference.

Charles E. Arnott and Harold F. Sheets, President and Vice-President of the Socony-Vacuum Corp., sailed on June 21 on the Ile de France to attend a meeting in Paris of oil executive with the Rumanian oil producers, beginning on June 29. The New York "Times" says:

As about 70% of Rumania's production is controlled by the international oil companies, whose representatives attended the recent conference here, it is expected that steps toward limiting the production of Rumania will be taken.

For the first three months of this year production of crude oil in Rumania averaged slightly less than 125,000 barrels daily. It is estimated that only about 40,000 barrels of this daily production is not controlled by the international companies.

Governor Murray of Oklahoma Extends Oil Curb—Military Zone Includes Pipe Lines and Storage Tanks.

Governor William H. Murray took Oklahoma's oil proration into his own hands on June 21, extending a military law zone to include storage tanks and pipe lines and creating a proration board of five members. We quote from Associated Press accounts from Oklahoma City, June 21, which further reported:

The Governor, who last summer closed down thousands of oil wells under martial law to bring up the price of crude oil, ordered out 30 National Guardsmen to-day to enforce his new order.

He asserted that orders of the State Corporation Commission, normal arbiter of proration, are being violated and that oil was being illegally run at night from leases in the Oklahoma City field.

The Guardsmen will be on 24-hour patrol duty under the command of Lieut.-Col. Cicero I. Murray, the Governor's cousin.

Mr. Murray's proration board will hold hearings to fix production allowable, but all orders will be subject to the Governor's approval.

The martial law zone as regards wells has been in effect since Governor Murray first called out Guardsmen last summer, but the shutdown was lifted two months later and only a skeleton detail of troops has been maintained in the Oklahoma City field.

Expenses of the new board, Governor Murray's order stated, will be borne by oil producers on a pro rata basis.

Record Carloadings of Gasoline and Lubricating Oil at Oil City, Pa.

The following from Oil City, Pa., June 21 is from the New York "Times":

A rush to fill orders for gasoline and lubricating oil resulted in record carloadings for one week in the Oil City district, 973 carloads of refined products moving in a six-day period. Carloadings totaled 10,000,000 gallons of oil and gasoline, officials said. A let-up in refinery operations became apparent to-day, although efforts to increase storage stock were general.

Daily Allowable for East Texas Oil Wells in Last Half of June.

Press accounts June 16 from Austin, Tex., said:

The per well daily allowable for the east Texas oil field for the last half of June, beginning June 17, has been fixed at 51 barrels, a reduction of three barrels from allowable in the first 15 days of the month. It was estimated that the field contains approximately 6,400 wells.

Gasoline Consumption in Argentina Increases Nearly 500% Since 1922.

Consumption of gasoline in Argentina has grown from 962,000 barrels in 1922 to 5,660,000 barrels in 1930, an increase of approximately 500% in the eight years, says a report to the Commerce Department from Assistant Trade Commissioner Grant L. Thrall, Buenos Aires. The Department, June 30, added:

In 1931 it dropped to 5,346,000 barrels. In 1930 the largest local consumption was 1,773,000 barrels in the capital, followed by 1,572,000 in the Province of Buenos Aires, 774,000 in Santa Fe, 591,000 in Cordoba, 245,000 in Entre Rios, 169,000 in Mendoza, 145,000 in the Territorio de la Pampa and smaller in other areas.

Soviet Russia is Leading Foreign Oil Producer in First Quarter 1932.

With a production of 40,758,811 barrels for the first quarter of this year, Soviet Russia led all other countries, outside the United States, in crude oil production, according to figures compiled by the Minerals Division of the Department of Commerce. April production for Russia and Sakhalin was 13,631,000 barrels, says the Department June 20, which also states:

United States production for the first quarter of this year was estimated at 196,557,000 barrels, with April production at 67,717,000 barrels, according to Bureau of Mines figures.

Venezuela was the second foreign country in production for the first quarter, with 28,753,721 barrels in that period, and 10,524,482 barrels during the month of April.

Rumania placed third for the quarter with 11,144,825 barrels, and showing 3,736,720 barrels for the month of April. Persia was fourth for the quarter with 10,584,480 barrels. No figures were obtainable for the April production.

The countries following Persia in order of production for the quarter were: Netherlands East Indies, 8,794,029 barrels; Mexico, 8,598,084 barrels; Colombia, 4,604,035 barrels, and Trinidad with 2,549,883 barrels.

Russia was also the leading foreign producer in 1931, producing a total of 162,598,800 barrels, followed by the other leading half dozen producers as follows: Venezuela, 115,763,735 barrels; Rumania, 47,842,972 barrels; Persia, 43,040,991 barrels; Netherlands East Indies, 35,391,009 barrels, and Mexico, 33,038,853 barrels.

Gasoline Prices Advanced in Chicago to Cover New Federal Tax.

The Standard Oil (of Indiana), Shell, Texas and Sinclair Oil companies advanced the price on all grades of gasoline in Chicago, effective June 21, 1.1 cents a gallon and the price of lubricating oil one cent a quart. One cent of the increase made in the gasoline price and the one cent change in the price of oil was made to cover the new Federal tax. The additional .1 of a cent increase in gasoline, it was announced by the Standard Oil of Indiana, is to cover in part the tax on pipe line transportation of oil and the expense of collecting the taxes including credit losses of taxes paid in advance of collection. The new prices of gasoline in Chicago are now, 13.6 cents a gallon for third grade; 17.1 cents for regular, and 20.1 cents for premium. These prices also include the three cent State tax.

Unbranded Gasoline Price Raised by Tide Water Oil Co.

The price of unbranded gasoline in tank cars was raised 1/2 cent a gallon by the Tide Water Oil Co., effective June 20. The prices now posted by the company are: 7 1/4 cents a gallon at its New York Harbor terminal, 7 3/4 cents a gallon at Portland, Me., 7 1/2 cents a gallon at Providence and 7 1/4 cents a gallon at Baltimore.

Gasoline Prices Changed by Leading Oil Companies.

Announcements of increases in the price of gasoline in tank cars at Atlantic Seaboard terminals were made by the Gulf Refining Co. and the Texas Co. on June 18. The announcement by the Gulf Refining reported an increase of 3/4 of a cent a gallon, making its prices for U. S. Motor at New York and Providence 7 3/4 cents a gallon and at Portland, Maine, eight cents. The Texas Co. raised its New York and Philadelphia prices 3/4 of a cent a gallon, while at its other deepwater terminals along the Eastern Seaboard prices were advanced a full cent. The company also raised the price of Texaco Aviation gasoline a cent to 12 1/2 cents a gallon.

Tank car gasoline prices were advanced 1/2 cent a gallon by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey on June 21 in New York Harbor. The new prices are 8 3/4 cents for 60 octane grade, 8 1/2 cents for 65 octane and 8 3/4 cents for standard grade.

The Sinclair Refining Co., a subsidiary of the Consolidated Oil Corp., effective June 22, advanced tank-car prices of gasoline 1/2 cent a gallon in New York and one cent a gallon at Tampa and Jacksonville. In New York the new price is 8 3/4 cents and in both Florida cities 8 1/4 cents.

The minimum price of gasoline of Shell Eastern Petroleum Products, Inc. in tank-cars was raised 1/2 cents to 7 1/2 cents a gallon on June 21. At the same time the Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky advanced its tank-car prices one cent a gallon.

Effective June 22 the Standard Oil Co. of New York raised the minimum price of gasoline above 65 octane, 1/2 cent a gallon to 7 1/2 cents, f.o.b. New York Harbor refinery. This price is exclusive of taxes.

On June 22 the price for below 65 octane gasoline in tank-cars at refineries was raised 1/2 cent a gallon by the Warner Quinlan Co. to 7 1/2 cents a gallon. The price for above 65 octane was boosted by the company 3/4 of a cent a gallon to 8 1/4 cents. The new prices do not include taxes.

Crude Oil Output Slightly Higher for Week Ended June 18 1932 But Continues Below that for the Corresponding Period Last Year—Refinery Operations Continue Unchanged.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average crude oil production in the United States for the week ended June 18 1932 was 2,197,550 barrels as compared with 2,183,450 barrels in the preceding week and 2,482,350 barrels in the corresponding period last year. The daily production for the four weeks ended June 18 1932 averaged 2,182,900 barrels. Comparative figures are set out below.

Reports received for the week ended June 18 1932 from refining companies controlling 95.1% of the 3,852,000-barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the United States, indicate that 2,405,900 barrels of crude oil daily were run to the stills operated by those companies and that they had in storage at refineries at the end of the week 41,262,000 barrels of gasoline and 129,398,000 barrels of gas and fuel oil. Gasoline at bulk terminals amounted to 14,691,000 barrels and 2,128,000 barrels were in water-borne transit in or between districts. Cracked gasoline production by companies owning 95.6% of the potential charging capacity of all cracking units, averaged 452,400 barrels daily during the week.

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF CRUDE OIL. (Figures in Barrels.)

	Week Ended June 18 1932.	Week Ended June 11 1932.	Average 4 Weeks Ended June 18 1932.	Week Ended June 20 1931.
Oklahoma.....	453,400	434,200	423,700	557,850
Kansas.....	96,550	95,100	96,100	101,050
Panhandle Texas.....	53,050	51,350	52,600	58,900
North Texas.....	50,800	50,800	50,800	58,300
West central Texas.....	24,850	25,050	24,800	29,550
West Texas.....	179,350	179,350	181,850	213,750
East central Texas.....	58,000	56,950	57,150	60,150
East Texas.....	331,050	330,400	336,400	371,350
Southwest Texas.....	55,100	55,300	55,000	57,650
North Louisiana.....	29,550	29,600	29,350	35,950
Arkansas.....	34,050	34,150	34,150	44,850
Coastal Texas.....	113,550	113,400	113,750	143,700
Coastal Louisiana.....	31,850	33,050	33,350	22,650
Eastern (not including Michigan).....	107,550	109,350	108,400	99,650
Michigan.....	17,150	17,550	18,250	7,900
Wyoming.....	35,300	34,350	36,450	41,500
Montana.....	6,700	7,350	7,550	8,100
Colorado.....	3,000	2,900	3,100	4,450
New Mexico.....	36,200	36,450	36,350	43,950
California.....	480,700	486,800	483,800	521,100
Total.....	2,197,550	2,183,450	2,182,900	2,482,350

CRUDE RUNS TO STILL, MOTOR FUEL STOCKS, AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS, AND CRACKED GASOLINE PRODUCTION FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 18 1932.

(Figures in Barrels of 42 Gallons.)

District.	Daily Refining Capacity of Plants.		Crude Runs to Stills.		a Motor Fuel Stocks.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
	Potential Rate.	Reporting.	Daily Average.	% Operated.		
		Total.	%			
East coast.....	633,700	633,700	100.0	490,100	77.3	19,297,000
Appalachian.....	149,800	137,400	91.8	95,300	71.5	2,331,000
Ind., Ill., Ky.....	436,300	431,500	98.9	297,600	68.0	8,346,000
Okl., Wis., Mo.....	485,700	435,200	89.6	236,300	54.3	5,377,000
Inland Texas.....	305,700	233,900	76.5	122,000	52.2	1,841,000
Texas gulf.....	522,500	531,500	99.8	489,900	92.2	6,269,000
Louisiana gulf.....	147,500	147,500	100.0	122,900	83.3	1,967,000
North La.-Ark.....	85,600	83,000	97.0	53,700	64.7	1,97,000
Rocky Mountain.....	160,900	143,800	89.4	32,800	22.8	1,881,000
California.....	914,500	884,100	96.7	462,300	52.3	16,525,000
Totals week:						
June 18 1932.....	3,852,000	3,661,600	95.1	2,405,900	65.7	64,031,000
June 11 1932.....	3,852,000	3,661,000	95.1	2,330,100	63.6	66,689,000

a Below is set out an estimate of total motor fuel stocks on U. S. Bureau of Mines for week of June 18 1932, compared with certain June 1931 Bureau figures:
 A. P. I. estimate B. of M. basis week June 18 1932. b.....64,856,000 barrels
 U. S. B. of M. motor fuel stocks June 1 1931.....64,196,000 barrels
 U. S. B. of M. motor fuel stocks June 30 1931.....60,165,000 barrels
 b Estimated to permit comparison with A. P. I. Economics Report which is on Bureau of Mines basis.

Domestic Copper Steadies Slightly in Thin Market—Tin Firm—Zinc Unsettled.

According to "Metal and Mineral Markets" under date of June 23, sales of major non-ferrous metals were in small volume in the last week, but prices, with the exception of zinc, were well maintained. Copper attracted more attention, as plans for conducting the world's business in this metal under the domestic barrier are gradually taking form. Domestic producers are busy with a scheme to not only market the heavy surplus in an orderly manner, but to keep production down to a point that virtually amounts to a complete suspension of operations. The price was undoubtedly a little firmer than a week ago, though the quotation underwent no change. Lead business fell off on the disappointing statistics for May, yet there was no evidence of weakness in the price structure. Zinc eased somewhat late in the period on continued lack of buying interest. Tin registered a small net gain, following receipt of news that the latest restriction plan has virtually been approved by all of the leading producing countries. Silver was quiet, settling at 27 3/8c. per ounce.

Less Pressure in Copper.

The domestic tariff on copper went into effect on June 21, and this date, in the opinion of traders, will mark the beginning of what will eventually become a new set-up in the industry. Domestic producers, almost to a man, have focused their attention on the price structure, and at times during the last week hope ran high that some acceptable plan could be devised to bring about an advance in the market that might at least reflect part of the protection to the industry that the 4c. tariff now affords. This news quickly made the rounds of the trade and was partly responsible for a moderate increase in sales of certain copper products. Some "optimists" went so far as to name the very date on which important price advances in copper would take place.

Large consumers of copper, especially the utilities, showed no great concern over the latest developments. Inquiry for copper was stimulated

here and there, but the demand was chiefly for December forward metal at current prices. Producers, however, were less disposed to offer forward material domestically, which caused prices to take on a firmer appearance in all directions. Third- and fourth-quarter copper sold in a moderate way throughout the week at 5 3/4c., delivered Connecticut, and scattered lots of forward material brought up to 5 1/2c. The copper that sold at the higher level was not sufficient in tonnage to influence our quotations.

Foreign demand was a little better, though most of the orders came from Germany, and, according to operators here, this was inspired to some extent by a hopeful view on the outcome of the Lausanne conference. Offerings of copper abroad by outside interests were not so much in evidence late in the week, though copper sold as low as 5.40c., c.i.f., during the period. Domestic sellers reported sales on Tuesday and yesterday at 5.50c., c.i.f., equal to 5.15c. refinery. Foreign sales by the export group since the first of the month totaled 6,041 long tons. Sales to European consumers by operators outside of the group amounted to more than 10,000 tons since the first of the month.

News from Chile leaves much to be desired so far as copper producers are concerned. A strike at the Braden property was reported early in the week, but latest advices are to the effect that some of the workers are returning to the plant.

British interests are going ahead with a plan for an Empire agreement on copper, including a tariff on imports into Great Britain. This will come up for discussion before the Ottawa conference in July.

Shipments of Portland Cement Exceeded Production in May—Output 50.6% Below Corresponding Month Last Year—Shipments 43.3% Lower—Inventories Continue to Decrease.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the Portland cement industry in May 1932, produced 6,917,000 barrels, shipped 8,048,000 barrels from the mills, and had in stock at the end of the month 25,365,000 barrels. Production of Portland cement in May 1932, showed a decrease of 50.6% and shipments a decrease of 43.3% as compared with May 1931. Portland cement stocks at the mills were 14.2% lower than a year ago.

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

RELATION OF PRODUCTION TO CAPACITY.

	May 1931.	May 1932.	April 1932.	Mar. 1932.	Feb. 1932.
The month.....	62.8%	30.2%	24.8%	21.3%	18.7%
The 12 months ended...	56.5%	38.9%	41.7%	43.8%	45.2%

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

District.	Production.		Shipments.		Stocks at End of Month.	
	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.
Eastern Pa., N. J. & Maryland..	3,053	1,334	2,952	1,840	6,824	5,508
New York & Maine.....	1,106	610	1,137	742	2,044	1,792
Ohio, Western Pa. & W. Va.....	1,289	471	1,252	642	3,513	3,018
Michigan.....	722	586	825	416	2,482	2,215
Wis., Ill., Ind. & Ky.....	1,913	821	1,743	1,032	4,378	3,561
Va., Tenn., Ala., Ga., Fla. & La.	1,418	718	1,428	509	1,630	1,759
East. Mo., Iowa, Minn. & S. Dak.	1,335	822	1,538	1,023	3,862	3,435
W. Mo., Neb., Kan., Okla. & Ark.	1,248	476	1,307	616	1,826	1,344
Texas.....	600	208	644	323	734	685
Colo., Mont., Utah, Wyo. & Ida.	296	105	298	123	609	381
California.....	703	542	710	538	1,103	1,076
Oregon & Washington.....	327	224	366	244	549	591
Total.....	14,010	6,917	14,200	8,048	29,554	25,365

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

Month.	Production.		Shipments.		Stocks at End of Month.	
	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	1932.
January.....	6,595	5,026	4,692	3,393	27,759	25,778
February.....	5,920	3,971	5,074	3,118	28,612	26,637
March.....	8,245	4,847	7,192	3,973	29,676	27,545
April.....	11,245	5,478	11,184	6,536	29,715	26,406
May.....	14,010	6,917	14,200	8,048	29,554	25,365
June.....	14,118	-----	16,077	-----	27,602	-----
July.....	13,899	-----	15,545	-----	25,934	-----
August.....	13,549	-----	15,172	-----	24,313	-----
September.....	12,092	-----	13,671	-----	22,736	-----
October.....	10,762	-----	12,360	-----	21,218	-----
November.....	8,161	-----	7,156	-----	22,219	-----
December.....	5,974	-----	4,142	-----	24,098	-----
Total.....	124,570	-----	126,465	-----	-----	-----

a Revised.

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

International Tin Committee Announces Acceptance by Signatory Governments of Modified Byrne Plan Effective July 1 New Annual Quotas Will Be 54,056 Tons, One-Third of 1929 Production.

The International Tin Committee in this city made public, under date of June 23, the following communique:

1. The International Tin Committee met in London on Tuesday, June 21
2. The monthly statistics as to export are as follows:

	Quota		Export	
	From Jan. 1.	April.	May.	-----
Netherlands East Indies.....	1,801	1,279	1,818	-----
Nigeria.....	482	423	355	-----
Bolivia.....	2,063	1,977	2,760	-----
Malaya.....	3,246	3,467	2,370	-----
Siam.....	833	761	833	-----

3. The signatory Governments have accepted the scheme now generally known as the modified Byrne scheme and this scheme will be put in force from July 1 1932. Its broad features are:

First, production during July and August 1932 either ceases or is held up under control in countries where the ore is produced or ordinarily smelted for these two months;

Second, thereafter the ore or metal so controlled is released at the rate of 10% per month for ten months;

Third, as from July 1, 1932 the new aggregate quotas are reduced at the rate of 17,040 tons a year below existing quotas.

The net effect is that the new annual quotas are 54,056 tons, viz., one-third production of 1929.

In order that there may be no misapprehension as to the provisions of the modified Byrne scheme, which has been briefly summarized above and will be enforced by all the signatory Governments as from July 1 1932, the committee desire to emphasize that,

First, the aggregate of the permitted quotas of production and export allotted to Bolivia, Malaya, the Netherlands East Indies and Nigeria from July 1 1932 is at the rate of 54,056 tons a year of metallic tin;

Second, no metallic tin or tin ore produced under the above quotas will be released from the control of the exporting Government concerned prior to September 1932, and subject thereto the aggregate permitted quarterly quotas of release will be: July and August 1932 nil; September, 5,405 tons; October-December, 16,217; January-March, 1933, 16,217; April-June, 16,217; total, 54,056.

The aggregate quotas from July 1 will be 54,056 tons per annum. The individual quotas from July 1 will be: Netherlands East Indies, 12,823; Nigeria, 3,431; Bolivia, 14,687; Malaya, 23,115.

Steel Production Barely at 16% of Capacity—Price of Steel Scrap Again Declines.

In a market in which demand is yet to show signs of reviving, both steel production and scrap prices have reached new low levels, reports the "Iron Age" of June 23 in its summary of conditions in the iron and steel industry. Ingot output has declined at Pittsburgh, Chicago, Buffalo, Detroit and in the Valleys, and the national average is now barely 16%, as compared with 18% a week ago. The "Age" further states:

Operations are becoming increasingly intermittent and complete suspension by some of the smaller independent plants is now in early prospect. Similarly mid-summer shutdowns of numerous steel-consuming companies, as well as foundries, are imminent. In fact, the iron and steel industry is resigned to the possibility that there will be no marked change for the better before August at the earliest.

Weakness in scrap prices is general, with declines most notable at Chicago, Pittsburgh and St. Louis. Recessions at Pittsburgh and Chicago have driven the "Iron Age" composite price for steel scrap down to \$6.83 a gross ton, a new all-time low.

Conspicuous among the few supporting influences in a discouraging situation are sustained specifications for tin plate and a good flow of releases for public projects and for the Ford Motor Co. Tin mill operations are holding at 50% of capacity. State and Federal construction jobs continue to make up the bulk of structural and reinforcing bar awards, although the volume of new work coming out for figures is on the decline. Ford is maintaining output at 5,000 cars a day, equally divided between fours and eights, but most other motor car makers are tightening their belts in anticipation of a lean summer. An apparent exception is Plymouth, which had its largest production day in history last Thursday (June 18) when it turned out 1,543 cars and which estimates this week's shipments at 8,000 units.

The favorable sentimental response to the improvement in the financial situation and the impending adjournment of Congress has failed to translate itself into business betterment. Whether industry, unaided, can pull itself out of the rut of depression is coming to be recognized as a question involving more than monetary stability or the passing of legislative dangers at Washington.

Government aid to private corporations may prove imperative. If such assistance were made available through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, it is likely that steel companies and other industries would make sizable expenditures for modernization. The reported plan of enabling the railroads to undertake large expenditures for rolling stock and other requirements through loans from the F. R. C. unfortunately seems unlikely to materialize. Such aid to our transportation lines would call for amendment to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation act, of which there is little prospect on the eve of adjournment of Congress.

Meanwhile railroad buying is at low ebb. Rail production has ceased in the Chicago district, and rail mills at Pittsburgh and Enslay are also inactive.

Outstanding among pending tonnages for Federal projects is the steel for large-diameter outlet pipes for the Hoover Dam. From 52,000 to 60,000 tons of plates will be required, depending on which of three alternative contracts is placed. The Babcock & Wilcox Co., New York, at the Western Pipe & Steel Co., San Francisco, are the low bidders, but different freight rates and other variations make it uncertain as to which actually submitted the lowest tender. Announcement of the award will be by the Bureau of Reclamation, Washington.

The reaffirmation of most finished steel prices for third quarter has been followed by the announcement of steel companies that they will cancel all low-price contracts on June 30. Users, however, have shown no interest in building up their stocks to take advantage of such hold-over quotations.

The "Iron Age" composite prices for finished steel and pig iron are unchanged at 2.087c. a lb. and \$14.01 a ton respectively. A comparative table shows:

		Finished Steel.	
June 21 1932, 2.087c. a Lb.	[Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe and sheets.]	2.087c.	-----
One week ago.....	These products make 87% of the United States output.	2.087c.	-----
One month ago.....		2.087c.	-----
One year ago.....		2.102c.	-----
		High.	
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	2.396c. Aug. 18
		Pig Iron.	
June 21 1932, \$14.01 a Gross Ton.	[Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.]	\$14.01	-----
One week ago.....		14.22	-----
One month ago.....		14.22	-----
One year ago.....		15.63	-----

The statement in full for the week ended June 22, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 4619 and 4620.

Changes in the amount of Reserve Bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ending June 22 1932, were as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since		
	June 22 1932.	June 15 1932.	June 24 1931.
	\$	\$	\$
Bills discounted.....	488,000,000	-8,000,000	+290,000,000
Bills bought.....	54,000,000	-12,000,000	-52,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	1,730,000,000	+38,000,000	+1,111,000,000
Other Reserve Bank credit.....	16,000,000	-----	-22,000,000
TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT.....	2,288,000,000	+18,000,000	+1,328,000,000
Monetary gold stock.....	3,917,000,000	+8,000,000	-988,000,000
Treasury currency adjusted.....	1,770,000,000	-62,000,000	+36,000,000
Member bank reserve balances.....	5,505,000,000	+38,000,000	+772,000,000
Unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c.....	2,066,000,000	-35,000,000	-391,000,000
	403,000,000	-40,000,000	-16,000,000

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

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

Below is the statement for the New York City member banks and that for the Chicago member banks, for the current week, as thus issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York City statement of course also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks. The grand aggregate of brokers' loans the present week records a decrease of \$43,000,000, bringing the amount of these loans on June 22 1932 down to \$359,000,000, a new low record for all time since these loans were first compiled in 1917. Loans "for own account" decreased during the week from \$364,000,000 to \$324,000,000, and loans "for account of out-of-town banks" from \$31,000,000 to \$28,000,000, while loans "for account of others" at \$7,000,000 remain unchanged. The amount of these loans "for account of others" has been reduced the past 32 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 22 1932.	June 15 1932.	June 24 1931.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and Investments—total.....	6,462,000,000	6,645,000,000	7,621,000,000
Loans—total.....	3,645,000,000	3,824,000,000	5,028,000,000
On securities.....	1,720,000,000	1,759,000,000	2,791,000,000
All other.....	1,925,000,000	2,065,000,000	2,237,000,000
Investments—total.....	2,817,000,000	2,821,000,000	2,593,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	1,881,000,000	1,878,000,000	1,521,000,000
Other securities.....	936,000,000	943,000,000	1,072,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	762,000,000	742,000,000	917,000,000
Cash in vault.....	40,000,000	40,000,000	43,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	4,898,000,000	5,013,000,000	5,611,000,000
Time deposits.....	755,000,000	758,000,000	1,192,000,000
Government deposits.....	143,000,000	166,000,000	108,000,000
Due from banks.....	71,000,000	76,000,000	107,000,000
Due to banks.....	1,054,000,000	1,093,000,000	1,107,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	-----	-----	-----
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers;			
For own account.....	324,000,000	364,000,000	1,065,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	28,000,000	31,000,000	170,000,000
For account of others.....	7,000,000	7,000,000	171,000,000
Total.....	359,000,000	402,000,000	1,406,000,000
On demand.....	262,000,000	306,000,000	1,032,000,000
On time.....	97,000,000	96,000,000	374,000,000
Chicago.			
Loans and Investments—total.....	1,376,000,000	1,392,000,000	1,857,000,000
Loans—total.....	911,000,000	911,000,000	1,279,000,000
On securities.....	530,000,000	525,000,000	736,000,000
All other.....	381,000,000	386,000,000	543,000,000
Investments—total.....	465,000,000	481,000,000	578,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	287,000,000	300,000,000	338,000,000
Other securities.....	178,000,000	181,000,000	240,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	181,000,000	206,000,000	169,000,000
Cash in vault.....	23,000,000	16,000,000	20,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	894,000,000	916,000,000	1,164,000,000
Time deposits.....	374,000,000	382,000,000	539,000,000
Government deposits.....	27,000,000	31,000,000	25,000,000
Due from banks.....	131,000,000	141,000,000	136,000,000
Due to banks.....	259,000,000	290,000,000	331,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	10,000,000	5,000,000	2,000,000

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

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

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with the close of business on June 15:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on June 15 shows increases for the week of \$375,000,000 in loans and investments, \$128,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$343,000,000 in Government deposits, and decreases of \$23,000,000 in time deposits and \$9,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on securities increased \$20,000,000 at reporting member banks in the New York district, \$9,000,000 each in the Boston and Chicago districts and \$30,000,000 at all reporting banks. "All other" loans increased \$95,000,000 in the New York district, \$8,000,000 in the Boston district and \$88,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities, following the June 15 issues by the Treasury, increased in all districts, the total increase being \$261,000,000. Holdings of other securities show little change for the week.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from Federal Reserve banks aggregated \$198,000,000 on June 15, the principal change for the week being a decrease of \$4,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending June 15 1932, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since		
	June 15 1932.	June 8 1932.	June 17 1931.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and Investments—total.....	19,087,000,000	+375,000,000	-3,338,000,000
Loans—total.....	11,515,000,000	+118,000,000	-3,067,000,000
On securities.....	4,828,000,000	+30,000,000	-1,892,000,000
All other.....	6,687,000,000	+88,000,000	-1,175,000,000
Investments—total.....	7,572,000,000	+257,000,000	-271,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	4,338,000,000	+261,000,000	+247,000,000
Other securities.....	3,234,000,000	+4,000,000	-518,000,000
Reserve with F. R. banks.....	1,637,000,000	-2,000,000	-179,000,000
Cash in vault.....	205,000,000	-----	-27,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	11,119,000,000	+128,000,000	-2,136,000,000
Time deposits.....	5,601,000,000	-23,000,000	-1,590,000,000
Government deposits.....	457,000,000	+343,000,000	+147,000,000
Due from banks.....	1,246,000,000	+43,000,000	-309,000,000
Due to banks.....	2,747,000,000	+20,000,000	-645,000,000
Borrowings from F. R. banks.....	198,000,000	-9,000,000	+141,000,000

Albert H. Wiggin Sails for Europe to Attend London Conference on German Standstill Agreement.

Albert H. Wiggin of the Chase National Bank will represent American creditors at the London conference opening July 1 which will deal with commercial credits to Germany under the standstill agreement which went into effect on March 1. He sailed on the Bremen on June 22, said the New York "Journal of Commerce," from which we also quote:

The conference was planned when the present agreement of creditors to maintain their German credits was drafted early this year and the intention of the holding the conference was written into the contract. Further conferences are to be held on Oct. 1 and on Jan. 4 1933.

Europe Considers Gold Drain Over—Practically All Important "Dollar Credits" of European Banks Reported Liquidated—Exchange Should Favor United States—Sentiment Improved.

Stating this, a Paris message June 17 to the New York "Times" added:

The American credit balances of the Bank of France may now be considered practically to have been liquidated. Any dollar credits now remaining can be only small in amount, and easily realizable without producing any effect either on the exchange market or on the gold movement.

It is the view of this market, that when all the dollar balances of European banks shall presently have been converted, the cause for the gold outflow from America will have disappeared. Such fears as may have existed of further depreciation in the dollar will have been removed and if the exchange rate remains for some considerable time above the gold export point (to which every indication now points), then the bears on dollar exchange will be compelled to cover. If it is true, as has been alleged in some quarters, that there has also been some hoarding of gold or buying of foreign bills by Americans themselves, these operations also should terminate with the removal of doubts as to the solidity of the dollar.

From London June 17, a cablegram to the same paper said:

The termination of the gold export movement from New York, is arousing much interest here, although, pending developments at Lausanne, dealings in exchange on this market have been small. It was felt this week that the absence of any unfavorable effect on dollar exchange from the vote of the House of Representatives on the bonus illustrated strikingly the change in sentiment regarding the dollar. The City believes that bullish sentiment will be created; banking circles are somewhat more hesitant about expressing views as to the probable immediate result.

In regard to the drain of approximately \$1,500,000,000 gold from the Federal Reserve for export, it was pointed out here this week that the withdrawals from America had continued, with occasional intermissions, during more than eight months, whereas, in the case of the Bank of England last

year, funds exceeding £200,000,000 had been withdrawn from London almost within two months, between the middle of July and the week in last September when Great Britain suspended payments to protect her gold reserves against further withdrawals.

Gold and Silver Imported Into and Exported From the United States by Countries in May 1932.

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has made public its monthly report showing the imports and exports of gold and silver into and from the United States during May 1932. The gold exports were \$212,228,820, of which \$63,-222,535 went to France, \$58,472,929 went to Netherlands, \$53,553,965 to Switzerland, and \$19,930,028 to Belgium. The imports footed up to \$17,714,632, of which \$4,744,486 came from Canada, \$2,720,016 from China, \$2,440,768 from Japan and \$1,509,924 from Mexico. Below is the report:

GOLD AND SILVER EXPORTED FROM AND IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES.

Countries.	GOLD.		SILVER.			
	Total.		Refined Bullion.		Total (Incl. Coin).	
	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.
	Dollars.	Dollars.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Dollars.	Dollars.
Belgium	19,930,028					300
France	63,222,535	6,709	30,085		8,349	1,411
Germany	9,710,334					
Italy	6,000					
Netherlands	58,472,929					
Switzerland	53,553,965					
United Kingdom	7,247,222	200,214				1,302
Canada	45,467	4,744,486	91,549	135,052	75,270	132,613
Costa Rica	3,000	23,942				
Guatemala		8,840				
Honduras		13,793		157,743		118,858
Nicaragua		26,411		2,372		2,718
Panama		41,950				198,000
Salvador		537				50
Mexico	1,509,924		1,280,393		133	638,425
Newfoundland	500,000					
Bermudas	25,000					
Jamaica	703					3,253
Trinidad	13,429					
Oth. Br. W. Indies	1,925					
Cuba	63,743				572,397	240,765
Dominican Repub.	10,443					
Dutch W. Indies	2,685					
Brazil						40,957
Chile	10,322					
Ecuador	97,920					3,144
British Guiana	32,449					
Peru	37,340	1,043,504				126,766
Venezuela	124,447					
British India	175,000		50,245		14,162	
Ceylon	108					
China	2,720,016	4,139,427			1,143,965	
Neth. Ind. E. Ind.	513,021			56,614		19,703
Hong Kong	1,070,904		166,400		46,600	
Japan	2,440,768		14,389	52,478	4,029	14,802
Philippine Islands	445,460					4,019
Australia	805,417					35
New Zealand	26,954			48		13
Union of So. Africa	13,608					
Total	212,228,820	16,714,632	4,492,095	1,684,700	1,864,905	1,547,134

Gold Position of United States Impregnable According to Benjamin N. Anderson Jr.—Foreign Exchange Futures.

Discussing "The Gold Position of the United States After Two Great Foreign Raids on Our Gold," Benjamin N. Anderson Jr., Ph.D., Economist of the Chase National Bank of New York alluded to a statistical table before him, which he said "demonstrates, I think, that our gold position is impregnable." Dr. Anderson spoke thus before the Association of Foreign Press Correspondents at a Luncheon on June 17 at the Lawyers' Club in New York. "The table," said Dr. Anderson, "shows that our ratio of gold in the Federal Reserve banks and in the Treasury to demand liabilities on June 8 1932 stood at 15.2%. This compares with 13.1% on June 30 of 1919, with 10.3% on June 30 1920, with 12.9% on June 30 1928, and with 14.3% on June 30 1930. The ratio went higher in the one year, 1931. On June 30 of that year it stood at 17.4%, that being the year in which our gold stocks reached their absolute peak for all time." Dr. Anderson further observed:

The point is that, although we have lost gold, we have also had a great liquidation of demand liabilities, the demand deposits of the commercial banks of the country having declined approximately \$7,000,000,000 since June 1930.

I have taken as representing demand liabilities all paper money in circulation, plus the demand deposits of all commercial banks, which includes State and National banks and trust companies, and such private banks as report.

This is including in demand liabilities two things which ought not, in strict logic, to be there, namely, the paper money held in bank vault cash, and also inter-bank deposits. As between the banking system and the public, demand liabilities are smaller than those here shown, and the ratio of gold to demand liabilities is consequently higher.

Data were not available when this table was prepared for bringing the story down to date, but a calculation which I had made yesterday, before the Federal Reserve reports were available, would put this ratio at approximately 15% for June 15.

The ratio of gold in the Federal Reserve banks and in the Treasury to paper money in circulation stood at 76.3% on June 8 1932. The figures for preceding years were June 30 1919, 60.2; June 30 1920, 45.5; June 30 1928, 93.7. For June 15 1932, I estimate it at approximately 75%.

What happened was, as you will see if you look at the column called "Total Gold in the Treasury and the Federal Reserve System," that between June 1928 and June 1931 we gained approximately \$850,000,000 of gold from the outside world, and that, since that time, we have lost about \$1,050,000,000. A great deal of the gold that we gained during this period was nervous money which came here because it was afraid to stay elsewhere, and a great deal of the gold that we have lost since that time is that same nervous money which is seeking restlessly a place of safety. I think that most of the nervous money has gone now, and that what remains with us is much more dependable.

The foreign exchange markets, as you know, are much better; the domestic hoarding (which was never large) has practically died out, and the whole picture looks much more cheerful. I think we may lose some more gold yet, but I think also that, before the year is over, we shall be gaining more gold than I want to see come in. With moderate return of confidence in our American position, this would seem inevitable. The only countries that can take much gold for monetary purposes now are the United States, France, Holland and Switzerland. Belgium can take some, Germany, theoretically, could take some, but is unlikely to gain much. France, Holland and Switzerland are glutted with gold, and it seems to me inevitable that the tide must turn our way after a little while. Gresham's law will not permit gold to go to countries which are off the gold standard, except by special transactions. (There is an apparent exception in that gold was flowing from India to England on a great scale recently, but, after all, India is in the British system and the rupee is linked to sterling).

You have probably seen the figures for domestic gold hoarding as announced by the United States Treasury. For the month of May, the total for the country was about \$25,000,000. From May 31 of last year to May 31 of this year, the total was \$83,000,000. My information is that practically all of this was by foreigners and people influenced by foreigners. The native American population, especially in the interior, has done almost none of it. It has very largely quieted down.

We have made no concessions whatever to the fears of people who wanted us to restrict payments or who wanted us to use unusual measures. Our gold was so abundant that it was not found necessary for us to raise our rates in meeting this last great foreign drain on our gold. The way to meet a run is to pay, and to show strength. The purpose of having a gold reserve is to enable you to meet your demand liabilities on demand. We have gone through these two great foreign drains on our gold, last autumn and this spring, without weakening in the slightest in our policy in this matter.

Financial history demonstrates that the countries which protect their record for paying gold, even when it hurts, do not need as much gold in order to maintain their position as those which hoard it and admire it and make difficulties about paying when stress comes. In times of anxiety and uncertainty, men send gold to the banks and to the countries which will surely pay it out again. We saw, for example, in 1907, in the United States, when we had a currency restriction, that the banks which paid out cash freely very speedily found their deposits rising and their cash reserves rising. The word went around the country that these banks were paying, and anybody that had cash trusted them with it because they knew they could get it back again.

The ability of foreign countries to stage another demonstration on the scale of that of last fall or that of the last six weeks no longer exists. They could take more, but they could not take anything like as much more. There is not now, and there has never been, any excuse for any concessions to timid people who want restrictions, either on domestic redemption in gold or on foreign payments. The old fundamentals are vindicated.

As to foreign exchange futures, Dr. Anderson said:

The decline in foreign exchange rates still leaves a spread between spot and futures in the foreign exchange rates which on the face of things, indicates a distrust of the future of the gold standard in the United States. The premiums on futures as compared with spot on francs, sterling, Swiss francs and guilders stood yesterday at the annual rate of 3 cents on three month futures.

Let me tell you that I have looked into this several times to see whether it was not advisable for New York to get into that market and break it, and I have talked about it a good deal with technical experts in the foreign exchange market. Several points have emerged from these discussions.

1. The general practice of New York banks is to limit their transactions in futures to hedging. We really haven't a speculative futures market in New York. What has been done in the speculative futures market, therefore, has been almost entirely done abroad.

2. The quality of names involved has been such that the New York banks would have hesitated in any case to get into it, and this was increasingly true down to the time when the foreign exchange rates began to weaken. There were really three markets, one for prime names, one for second-rate names, and one for third-rate names, the spread between spot and future being progressive as the quality of the names deteriorated. The difference between the categories was as much as 1/2 between types of names and often an additional 1/2 in the case of third-rate names in sterling, while in francs the second-rate name would be 1/4 higher than the prime name, and the third-rate name 1/2 higher than the second-rate name. The bulk of the trading, moreover, was in second-rate names rather than in prime names. Writing on June 8, one expert says:

"The short selling of dollars has caused shipments of gold by artificially increasing the supply of dollars in foreign markets but has, especially during the later stages, been conspicuous by the poor standing of the sellers. With the result that on most days there have been two or three different markets for dollars for delivery on the same future date, according to the name of the party selling the dollars. And as dollars for delivery this week, which, a few months ago were sold at a heavy discount, are now obtainable only slightly below the gold point, it is evident that the speculation against dollars so far has been an enormous and costly failure. And the fact that the discount on future dollars has been widening for every month, which, on the surface, might appear as a weakening of the standing of the dollar abroad, proves to the expert that the short sellers abroad are finding it more difficult and more costly every month to re-purchase the spot dollars with which to cover their previous sales, and, at the same time, maintain their short position."

I find real concern among foreign exchange traders, moreover, as to the safety of selling future exchange short, even to first-rate names, in the case of Continental currencies, because of genuine uncertainty as to whether, three months hence, the Continental banks of issue would receive gold on the same terms as they would receive it to-day. If we could be absolutely certain that foreign central banks would receive gold at to-day's rate three months hence, we could absolutely smash this spread with entire safety, so far as prime names are concerned, but this certainty does not exist.

In general, therefore, the spread between spot and futures has seemed to represent American reluctance to speculate in the European markets in foreign exchange, and American uncertainty regarding the status of the gold standard rules in Europe, rather than any weakness on our part.

The table presented by Dr. Anderson is annexed.

UNITED STATES GOLD POSITION.

Nearest Report Date to:	Interest-Bearing National Debt Outstanding.	Gold of Federal Reserve System in Excess of Legal Requirements.	Total Gold in Treasury and Federal Reserve System.	Paper Money in Circulation.	Demand Deposits of All Commercial Banks.*
	a	a	a	a	a
June 30 1919...	25,234	604	2,620	4,354	15,615
June 30 1920...	24,061	227	2,213	4,865	16,603
June 30 1928...	16,853	1,205	3,732	3,984	24,892
June 30 1929...	16,034	1,084	3,956	3,935	24,869
June 30 1930...	15,158	941	4,178	3,727	25,574
June 30 1931...	16,228	829	4,593	4,034	22,291
Dec. 31 1931...	16,776	403	4,050	4,818	20,048c
May 31 1932...	18,729	1,142d	3,714	4,644c	18,745c
June 8 1932...	18,729	1,033d	3,544c	4,644c	18,657c

Nearest Report Date to:	Paper Money in Circulation Plus Demand Deposits of All Commercial Banks.	Ratio of Gold in Treasury and Federal Reserve System to Paper Money Plus Demand Deposits.	Ratio of Gold in Treasury and Federal Reserve System to Paper Money in Circulation.	"Reserve Ratio" of Federal Reserve Banks.
	a	b	b	b
June 30 1919...	19,969	13.1	60.2	52.1
June 30 1920...	21,468	10.3	45.5	42.8
June 30 1928...	28,876	12.9	93.7	67.0
June 30 1929...	28,804	13.7	100.5	73.3
June 30 1930...	29,301	14.3	112.1	81.8
June 30 1931...	26,325	17.4	113.9	84.6
Dec. 31 1931...	24,866	16.3	84.1	66.6
May 31 1932...	23,389	15.9	80.0	61.4
June 8 1932...	23,301	15.2	76.3	59.4

a In millions of dollars. b In percentages. c Estimated. d The Glass-Steagall bill has permitted the substitution of Government securities for gold as collateral for Federal Reserve notes, although still retaining the requirement of 40% gold against notes in circulation.

* The statistics for demand deposits for 1919 and 1920 appear to be less inclusive than for those of later years. To the extent that this is true, the ratio of gold reserve to demand liabilities for the earlier years, as shown in our table, is somewhat higher than it was in fact.

London Drawing Gold from Four Separate Continents.

In a London cablegram, June 17 to the New York "Times" it was stated:

The Bank of England's purchase of another £2,610,969 gold this week has increased its stock to more than £145,000,000, as against a trifle over £141,000,000 in the middle of May. The source of these gold additions to the reserve has been a surplus of gold imports. In April gold imports into England exceeded exports by £6,700,000 and the excess for May was £4,266,000.

The May imports, aggregating £11,113,720, were made up of £4,649,770 from the Transvaal and Southwest Africa, of £2,836,125 from India, of £2,116,067 from the United States, of £345,673 from New Zealand and £239,312 from Australia. Of the month's £6,847,706 gold exports, £3,045,623 was exported to the Netherlands and £2,871,065 to France.

"Token" Reparations Proposed by John Maynard Keynes.

The following copyright by the New York "Evening Post" is from London, June 16:

The proposal that Germany agree to assume purely nominal or "token" payment of the Allies' war debts coupled with "a hand-shake all round and a declaration to let bygones be bygones," is advanced by John Maynard Keynes to-day in the London "Times."

This would be contingent on the important European suggestion to the two rival American political parties that the war debt question be lifted out of the sphere of political controversy in the United States by agreement and that the Lausanne conferees should forthwith proceed to Washington to discuss the issue with the President and the leaders of both major parties on a non-partisan basis.

The London "Times" editorially decries the Keynes proposal as unthinkable during the American Presidential campaign and in official circles in Whitehall the scheme is also frowned upon on the same grounds, that it would not be tactful to bother the United States in this way during the elections.

President Hoover's Proposals to Reduce World Armaments Approximately One-Third—Plan Presented at Disarmament Conference at Geneva.

A proposal by President Hoover that world armaments be reduced approximately one-third was brought before the Geneva Disarmament Conference on June 22. At Washington on that date the President made known his instructions to the American delegation at the conference, and statement given out at the White House at the same time indicated that the acceptance by all the governments of his proposal would effect a saving in expenditure to the United States in construction and operation of about two billions of dollars during the next 10 years. The President, in offering his plan, said "the time has come when we should cut through the brush and adopt some broad and definite method of reducing the overwhelming burden of armament which now lies upon the toilers of the world"; he likewise said "we can add to the assurance of peace and yet save the people of the world from 10 to 15 billions of wasted dollars during the next 10 years."

As indicating the principal points in the President's proposals we quote the following summary presented in a Washington dispatch June 22 to the New York "Times":

1. That the arms of the world be reduced by nearly one-third.
2. Abolition of all tanks, all chemical warfare and all large mobile guns and bombing planes.
3. Reduction of one-third in the strength of all land armies over and above the so-called "police component." The formula for the police component would be the post-war treaties under which 100,000 troops were assigned to Germany for a population of approximately 65,000,000.
4. That the treaty number and tonnage of battleships be reduced by one-third.
5. That the treaty tonnage of aircraft carriers, cruisers and destroyers be reduced one-fourth.
6. That the treaty tonnage of submarines be reduced by one-third, no nation to have more than 35,000 tons of submarines.
7. That the French and Italian strength in cruisers and destroyers be calculated as though they had joined in the Treaty of London on a basis approximating the so-called accord of March 1 1931.
8. That under these proposals from \$10,000,000,000 to \$15,000,000,000 be saved for the taxpayers of the world in the next 10 years.
9. That arms reductions must be real and positive and afford economic relief.
10. That the Kellogg-Briand pact can be interpreted as meaning only that the nations of the world have agreed to use their arms solely for defense.

The President's proposals are set out as follows in his announcement of June 22:

The delegations at the World Conference on Disarmament at Geneva are engaged in discussions as to methods by which a more comprehensive effort can be made toward disarmament.

The following is the substance of instructions which have been given by the President to the American delegation for guidance in the discussions which are now occupying them:

The time has come when we should cut through the brush and adopt some broad and definite method of reducing the overwhelming burden of armament which now lies upon the toilers of the world. This would be the most important world step that could be taken to expedite economic recovery. We must make headway against the mutual fear and friction arising out of war armament which kill human confidence throughout the world. We can still remain practical in maintaining an adequate self-defense among all nations; we can add to the assurance of peace and yet save the people of the world from \$10,000,000,000 to \$15,000,000,000 of wasted dollars during the next 10 years.

I propose that the following principles should be our guide:

1. The Kellogg-Briand pact, to which we are all signatories, can only mean that the nations of the world have agreed that they will use their arms solely for defense.
2. This reduction should be carried out not only by broad general cuts in armaments but by increasing the comparative power of defense through decreases in the power of the attack.
3. The armaments of the world have grown up in general mutual relation to each other, and, speaking generally, such relativity should be preserved in making reductions.
4. The reductions must be real and positive. They must effect economic relief.
5. There are three problems to deal with—land forces, air forces and naval forces. They are all interconnected. No part of the proposals which I make can be disassociated one from the other.

Based on these principles, I propose that the arms of the world should be reduced by nearly one-third.

Land Forces.—In order to reduce the offensive character of all land forces as distinguished from their defensive character, I propose the adoption of the presentation already made at the Geneva conference for the abolition of all tanks, all chemical warfare and all large mobile guns. This would not prevent the establishment or increase of fixed fortifications of any character for the defense of frontiers and seacoasts. It would give an increased relative strength to such defense as compared with the attack.

I propose furthermore that there should be a reduction of one-third in strength of all land armies over and above the so-called police component.

The land armaments of many nations are considered to have two functions. One is the maintenance of internal order in connection with the regular peace forces of the country. The strength required for this purpose has been called the "police component." The other function is defense against foreign attack. The additional strength required for this purpose has been called the "defense component."

While it is not suggested that these different components should be separated, it is necessary to consider this contention as to functions in proposing a practical plan of reduction in land forces. Under the Treaty of Versailles and other peace treaties, the armies of Germany, Austria and Bulgaria were reduced to a size deemed appropriate for the maintenance of internal order, Germany being assigned 100,000 troops for a population of approximately 65,000,000 people. I propose that we should accept for all nations a basic police component of soldiers proportionate to the average which was thus allowed Germany and these other States.

This formula, with necessary corrections for powers having colonial possessions, should be sufficient to provide for the maintenance of internal order by the nations of the world. Having analyzed these two components in this fashion, I propose as stated above that there should be a reduction of one-third in the strength of all land armies over and above the police component.

Abolition of Bombing Planes.

Air Forces.—All bombing planes to be abolished. This will do away with the military possessions of types of planes capable of attacks upon civil populations and should be coupled with the total prohibition of all bombardment from the air.

Naval Forces.—I propose that the treaty number and tonnage of battleships shall be reduced by one-third; that the treaty tonnage of aircraft carriers, cruisers and destroyers shall be reduced by one-fourth; that the treaty tonnage of submarines shall be reduced by one-third, and that no nation shall retain a submarine tonnage greater than 35,000.

The relative strength in naval arms in battleships and aircraft carriers, as between five leading naval powers, was fixed by the Treaty of Washington. The relative strength in cruisers, destroyers and submarines was fixed, as between the United States, Great Britain and Japan by the Treaty of London. For the purposes of this proposal, it is suggested that the French and Italian strength in cruisers and destroyers be calculated as though they had joined in the Treaty of London on a basis approximating the so-called accord of March 1 1931.

There are various technical considerations connected with these naval discussions which will be presented by the delegation.

Saving in New Construction.

General.—The effect of this plan would be to effect an enormous saving in cost of new construction and replacements of naval vessels. It would also save large amounts in the operating in all nations of land, sea and

air forces. It would greatly reduce offensive strength compared to defense strength in all nations.

These proposals are simple and direct. They call upon all nations to contribute something. The contribution here proposed will be relative and mutual. I know of nothing that would give more hope for humanity to-day than the acceptance of such a program with such minor changes as might be necessary. It is folly for the world to go on breaking its back over military expenditure, and the United States is willing to take its share of responsibility by making definite proposals that will relieve the world.

The White House statement given out along with the above follows:

The program announced this morning has been approved by the Secretaries of State, War and the Navy by the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Chief of Operations of the Navy and the American delegation at Geneva. It is not proposed that the United States should act alone, but only upon the acceptance of all the other governments.

Our army, including the National Guard and all other reserves, has already been reduced much below the European standard "police component." It therefore would not be further decreased in strength, but we would join in the abolition of tanks, bombing planes, chemical warfare and large mobile land guns.

Our navy is not yet built up to the parity and strength provided for in the treaties. This proposal, while relieving other nations of great costs of maintenance, would also relieve us of a large part of the building program under discussion in Congress designed to enable us to reach our treaty strength.

It would not interfere with present construction and in the ordinary course would not result in reduction of personnel for two or three years. It therefore has no effect on unemployment by discharge of men. By aid to economic recovery it would help employment.

The savings in expenditure to the United States in construction and operation are computed at a total of about two billions of dollars during the next ten years.

It would leave us more secure in defense than we are to-day. We have no desire for offensive armament.

Disarmament has never been considered in connection with debt questions. It has no relation to them whatever either directly or indirectly. No such suggestion has ever been made by any American official.

The following from Washington June 22 is from the New York "Evening Post":

President Hoover's suggestion to-day goes further than the original American nine-point program submitted at Geneva on Feb. 9 by Ambassador Hugh S. Gibson, acting head of the American delegation.

The Hoover plan embraces additional cuts in naval armaments in the battleship and cruiser classes and is a radical modification of the program submitted by Mr. Gibson. The latter advocated the abolition of submarines, while the Hoover proposal permits the retention of a small submarine tonnage, probably a concession to France.

Mr. Gibson particularly stressed the necessity for the reduction of offensive arms, that is great mobile guns and tanks which are suitable for attack upon a foreign Power rather than defense. This form of armament has been particularly discussed by the American delegates at Geneva as the cause of the fear of attack from outside which has prevented European nations from agreeing to any reduction.

What Gibson Suggested.

Mr. Gibson and his associates have proposed limitations in various categories in a very general way. In addition they favored the principle of budgetary limitation and these additional points:

- (1) The American Government advocates consideration of the draft convention as containing the outlines for a convenient basis for discussion, while expressing its entire willingness to give full consideration to any supplementary proposals calculated to advance the end we all seek.
- (2) We suggest the possibility of prolonging the existing naval agreements concluded at Washington and London, and we advocate completing the latter as soon as possible by the adherence of France and Italy.
- (3) We advocate proportional reduction from the figures laid down in the Washington and London agreements on naval tonnage as soon as all parties to the Washington agreement have entered this framework.
- (4) We advocate, as we long have done, the total abolition of submarines.
- (5) We will join in formulating the most effective measures to protect civilian population against aerial bombing.

Opposed Deadly Gases.

- (6) We advocate the total abolition of lethal gases and bacteriological warfare.
- (7) We advocate, as I have already stated, the computation of the number of armed forces on the basis of the effectiveness necessary for the maintenance of internal order plus some suitable contingent for defense. The former are obviously impossible of reduction; the latter is a question of relativity.
- (8) We agree on advocating special restrictions for tanks and heavy mobile guns; in other words, for those arms of a peculiarly offensive character.
- (9) We are prepared to consider a limitation of expenditure on material as a complimentary method to direct limitation, feeling that it may prove useful to prevent a qualitative race, if and when quantitative limitation has been effected.

Statement by Ambassador Gibson at Disarmament Conference Clarifying Plan Proposed by President Hoover for Cut in World Armament.

At the Geneva Disarmament Conference on June 22, Ambassador Gibson, after reading the text of the Hoover proposal, continued (we quote from a Geneva account to the New York "Times"):

The significance of the President's statement will be apparent to all. It is clear, self-contained and comprehensive. I am well aware that every one here will wish to study it in detail. There are, however, certain clarifications and explanations which I can make at once in order to clear up one or two points.

With reference to cruiser strength, it is proposed that a 25% reduction of total tonnage by the United States and Great Britain should be calculated on the present total London Treaty tonnage of Great Britain, namely, 339,000 tons.

"Furthermore, the total tonnage allowed under that Treaty for eight-inch-gun cruisers shall be limited to 150,000 tons each for the United States and Great Britain and a proportionate 90,000 tons for Japan

"I also feel that there should be some clarification on the subject of submarines. In order to make acceptance of such a sweeping reduction possible, the President's calculations are on a basis that no nation—whether or not it is a party to existing naval treaties—shall retain a tonnage of submarines greater than 35,000 tons or more than the 40 submarine units, of which no single vessel shall exceed 1,200 tons.

In view of the fact that the reductions suggested are for the five leading naval powers, under the President's plan it seems evident that the other powers should here agree to corresponding sacrifices through reduction or limitation of their naval armaments.

Maximum Accomplishment Is Aim.

"I have not labored here these months with my colleagues who are present to-day without becoming convinced of their earnestness of purpose and desire to see the greatest possible accomplishment in disarmament. Therefore, I am sure the principle of maximum accomplishment to which each nation makes substantial contributions, as my country is going by the provisions of this text which I have just read, will appeal to them.

In our most powerful arm, the navy, we are prepared as part of this general program to scrap over 300,000 tons of existing ships and forego the right to build over 50,000 tons. In land material, our proposal would affect over 1,000 heavy mobile guns and approximately 900 tanks and in aviation about 300 bombardment planes.

The American delegation is at your disposal for such further explanation and clarification as may become necessary, and these points will undoubtedly be forthcoming as the conversations in which we are now engaged progress.

These very real sacrifices of strength which the United States is willing to make in its predominant arm as a part of the world scheme cannot fail, I am convinced, to find an equally generous response.

President Hoover's Plan for World Disarmament Cut Would Give United States Parity With Great Britain—Latter Would Cut All Types, While We Would Have to Reduce in Only Three.

The proposal of President Hoover for a cut of one-third in the treaty number and treaty tonnage of capital ships, of one-fourth in the treaty tonnage of aircraft carriers, cruisers and destroyers and of one-third in the treaty tonnage of submarines, with the maximum tonnage allowed any nation restricted to 35,000 tons in the latter, would provide absolute tonnage parity in all classes of ships between the United States and Great Britain, according to tables compiled by experts. On June 22 a dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times," authority for the foregoing, also had the following to say:

These unofficial calculations showed that the United States and Great Britain would each have 350,000 tons of capital ships, 101,250 tons of aircraft carriers, 254,250 tons of cruisers, 112,500 tons of destroyers and 35,000 tons of submarines.

Through application of the London Treaty ratios to Japan, that country would have 210,000 tons of capital ships, 60,750 tons of aircraft carriers, 156,638 tons of cruisers, 79,125 tons of destroyers and 35,000 tons of submarines.

The United States and Great Britain would each be required to scrap five capital ships and Great Britain would be required to dispose of tonnage in all other categories. The United States, however, would have to make actual cuts in vessels built and building only in the capital ship, destroyer and submarine class.

This country would be required to build 33,500 tons of cruisers and 9,950 of aircraft carriers to attain parity with Great Britain, but this would be much less than would be necessary on the present basis.

President Hoover's proposal to reduce by one-third the strength of land armies over and above the "police component" presumably would not affect the American army, which now numbers 139,957 officers and men, whereas on the basis of one soldier to 650 citizens as permitted to Germany, the American land force should be over 190,000.

President Hoover's Proposals to Reduce World Armaments Accepted by Italy.

The statement to the Disarmament Conference at Geneva June 22 by Dino Grandi, the Italian Foreign Minister, indicating acceptance by Italy of President Hoover's proposals to reduce world armaments was given as follows in a Geneva message to the New York "Times":

Mr. President and Gentlemen:

I have been able to communicate to the head of my government the contents of President Hoover's message and wish to make the following brief statement:

Italy accepts entirely and in all its parts the disarmament plan submitted to-day to the general commission by the American delegation. This acceptance is complete and unconditional; that is to say, we accept the following measures not only in their principles but also in the practical consequences deriving therefrom:

In respect to land armaments:

1. Abolition of heavy mobile artillery.
2. Total abolition of tanks.
3. Reduction of effectives on the basis of the principles stated.

Cut in Naval Armaments.

In respect to naval armaments:

1. Reduction by one-third of the number and total tonnage of capital ships as fixed by treaty.
2. Reduction by one-quarter of the tonnage of aircraft carriers.
3. Reduction by one-quarter of the percentages fixed for cruisers and torpedo destroyers by the London treaty and the Italo-Franco-Britannic agreement of March 1 1931.
4. Reduction by one-third of the tonnage of submarines as fixed by the London treaty and limitation to 35,000 tons of total maximum tonnage.

In respect to air armaments:

Abolition of bombing aircraft and prohibition of air bombardments.

In general:

Abolition of chemical warfare.

I shall add nothing more to these simple references, as I wish clearly to emphasize how complete and definite is our adherence to the American

plan, which coincides to a great extent with the plan the Italian delegation submitted to the conference last February.

Sacrifices Made Willingly.

Italy is a country armed on land and sea and in the air, and by accepting the American plan Italy is prepared to make substantial sacrifices. She will, however, make them willingly, being deeply convinced that peaceful co-operation between nations can only be based on the sacrifices that every country, indiscriminately, will be ready and willing to make.

In expressing the satisfaction with which the Italian Government welcomes to-day the American disarmament plan, I express also a hope that all the countries represented at the conference will respond to this appeal of common sense and good-will.

A year ago President Hoover opened, with his offer of a moratorium, the road to a practical solution of the problem of the financial obligations arising from the war. To-day, again, he opens the road to a practical solution of the disarmament problem. Italy did not hesitate last year and does not hesitate to-day.

We all must make up our minds and reach a definite decision if the world is to recover.

Italy Thinks Hoover Modified Its Plan—Many Points of Similarity to Proposals of Grandi Seen in New Arms Scheme.

From Rome a message June 22 to the New York "Times" said:

President Hoover's disarmament proposal was received enthusiastically in Italy and is considered one of the most notable contributions to the cause of disarmament yet made. Particular satisfaction is expressed that it seems to Italians to follow closely the lines of Foreign Minister Dino Grandi's proposal and therefore it may be assumed that except for the adjustment of certain minor points of difference, especially in the matter of detail, the United States and Italy can count on mutual assistance in seeking approval of the disarmament scheme laid before the Geneva conference by them.

It is remarked that in the first place Mr. Hoover's proposal closely resembles Signor Grandi's, in that it suggests a qualitative system of disarmament, namely the complete abolition of certain types of armaments, such as bombing planes, tanks and heavy artillery. This, in the Italian view, is the surest method of obtaining positive results, since it avoids discussions of the relative strength of various nations, as all would be placed on the same footing. American adhesion to this thesis, first proposed by Italy, is considered a great step forward in the cause of disarmament.

It is observed in the second place that Mr. Hoover's proposal is about the same as Signor Grandi's as regards air forces, rather less sweeping as regards naval forces and rather more sweeping as regards land forces. This is one of the points on which adjustment is considered necessary. It is believed, however, that agreement between the American and Italian delegations will not be difficult, as Italy repeatedly has declared and repeats to-day she is ready to accept any disarmament proposal, however radical, provided it applies equally to all nations.

Italians read with pleasure how Mr. Hoover's proposal strongly emphasizes the fact that acceptance of the suggestions now laid before the Geneva conference would increase rather than decrease the value of defensive armament. It is pointed out that France, for instance, in recent years has spent large sums in defensive military works all around her frontiers. The abolition of bombing planes, tanks and heavy artillery should have the effect of rendering these defensive works almost impregnable. Therefore, it is thought, the proposal, if accepted would increase not decrease. France's sense of security.

It is commented finally that Italy proposed total abolition of both battleships and submarines, while Mr. Hoover proposes a mere reduction of both. In this respect also, therefore, Mr. Hoover's proposal differs in degree rather than in kind from Signor Grandi's.

President Hoover's Proposals to Reduce World Armaments Unacceptable to France—Great Britain Lukewarm—Sir John Simon Demands Abolition of Submarines.

President Hoover's proposal for drastic cuts in the world's armaments brought definite refusal of acceptance from the French to-day and only lukewarm approval from the British, said Associated Press accounts from Geneva June 22 to the New York "Evening Post," which went on to say:

After the plan for reducing arms by approximately one-third had been presented at a special meeting of the World Disarmament Conference, the French delegates asserted that it was absolutely unacceptable and sounded to them too much like an ultimatum.

Sir John Simon, speaking for the British, said the plan would receive careful consideration, but that agreement was not to be achieved by any one-sided statement.

Mr. Hoover's proposal for further reduction of naval arms is inadequate in some respects, he said, particularly those which concern submarines.

"I say boldly for the delegation of the United Kingdom," he said, "that we want more disarmament than appears here. We want submarines abolished."

Mr. Hoover's proposal was received with breathless silence when Hugh S. Gibson, chief of the American delegation, presented it to the conference.

The place was jammed with an excited throng, for word had gone about before the meeting that there was to be a message from the President.

Previously, advance copies of Mr. Gibson's speech had been circulated among the various delegations.

It was a drastic proposal for reduction of armaments by approximately one-third. The President estimated that such a step would save the world ten to fifteen billions dollars in the next ten years.

He advocated abolition of bombing planes and tanks, of chemical warfare and of bombardment from the air. He proposed sharp reductions in land armies, battleships, cruisers, aircraft carriers, destroyers and submarines.

"We are convinced," said Sir John Simon, "that any reasonable step whereby the vast total of men under arms throughout the world can be reduced in any way which does not diminish the security of any country should be welcomed."

There was a sharp difference in attitude noticeable in the reception of the plan by members of the British delegation, speaking privately.

Prime Minister MacDonald spoke with restrained cordiality, but Sir John Prime Minister MacDonald spoke with restrained cordiality, but Sir John John's comments were frigidly polite rather than friendly. The difference

merely emphasized a division of sentiment on foreign policy, which has existed for some time in the British Cabinet.

The French antagonism was revealed even before Mr. Gibson presented the President's message.

Premier Herriot and several of his colleagues saw an advance copy and protested immediately that the French could not accept it. Joseph Paul-Boncour, the Minister of War, said France once more would raise the old question of security.

The reductions and abolitions proposed by the President, they asserted, would merely increase French insecurity. As a matter of fact, they said, Germany would not be reduced equally with France in fighting strength, for she does not possess many of the arms which would be affected.

Germans Hail Suggestions.

The Germans hailed the Hoover suggestions with enthusiasm, finding in them much for which they have long contended. They did not consider that it fulfills all their desires, especially their demand for equality in the right to arm.

The Italian delegates expressed hearty approval of the plan. After Mr. Gibson had spoken, Sir John Simon addressed the conference, asserting that the British delegation had not known before yesterday that Mr. Hoover's proposal would be presented to-day.

"The object of this conference," he said, "is to induce agreement; agreement is not to be attained by any unilateral statement but by co-operation."

As for Mr. Hoover's naval proposals, he said: "I doubt whether these proposals are adequate in some respects, and in others appropriate to the varying circumstances of the different naval Powers.

"As for adequacy, I say boldly for the delegation of the United Kingdom that we want more disarmament than appears here. We want submarines abolished."

French Arms Proposals.

Meanwhile, France presented a set of sweeping proposals in regard to civil and military aviation which included:

- (1) Prohibition of chemical, incendiary and bacteriological warfare from the air.
- (2) Prohibition of aerial bombardment, except over the field of battle, over air bases and over long-range artillery emplacements.
- (3) Fixing of a maximum tonnage per unit for military airplanes, and fixing of a limit on the number of machines over the stipulated tonnage deemed essential for defensive purposes, machines in the latter classification to be placed at the disposal of the League of Nations.
- (4) Continental nationalization of commercial and transport aviation.
- (5) Fixing of similar bases of maximum tonnage per unit for non-internationalized civil airplanes, corresponding to the measures concerning the private manufacture of the trade in arms.

The special meeting was announced following a visit of Ambassador Gibson to Arthur Henderson, President of the Conference, at 1:30 a. m.

Meanwhile, at a meeting of the Air Commission this morning, Allen W. Dulles, the American member, said that if European Governments decide to internationalize commercial air forces the United States will "consider sympathetically any method of National supervision" of American civil aviation to prevent its becoming a military menace to other countries.

America would do this, he said, in the interest of disarmament and world security, although the United States considers the plan to internationalize civil aircraft as primarily a European concern.

Tables Showing Arms and Naval Strength of Powers and Cuts and Savings Proposed by President Hoover.

How the navies of the three largest naval powers and the armies of the chief powers would be affected by the proposals of President Hoover is shown in the tables below, as given in a Washington dispatch June 22 to the New York "Times." Present budgetary allowances for military purposes are also given:

STRENGTH OF THE PRINCIPAL NAVIES.

[Present strength includes vessels built and building and the figures in parentheses represent the total in each category which is over age under treaties.]

Ship Classes.	Present Strength.	Treaty Strength.	Cut From Treaty Strength.	Strength After Cut.	Actual Cut.
<i>United States—</i>					
Capital ships	455,400	525,000	175,000	350,000	105,400
Aircraft carriers	91,300	135,000	33,750	101,250	—9,950
Cruisers	220,750 (7,350)	339,000	84,750	254,250	—33,500
Destroyers	278,410 (189,460)	150,000	37,500	112,500	165,910
Submarines	70,050 (8,030)	52,700	17,700	35,000	35,050
Total	1,115,910	1,201,700	348,700	853,000	—
Total scrapping	-----	-----	-----	-----	306,360
Total building	-----	-----	-----	-----	43,450
<i>Great Britain—</i>					
Capital ships	473,650	525,000	175,000	350,000	123,650
Aircraft carriers	115,350	135,000	33,750	101,250	14,100
Cruisers	374,271 (23,445)	339,000	84,750	254,250	120,021
Destroyers	194,671 (133,170)	150,000	37,500	112,500	82,171
Submarines	60,904 (6,610)	52,700	17,700	35,000	25,904
Total	1,218,846	1,201,700	348,700	853,000	365,846
<i>Japan—</i>					
Capital ships	298,400	315,000	105,000	210,000	88,400
Aircraft carriers	68,870	81,000	20,250	60,750	8,120
Cruisers	234,345 (27,640)	208,850	52,212	156,638	77,707
Destroyers	126,019 (16,000)	105,500	26,375	79,125	46,894
Submarines	80,642	52,700	17,700	35,000	45,642
Total	808,276	763,050	221,537	541,513	266,763

STRENGTH OF PRINCIPAL ARMIES.

Countries—	Population.	Present Effectives.	Effectives on German Basis.
France	41,400,000	615,310	64,170
Germany	65,289,000	100,500	100,000
Great Britain	46,035,000	144,522	71,354
Italy	41,145,000	491,308	63,774
Japan	64,448,000	266,248	99,900
Russia	161,000,000	562,000	250,000
United States	123,112,500	139,957	190,924

BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES ON ARMY AND NAVY.

Countries—	Year.	Expenditures.
France.....	1930-1931	13,809,600,000 francs
Germany.....	1930-1931	716,300,000 reichsmarks
Great Britain.....	1929-1930	£108,600,000
Italy.....	1930-1931	4,978,900,000 lire
Japan.....	1930-1931	473,700,000 yen
Russia.....	1929-1930	951,900,000 rubles
United States.....	1930-1931	\$709,500,000

[The expenditures listed above total at current exchange rates \$542,717,280 for France, \$170,049,620 for Germany, \$393,132,000 for Britain, \$254,421,790 for Italy and \$140,641,530 for Japan. The ruble has no exchange value.]

Secretary of State Stimson Denies Reports That United States Has Had Negotiations at Lausanne or Geneva on Debt Question.

Secretary of State Stimson, in a statement issued at Washington on June 21, denied reports from abroad that United States representatives abroad had taken up the question of international debts at Lausanne or Geneva. Secretary Stimson's statement follows:

There is no truth whatever in the statements from Lausanne that the American Government or its representatives have had any negotiations or made any suggestions as to debt questions at Lausanne or Geneva. Not only have no discussions taken place between our Government and our representatives, but they inform us that no such discussion on this subject has ever taken place between them and the representatives of any foreign government. The American representatives at the Geneva Conference are dealing solely with the questions of disarmament.

One of these accounts (Associated Press) from Lausanne (Switzerland) June 21, appeared as follows in the New York "Evening Post":

Hugh S. Gibson, head of the American delegation to the Disarmament Conference, hurried up from Geneva this afternoon and talked for half an hour with Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and Sir John Simon, the British Foreign Minister.

He came with Norman H. Davis, another member of the American delegation, at a time when reports were circulating through Lausanne that the United States was ready to participate in cancellation of war debts if Europe would cut down its outlay for armaments.

When they started back for Geneva with Sir John, Mr. Davis said the talk with the British representatives had not gone into the debt issue and that his visit with Mr. Gibson "does not mean that we have entered the financial field."

But their presence here encouraged speculation, particularly in view of a mid-night conference last night at Morges attended by Mr. Gibson, Premier Herriot of France and Joseph Paul-Boncour, Mr. Herriot's Cabinet associate.

Bars Plea Without Cut.

At the meeting, Mr. Gibson told the Premier that America could not be expected to listen to any request for debt cancellation while Europe went on spending enough money for arms every year to meet the service on the debts.

Reports of the Conference here had it that Mr. Gibson had agreed to cancellation if the arms budgets were cut.

The reports of the Conference between Mr. Gibson and M. Herriot last night, not entirely in line with the facts, meanwhile coincided with an unusual stir of activity among the more prominent delegates to the Conference on war debts and reparations.

M. Herriot was up early this morning and immediately entered a conference with Mr. MacDonald.

Experts here professed to see in the new developments a complete reversal of the American standpoint that there was no connection between war debts and disarmament, and consequently between the Lausanne and Geneva conferences. They hailed the Gibson-Herriot interview as linking the United States definitely with reparations problems.

From a Washington dispatch June 21 to the New York "Times" we quote as follows:

Not only has Ambassador Gibson had no instructions to take up the debt problem, it was asserted, but before issuing the statement Secretary Stimson asked Mr. Gibson whether he had mentioned the subject in any way.

The Ambassador replied that debts had not been mentioned by him or his associates, nor had that subject been broached to them by other delegations. The other delegates knew, he added, that the American delegation was not in a position to discuss debts.

Agreement Signed at Lausanne Temporarily Suspending Reparation and Debt Payments While Conference Is in Progress.

At the June 17 session of the Lausanne (Switzerland) Conference convened to consider reparations and international war debts, an agreement was signed by the representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Japan to suspend reparation payments from June 30, when the Hoover moratorium ends, until the conclusion of the Conference. The agreement reads:

The undersigned governments, deeply impressed by the increasing gravity of the economic and financial perils which overhang the world and with the urgency of the problems which the Lausanne Conference has met to consider;

Firmly convinced that these problems require a final and definite solution directed to the improvement of European conditions and that this solution must be pursued henceforward without delay or interruption with a view to its realization in the framework of a general settlement;

Noting that certain payments of reparations and war debts fall due as from the first of next July, are of the opinion that in order to permit the work of the Conference to proceed undisturbed and that without prejudice to the solution which may ultimately be reached, the execution of payments due to the powers participating in the Conference in respect to reparations and war debts should be reserved during the period of the Conference which the undersigned governments intend should complete its work in the shortest possible time.

It is understood that the service of market loans will not be affected by these decisions.

The undersigned governments declare that they for their own part are prepared to act on this understanding and they invite creditor governments taking part in the Conference to take the same course.

Signed at Lausanne June 16 1932, for the governments of:

Great Britain, CHAMBERLAIN.
France, HERRIOT.
Italy, MOSCONI.
Belgium, RENKIN.
Japan, YOSHIDA.

Premier Herriot, Leaving for Lausanne, Had Backing of France—Leon Blum, Socialist, Would Have Him Go Further in Involving United States in Debt Settlement.

Advices as follows from Paris June 19 are taken from the New York "Times":

Premier Herriot entrained for Lausanne to-night, satisfied that as far as he has gone, France is overwhelmingly behind him Joseph Paul-Boncour, who preceded him, was delayed by a train wreck on the line and reached Geneva by automobile to resume the disarmament negotiations which, according to opinion here, are becoming linked ever more closely of the debts problem.

Leon Blum, Socialist leader, in an editorial in his paper this morning, served notice that the powerful Socialist party, upon which the Herriot Government depends, desires to go even further than the Premier toward involving the United States in any definite settlement.

"By confronting America with an accomplished fact," he said, "we could at the same time invoke justice and necessity. I won't hide my personal inclination in this categorical attitude."

M. Blum doubts, however, that the Conference would go that far since contracts must be respected and it would be wiser to adopt the friendliest attitude.

"Nevertheless," he continues, "without the American Government's accord no global definitive settlement is possible. Neither France nor, so far as I know, England accepts the idea of cancellation pure and simple of the German debt while remaining exposed to the demands of the American creditor."

Movement at Lausanne for Cancellation of Reparations Viewed As Dangerous to Yugoslavia's Finances.

A Belgrade cablegram June 18 to the New York "Times" said:

Moves at Lausanne for the cancellation of reparations were condemned to-day in local political circles as a danger to Yugoslavia's State finances.

The newspaper "Pravda" expresses the hope that the great powers and Germany will realize what damage would be done to Yugoslavia by the abolition of reparations payments and that they will make a compromise arrangement in the interests of international peace.

Premier Herriot of France Says Debt Settlement Hinges on Understanding in United States.

The New York "Times" from Paris June 17 reported:

"The declaration of the six powers at Lausanne makes an ultimate European settlement conditional upon eventual understanding with the United States," said Premier Edouard Herriot in a statement given out at Lausanne and reproduced to-night in the Paris press.

M. Herriot added that he considered that the declaration itself constituted appreciable progress in the European situation.

"My relations not only with my old friend, Mr. MacDonald, but also with Chancellor von Papen, are excellent, and I believe we have made a step along the route toward peace," he declared.

J. M. Keynes Urges a Debt Parley in United States—Suggests Europe Lay Full Plan Before Washington.

The following from London June 16, is from the New York "Times":

Commenting on a suggestion by J. M. Keynes printed in its own columns, the London "Times" says editorially:

"Briefly he advocates that the European powers assembled at Lausanne should work out a complete plan of settlement not only of reparations but of war debts and forward it to Washington with a proposal that the Conference immediately proceed to that Capital to discuss it with the President and leading representatives of the two American parties."

The London "Times" and others seem to think it fantastic to suggest that the European powers approach the United States asking for remission of debts at the very beginning of a Presidential campaign "which promises to be exceptionally bitter."

James M. Beck Praises Great Britain for Regard for Debts Before English-Speaking Union in London.

James M. Beck, former United States Solicitor General, declared in London on June 21 that the real difficulty barring a war debts settlement, as far as the United States was concerned, was psychological. A London wireless message to the New York "Times" from which this is learned, added:

The Marquess of Reading, presiding at an English-Speaking Union luncheon for Mr. Beck, said the question was constantly asked: "What is to happen in regard to reparations and war debts?"

Mr. Beck said he was not going to predict a solution of the problem, but warned that if the debts were canceled the question would arise: "What faith could be put in the credit of nations?"

He emphasized that no one could question the high-minded position Britain had taken and continued:

"If there is one feeling in America on the debt question rising above any other, it is a feeling of sympathy with England. But we are now suffering the worst economic panic we ever had. It is no good abusing America. The more she is called Uncle Shylock, as she has been, the more her heart will harden. The way to appeal to America is to appeal to her justice, and that appeal will not be in vain."

Proposals Suggested by Max Winkler to Representatives of Leading Powers at Lausanne—Reduction of Armaments, Restoration of Gold Standard, Postponement of Reparations, &c.

In an address delivered at the 37th annual convention of the National Association of Credit Men in Detroit on June 24, on "After the Hoover Moratorium—What?", Dr. Max Winkler urged the representatives of the leading powers, convened at present at Lausanne, to propose to the countries they represent to put through at once the following:

1. Reduction of armaments. Hundreds of millions are now being used up in a decidedly non-productive manner. Sums saved could be employed constructively, which would go a long way toward restoring confidence.
2. Elimination of the war guilt. No one nation is exclusively responsible. They are all to blame, although in varying degrees.
3. Restoration of the gold standard. So long as no other standard has been brought forward which can take its place, it is futile to look for salvation in the abandonment of the gold standard by all. Salvation lies in a return to it by all powers engaged in trade and industry.
4. Rational adjustment of tariffs. Protective measures should be based upon sound economics rather than upon political considerations.
5. Postponement of all reparations, conditional as well as unconditional, for a period of not less than five years.
6. Suspension by the United States of all political debts for the period during which reparations remain unpaid. In the meantime, the entire question of political debts is to be re-examined by a committee appointed by the President of the United States, such re-examination to be based upon developments within recent years rather than with a view to theoretical possibilities.

Ex-Kaiser Urges Reconstruction of Germany on "Old Foundations" in Appeal to Cavalry.

At the second reunion at Hanover, Germany, on June 19, of veterans of German cavalry regiments a good-will message was received from the ex-Kaiser. It was signed "Wilhelm I. R.," said a cablegram to the New York "Times" which further said:

He recalled "with high appreciation the work done in the World War by the cavalry, whose lances and rifles were feared on all the battlefields," and proceeded:

"The cavalry always is guided by the order of Frederick the Great: 'Prussians shall always be first to attack the enemy.' Such a brisk spirit in the horsemen will beat every enemy in war and in peace. With this proud conviction the old soldiers may return from the reunion to their daily work inspired by the sacred duty to fight relentlessly for the reconstruction of our fatherland on the old, immovable foundations: Forward for honor and defense!"

The Chairman of the reunion replied with assurance to the ex-Kaiser of the devotion of the old cavalymen "from the Field Marshal to the privates." He referred to Field Marshal August von Mackensen.

Germany Saves on Relief.

The following special correspondence from Berlin, June 6, is from the New York "Times" of June 19:

The Labor Office outside control service for weeding out spurious cases of unemployment relief in twelve months saved the Reich 3,500,000 marks in direct outlay, and probably a considerable additional amount, from the deterrent effects of the inspectors' activity. Their home investigation of 460,000 cases led to re-examination of 110,000, and in more than half of the latter cases there resulted a change in the dole schedule.

New York Stock Exchange Issues Notice Regarding Decree of German Government Covering Foreign Exchange Regulations Affecting Trading in Saar Securities.

The New York Stock Exchange "Bulletin," June 18, contained the following notice:

Notice has been received from the City Bank Farmers Trust Co., depository under the deposit agreement dated Aug. 1 1928, for the issuance of American shares of capital stock of Rhine-Westphalia Electric Power Corp., that they have been advised by the Dresdner Bank, their agent in Berlin under the deposit agreement dated Aug. 1 1928, with respect to the issuance of American shares for capital stock of Rhine-Westphalia Electric Power Corp., that Article 1 of the 11th decree regarding the "Devisenbewirtschaftung" (foreign exchange regulations) dated April 15 1932, now provides the following:

Only with the written consent of the "Stelle für Devisenbewirtschaftung" can a person, who professionally trades in securities or in this respect acts as broker, transfer or deliver securities from the depot of a person, residing in the District of Saar or in a foreign country, to the depot of a person residing in the homeland. The permit is not required if the securities are delivered to a "Devisenbank," (bank dealing in foreign exchange) (Art. II, Section 3 of the regulations governing foreign exchange transactions) in favor of a person who resides in a foreign country or in the District of Saar.

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co. is taking this matter up with the German authorities for further interpretation of this and similar decrees of the German Government, to ascertain their effect upon the conversion into underlying German shares of the American shares issued under the deposit agreement dated Aug. 1 1928.

Political Program of the New German Cabinet.

Co-incident with the dissolution on June 4 of the German Reichstag by President von Hindenburg the new cabinet announced its political program as follows, according to Associated Press accounts from Berlin June 4:

"The foundation for any successful representation abroad of our national interests is inner political clarity.

"By dissolution of the Reichstag the nation must decide unequivocally with what forces it desires to tread the path of the future.

"Independent of parties, this Government will lead the fight for the spiritual and economic recovery of the nation, for the regeneration of the Fatherland."

Two-thirds of the declaration were devoted to a gloomy picture of Germany's plight.

"The German people are in the midst of a spiritual and material crisis without parallel," it said. "The sacrifices demanded can be borne only if all the national forces are united.

"Chancellor Bruening was the first to have the courage to demand a clear balance sheet on the conditions to which the Versailles treaty, the world economic crisis and the mismanagement of parliamentary democracy had brought us. This balance sheet reads: The financial foundations of the nation and the majority of the States and communes are shaken; none of the necessary fundamental reforms went beyond the first weak attempts; social insurance is on the verge of bankruptcy; increasing unemployment is devouring the very marrow of the nation.

"Post-war governments thought they could take material worries from the people by steadily increasing State socialism. They attempted to transform the State into a sort of welfare institution and thereby weakened the nation's moral forces. They assigned functions to the State which, by its nature, it never can fulfill. This resulted in increased unemployment."

Rise in German Dollar Bonds Ascribed to "Undervaluation."

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Berlin June 17:

The rapid advance in German dollar bonds on the New York Stock Exchange this week is considered here a natural reaction from the scare caused by the recent change in the Cabinet. It has been pointed out that the bonds reached their low point at New York in the week of Bruening's resignation.

Generally speaking, the view entertained here is that, ever since the heavy collapse of dollar bonds in New York at the beginning of September, these German issues have been unreasonably underquoted. At Berlin there is still an active market for them, at prices approximately double those quoted at New York.

Increased Taxes and Cut in Dole Provided in Emergency Decree of Chancellor von Papen of Germany—Unemployment Relief Outlay Reduced \$119,000,000—New Tax on Employed—1½ to 6½% Levy on Incomes—Salt Duty Reintroduced—Budget Will Be Balanced—Lottery-Loan Plan Dropped.

Faced with the necessity of preventing the financial collapse of the municipalities and their institutions for unemployment relief, with resultant starvation for the army of 6,000,000 jobless, the von Papen Government issued a decree signed by President von Hindenburg on June 14 reorganizing the system of unemployment relief and cutting doles by about 20%.

The annual expenditures for the jobless are thereby reduced by 500,000,000 marks about \$119,000,000. A cablegram June 14 to the New York "Times" from which the foregoing is taken also stated:

As even the reduced amount would not be covered by the present taxes, the decree levies a special unemployment contribution ranging from 1.5 to 6.5% on the incomes of all those gainfully employed, and the salt tax, which was abolished in 1926, is reintroduced.

By the terms of the decree all the unemployed, including those who have heretofore drawn insurance compensations graded in accordance with the premiums they paid, are virtually relegated to the rates of poor relief paid by the municipalities. The average dole will be \$10 monthly, which in many cases must provide the means of subsistence for whole families.

May Reform System Further.

President von Hindenburg in the decree authorizes the Cabinet to take necessary measures for the further simplification and rationalization of unemployment relief, which may lead to further reforms in the near future, although the Government in a manifesto accompanying the decree promises that the doles will be preserved in principle.

The decree is based on the draft prepared by former Chancellor Bruening, with the exception of the drastic dole reduction. In addition to the carrying out of Dr. Bruening's plans for new taxes, the exemption in the turnover tax for incomes below 5,000 marks annually is abolished.

The Reich's budget will be balanced at 8,200,000,000 marks [about \$1,951,600,000]. Two billion marks of the receipts automatically will go to the States and municipalities. The Reich's contribution to unemployment relief will be almost one-fourth its total receipts.

Dr. Bruening's plan to finance a program of public works through a lottery loan has been dropped. The Government will try to finance public works to a limited extent with what means are at hand, and 20,000,000 marks has been appropriated for voluntary labor service. Dr. Bruening had hoped to create jobs for 600,000 workers.

Veto on Expenditures.

As the financial plight of the municipalities because of the unemployment burden forces the Reich to relieve them of that burden to the extent of 867,000,000 marks, the Government has inserted provisions in the decree to make certain the economical use of these funds by giving the heads of the local administrations a veto if their Diets vote for expenditures beyond the budgetary appropriations and by forbidding the State Governments to interfere with the finances of the municipalities.

This in part explains the alarm of the State Governments that led to the recent conferences in Berlin and may be regarded as the first step toward the fundamental reform of the complicated system of financial relations between the Reich, the States and the municipalities, which was frequently criticized by the reparation creditors and by S. Parker Gilbert when he was Agent-General for Reparations.

In its manifesto the Government declares that the state of affairs it found upon taking office forced it to secure the public finances before starting the execution of its real program. The decree is therefore characterized as a preliminary step, and just what the program will be is only hinted.

Like Dr. Bruening when he declared last December that further tax rises were impossible, the Government emphasizes that it does not intend to open additional sources of income for the public treasuries but to promote business through organic measures, eliminating artificial experiments.

Concurrently with the issuance of the emergency decree increasing taxes, the von Papen Cabinet to-day issued an

explanation of the new measure, said Associated Press advices June 14 from Berlin, which also had the following to say:

"The situation which the Government found on taking over the administration," said this statement, "compels the Cabinet to render the financial position of the nation and the States at least temporarily secure and to save the social insurance from threatening breakdown, before putting into effect its real program."

The measures contemplated by the Bruening Government proved insufficient, it was asserted, and the new Government finds itself obliged to go beyond them. Hence, further cuts in the national budget have been decided upon.

Additional increases in taxes only decrease the national income, the statement said, and therefore the cost of the administrative machinery must be reduced and social insurance must be sharply limited.

"The Government has no intention of proceeding in the future," said the statement, "along the lines of opening up new sources of revenue."

The Government intends to put Germany's economy on a rational basis by "eliminating artificial experiments," said the statement.

"Therefore it will work with other Governments for solution of the world economic crisis. But beyond that the Government considers it to be an inescapable duty, in view of terrible economic distress, to mobilize the economic energies within the country and to make them capable of utilizing the labor power which now lies idle.

"We will do everything possible, besides encouraging the exchange of goods between States, to lead Germany's economy gradually back to recovery by a determined policy of encouraging the domestic market; especially by measures in the field of homesteading and farm improvement and by utilizing idle labor."

Under date of June 16, an announcement bearing on the Presidential decree, issued by the Department of Commerce, said:

The emergency decree issued June 15 by the President of the German Reich designed to prevent financial difficulties, provided, among other things, for a reduction in the ordinary unemployment insurance relief by about 23%, according to a report to the Commerce Department from Commercial Attache H. L. Groves, Berlin.

The decree also reduced emergency relief payments by 10%, municipal welfare relief 15% as well as calling for reductions in other relief subsidies, resulting in an economy of half a billion marks.

An employment tax of 1½%, as well as a reintroduction of the salt tax of 12 pennings per kilo were also included in the decree. Financial measures favoring the development of internal waterways and the reconditioning of dwelling houses were provided.

Paris Sees Error in Big Foreign Reserves, Citing Credit Inflation and Speculation.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Paris, June 17:

In view of the international banking difficulties caused by the wholesale gold withdrawals from other markets by the Bank of France and other European institutions, financial Paris has come definitely to the conclusion that it would have been far better if France and other countries which have been carrying large foreign exchange reserves had originally transformed into gold all of their central bank foreign balances instead of allowing them to accumulate as they did. By thus acting they would have avoided the multiplication of credits resulting from the extended use of the gold exchange standard. They would probably have also averted the general inflation of credit, which fostered excessive speculation of every sort, which promoted overproduction and which exaggerated the expansion of industrial equipment.

The boom which occurred between 1925 and the end of 1929 would thereby, it is thought, have been arrested sooner and the resultant depression would certainly have been less serious. Still, it is also called to mind that the great accumulation of foreign exchange balances by the Bank of France occurred during the period preceding the French currency reform of 1928. Until that statute had been enacted the stabilization rate for the franc had not yet been fixed, and it was therefore hazardous to buy gold. It was also thought here at the time that the influx of foreign capital which then occurred was due chiefly to speculation and that such capital would soon be withdrawn.

France Ready to Aid Rumania—Will Grant Loan If Issued Under League Auspices.

The Rumanian Government was informed by the French Government on June 17 that France was ready to grant Rumania a loan if it were issued under the auspices of the League of Nations. A Bucharest message, June 17, to the New York "Times," reporting this, also said:

M. Antoniadu, the Rumanian representative at Geneva, has sent a note to the League requesting the appointment of a financial expert to assist the consolidation of Rumania's financial position. M. Titulescu has been entrusted by the new Cabinet with the task of negotiating the expected loan.

Until means have been found to pay the salary in arrears of civil servants, the Ministers have decided to draw no salary.

Austria Said to Have Halted Service on Foreign Debt—Acts When Unable to Get Loan.

Associated Press advices from Lausanne, Switzerland, June 23 to the New York "Times" said:

Chancellor Dollfus of Austria announced to-night that his Government had declared a suspension of service on the Austrian foreign debt. It will become effective to-morrow. The action was taken because Austria failed to negotiate a loan.

United Press accounts from Vienna June 22 to the New York "Herald Tribune" stated:

An official announcement to-night said that, due to depleted foreign exchange holdings, the Austrian National Bank, for the present, would forego no more foreign exchange for payment of foreign debts.

The bank also instructed Austrians owing money abroad to hold such liquid in Austrian schillings for deposit in the National bank.

It was understood service payments due abroad to-morrow were on the 1930 Austrian Federal loan of \$60,000,000. Also service is due soon on the Vienna \$30,000,000 municipal loan and various provincial loans.

Pending the outcome of negotiations for a loan, the bill will not be submitted to Parliament.

Premier Herriot of France Reassures Rumania—Says Poland Won't Sign Soviet Pact Till Allies Approve.

Bucharest advices, as follows, June 21, are taken from the New York "Times":

The Rumanian Government has been informed by its representative at Lausanne, Nicolas Titulescu, that Premier Herriot of France has assured him that Poland will not sign a pact of non-aggression with Soviet Russia without the consent of her allies.

The original plan for the simultaneous signature of such pacts by Poland and Russia and Rumania and Russia broke down because Rumania insisted on Soviet recognition of her right to Bessarabia.

Hungarian Credits Reported Extended.

A cablegram as follows from Budapest June 22 is taken from the New York "Times":

The Hungarian Government has at last succeeded in persuading Hungary's American creditors to accept a standstill agreement similar to that of English creditors. As a result of yesterday's signatures to this standstill agreement, the Hungarian banks and industrial and commercial concerns are assured of prolongation until August of short-term credits already due.

Under date of June 17 a Budapest cablegram to the same paper said:

A conference of mayors of a number of Hungarian cities decided yesterday to request a one-year moratorium on the interest and amortization of loans made by Speyer & Co. of New York to Hungarian cities and districts.

We likewise quote from the "Times" the following from Budapest June 24:

The American delegates who negotiated the standstill agreement with Hungary are said to have met the Hungarian debtors by reducing the rate on bill credits to 6% and on open credits to 5%.

The Americans also agreed not to offset Hungarian money in the United States against Hungarian debts to the United States but to use such Hungarian credits only for the payment of interest.

Dutch Cabinet Supports Bill for Ship Subsidy During Present Depression—Belgium It Is Said Will Feel Increased Competition.

Passage of a ship subsidy bill by the Dutch Parliament is seen as a result of Cabinet backing, it is learned from a report from Minister Laurits S. Swenson, The Hague, made public by the Commerce Department. With regard thereto the Department on June 21 said:

The bill provides for the formation of a limited liability company to be called the "Company for the Promotion of National Shipping Interests," with a nominal capital of about \$2,000,000, of which 52% is to be owned by the State, and the remainder of the shares to be sold to Dutch shipping concerns that may receive aid from the concern. Since only 10% of the subscription need be paid at the beginning, it would necessitate an increase of only 260,000 florins in the budget for 1932. The remainder of the capital is subject to call as needed, and the company has the right to borrow money on its own bonds with a State guarantee. The management is to be vested in a board of five directors, three of whom are to be appointed by the Government.

The Cabinet stated that while it was opposed in principle to subsidies, two factors have motivated the Government in its action. First, shipping interests cannot secure long term loans in the open market at present because the banks demand such a high rate of liquidity; and second, the Government is acting on the theory that the bill is not to finance "losses, but finance the necessary period of transition until the industry can place itself on a more stable basis." The Government further explains that 54% of the world's shipping is now in the hands of countries on a depreciated currency basis.

With regard to the proposal, the New York "Times" in its issue of June 5, reported the special correspondence from Brussels, May 20:

Antwerp shippers are greatly concerned at the news of a draft law now before the Dutch Parliament for the granting of subsidies to Dutch merchant shippers. An institution with a capital of 5,000,000 Dutch florins is to be formed, the Government holding 2,600,000 florins, worth of shares. This institution will grant subsidies to shippers against proper guarantees, on condition that re-organization has been made and costs cut to the minimum.

Dutch shipping is in a very bad way because of the difficulty of competing with countries of depreciated exchange. For this reason more than 50% of the merchant companies are now established in countries of depreciated exchange. If Dutch shipping gets this aid, Belgian lines will feel the effect of increased competition.

Spain Directs Exterior Bank to Seek Foreign Trade Through Barter of Merchandise and Products.

Under date of June 19 a cablegram from Madrid to the New York "Times" stated:

Ramon Viguri, Governor of the Exterior Bank of Spain, announced to-day he had been designated by the Government to get in touch with foreign organizations everywhere to treat for the direct exchange of merchandise and products on an enormous scale and to appeal to the nations of the world to co-operate.

"Everywhere," he said, "machines are making fewer workmen necessary. There are millions of hungry workers and Governments are limiting imports by prohibitions and duties.

"It is not altogether a problem of improper distribution and credit, and many nations are getting the idea of returning to a direct exchange of products to get around the difficulty.

"Our Bank has been named by the Government to treat with commissions which other countries are naming. We are first treating with Argentina for the exchange of wheat against cotton goods, rail supplies and merchant ships."

Spain Confiscates Private Fortune of Former King Alfonso.

Associated Press accounts from Madrid June 19 stated:

Former King Alfonso's private fortune was declared confiscated to-day by the director of the Republic's Treasury.

The fortune included more than \$2,500,000 in cash and securities, as well as other possessions valued at more than \$500,000.

The money and bonds would be attached to the Public Treasury and the immovable property would belong to the State, the director said. He revealed that 21,000,000 pesetas (about \$1,700,000) worth of seized property had not belonged to the deposed King, but to societies over which he presided.

Within a strong box taken from the royal palace were found 150,000 pesetas in bank notes, 6,800,000 pesetas in bonds of private companies and 11,500,000 pesetas in other securities.

The box also yielded a gold key given to Queen Isabella II, who reigned from 1833 to 1868, by the people of Andalusia and another given by the people of Cadiz; five solid gold collars of the order of toison de Oro, seals and jeweled cases. The seized property also included furniture, some of which, the Treasury director said, would go to schools and the rest to museums.

From the New York "Times" of June 20 we quote:

Former King Alfonso's landed estates and palaces were taken over by the Republic soon after his downfall more than a year ago. Ten days ago the Cabinet ordered seizure of his stocks, bonds and other "movable property" in Spain.

Alfonso has been living quietly at Fontainebleau, confident that the Spanish people would turn back to him after discovering that republics are no more able to create universal wealth than monarchies. The first of any trend back to him developed a month ago, when six royalists won victories in village municipal elections.

Spanish Revenues Exceed Expenditures for First Quarter—Income Largest and Outgo Lowest in Five Years.

Income of the Spanish National Government, exclusive of surcharges of the municipal bodies, amounted to 937.7 million pesetas for the first quarter of 1932, while expenditures during the same period were 746.1 millions, it is stated in a report to the Commerce Department from Commercial Attache Charles A. Livengood, Madrid. Further reporting under date of June 16 the Department said:

Income was the largest for the past five years while expenditures were the lowest in that period. The surplus for this quarter is set at 186.6 million pesetas.

Outside of the monetary situation, however, Spanish conditions showed no appreciable change during May. Labor conditions are fairly steady, notwithstanding the continuation of the strike in the Ferrol Galicia.

Anticipated bumper yields of cereals and olive oil are expected to help economic conditions during the fall and it is hoped that they will alleviate distress among farm workers in South Spain, although the outcome of the agrarian reform bill will have considerable bearing.

Portugal Holds French Imports in Warehouses as Retaliation.

In retaliation against the recent French decree raising the duty on all Portuguese imports, the Portuguese customs officials were ordered on June 18 to hold all goods coming in from France in the customs warehouses. A cablegram from Lisbon June 18 to the New York "Times" reporting this added:

For some time Portugal has been dissatisfied with the workings of the French import quota system. The recent increase of 15% on all Portuguese goods imported into France is believed to mark the beginning of a Franco-Portuguese tariff war.

Portugal's Central Government Grants Loans to Municipalities for Public Improvements.

Subsidies have been granted to the various municipalities by the Portuguese Government for the purpose of improving municipal and suburban roads and municipal water systems, it is stated in a report from Consul William W. Brunswick, Lisbon, made public by the Department of Commerce on June 17. The Department's advices state:

It is said that these subsidies are in continuation of the good roads movement initiated by the Government in recent years, to give financial assistance to municipalities in order to improve their public works and to relieve the unemployment situation. It is also reported that additional funds will be granted in the near future to continue the work.

According to the latest figures a total of 2,148,051\$00 escudos has already been granted the various municipalities by the Government.

A previous item regarding the above appeared in our issue of May 21, page 3735.

Lithuania Increases Import Duties on Many Commodities.

Effective June 12 1932, Lithuanian import duties on a long list of articles have been increased by a Government decree, it is indicated in a cablegram from Consul M. L. Stafford, Kovno, and made public by the Department of Commerce on June 17. Among the increased duties on

products of interest to American trade, (in lits per kilo, legal weight, former duties in parentheses) are the following:

Tires and tubes, 4.00 (3.00); gasoline and similar petroleum products, 0.45 (0.30); motorcycles and side cars, 3.00 (2.00); developed motion picture films, 4.00 (2.00); undeveloped motion picture films, 2.00 (1.00); motor truck chassis weighing not over 1,200 kilos, 1.00 (0.70); and heavier motor truck chassis, 0.75 (0.50). The increases on passenger automobiles vary from one-fourth to one-half of the former duties.

Turkish Government Arranges Kreuger Payments—Settles with International Match's Trustee to Meet \$14,250,000 Debt—Banks Sell Collateral—Diamond Match Buys 350,000 Shares of Own Stock and Makes \$7,750,000—Report that Swedish Group Will Sue.

A settlement with the Turkish Government which eventually will produce \$14,250,000 for the creditors of the International Match Corporation, now in bankruptcy, has been completed by the Irving Trust Co., trustee for International Match, it was announced on June 23 at a hearing before Oscar W. Ehrhorn, Federal referee, said the New York "Times" of June 24, from which we quote further as follows:

At the same meeting lawyers for the trustee, for bondholders' committees and for the four banks that held 350,000 shares of stock of the Diamond Match Co. as collateral for the \$3,800,000 balance of a loan of \$4,000,000 to Ivar Kreuger, signed a stipulation agreeing to the sale of the shares, but reserving the right to litigate the matter if necessary to protect their claims.

Later in the day the block of stock was placed on auction at the offices of Adrian H. Muller & Son and was bought by the Diamond Match Company at \$14.75 a share, or a total of \$5,162,500. The 350,000 shares had been sold in 1930 to interests identified only as "bankers" for \$13,000,000 or \$37.14 a share. The company by repurchasing the stock made a profit of \$7,750,000 within two years. Officers of the company said the purchase had been approved recently by the directors, but declined to say what disposition would be made of the shares.

Notes of Turkish Government.

The \$14,250,000 of assets is in the form of notes of the Turkish Government and represents principal, amortization and interest on a loan of \$8,500,000 made by the American Turkish Investment Corporation, a subsidiary of International Match, to the Turkish Government which called for a monopoly on matches and lighters in Turkey. The notes will mature at six-month intervals from 1938 to 1955. The American Turkish Investment Corporation has a factory at Istanbul which is expected to continue to operate.

The collapse of International Match after Mr. Kreuger's suicide came before all of \$10,000,000, the original amount of the Turkish transaction, had been paid leaving \$1,500,000 in default. By the agreement with the Turkish Government the International Match has been relieved of paying the \$1,500,000.

James N. Rosenberg, counsel for the Irving Trust, after announcing the successful conclusion of negotiations with the Turkish Government to recover the \$14,250,000, presented the stipulation regarding the sale of stock, later signed by the attorneys and approved by Referee Ehrhorn. The stipulation called for the sale of the 350,000 shares of Diamond Match at or above \$14.75 a share. The stock is said to represent working control of Diamond Match. The offer amounted in reality, it was said, to \$15 a share, the additional value being the June dividend which is to be turned over to the trustee.

The sale of the stock, therefore, will leave a surplus of about \$1,450,000 after payment of the \$3,800,000 due the four banks. The surplus will be set aside by the trustee for later disposition. The banks participating are the National City and the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh and the Continental Illinois & Trust Co. of Chicago.

Right to Sue is Reserved.

The stipulation reserved the right of the trustee to sue for the entire amount if it were shown that the money was transferred to the banks "illegally as a preference claim," and also gave the bondholders' committees and other interests represented by the signatures rights to start litigation.

J. Donald Duncan of Auchincloss & Duncan, attorneys for the Swedish liquidators of the Kreuger companies, announced that he would start suit to recover the \$3,800,000 on the ground that the money was due the Swedish Match Co.

The signatories of the stipulation represented the four banks, Auchincloss & Duncan and the Irving Trust Co. The paper was approved by David L. Podell, counsel for the independent committee of bondholders of International Match, and by Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, counsel for the Perkins Committee, another protective committee of security holders. The hearing will be resumed on Monday.

Kreuger & Toll Agent Heard.

Alexis Aminoff, a representative of the Kreuger & Toll Co., testified briefly yesterday afternoon at another hearing before Henry K. Davis, referee, at 140 Nassau Street on an involuntary receivership petition filed against Kreuger & Toll.

Examined by Jacob Javits, attorney for the petitioning creditors, Mr. Aminoff described his duties as mainly clerical. He maintained an office at 41 Broad Street in the Lee, Higginson & Co. building, he said, and Kreuger & Toll kept an account with the banking firm to cover his expenses. His principal duty, he said, was to open mail. Never did he have charge of any brokerage accounts on behalf of his employers and never did he have any connection with Diamond Match Co. stock dealings. The next hearing will be at 2 p.m. Monday.

Report of Payment by Republic of Latvia to Fiscal Agents of Interest on Bonds Which Form Part of Collateral for Kreuger & Toll Secured Debentures.

The Republic of Latvia is understood already to have paid to the fiscal agents \$180,000 of interest money, according to Grayson M.-P. Murphy, Chairman of the Protective Committee for Kreuger & Toll 5% secured debentures. The announcement in the matter says:

This sum represents the interest due July 15 on \$6,000,000 of Latvian bonds which form part of the collateral for the Kreuger & Toll secured

debentures. The eventual payment of this money to the trustee when the interest becomes payable, will increase the monies held by the trustee for the secured debentures to about \$900,000.

The Latvian interest money, it was pointed out by Col. Murphy, has been deposited in advance of the date on which such deposit became obligatory. The only known default in payment in connection with the collateral has occurred on the Hungarian Land Reform Society bonds, payments on which have been deposited in pengos in Hungary because of the foreign exchange embargo in that country.

Director of Krueger Concern Freed—Swedish Police Hold the Evidence Against M. Sjostrom Insufficient.

The following Stockholm cablegram, June 10, is from the New York "Times":

The police to-day released M. Sjostrom, one of eight directors of the Krueger companies who had been arrested, holding the evidence against him to be insufficient to justify prosecution.

Sjostrom, whose health was giving rise to concern, was not moved from his home when under arrest but remained there in the charge of three police nursing sisters responsible for his safe custody. His release constitutes a precedent, as the police have not hitherto on their own initiative released any arrested person but have always awaited an order of the court.

Foreign Exchange Rule of Bank of Brazil Reported Injuring Trade—Foreign Drafts Considered Only in Special Cases—Demand for Milreis Off.

The following (United Press) from Rio de Janeiro, June 18, is from the New York "Herald Tribune":

Brazil's foreign exchange market is virtually lifeless because of the almost complete suspension of remittances abroad of every description now being enforced by the government through the Bank of Brazil. Applications for drafts on foreign countries are being considered by the Bank, which is the only authorized agency for handling foreign exchange, only when it is definitely shown that the transmission of money abroad is a veritable life or death matter.

As a consequence of this drastic restriction on the exchange market, the milreis has recently displayed a firm tendency and its value has been elevated somewhat by the fact that there is a supply and no demand—quite a different situation from that which existed last April when bootleg money brokers were obtaining fancy prices for their dollars, pounds and francs. The milreis is now being quoted at 7.25 cents, compared to 6.25 a few weeks ago.

Although the supply of bills being absorbed by the government to cover foreign debt obligations is creating a favorable impression abroad, many here believe that this strategem is being worked at the expense of local business and individuals.

"The ambitious policy of raising the local exchange rate," in the opinion of the financial English language weekly here, "Wileman's Brazilian Review," "will reflect adversely on exports, particularly the fruit trade. Every other commodity, including coffee, will likewise be affected, while imports will be encouraged as long as the exporters abroad are willing to wait for the gold payment when the Brazilian government permits remittances."

Continuing, the publication state that "there is good reason, as far as the government is concerned, for the prohibition of remittances. That is no consolation to those who by force of circumstances are anxious to send funds abroad. The fact that collections are effected at the rate of exchange of the day and retained in currency here is, needless to say, a policy of far-reaching character."

Brazil to Aid Banks with Frozen Assets.

A decree has been published in the Diario Oficial creating an autonomous Banking Mobilization Fund Caixa de Mobilizacao Bancaria) for the purpose of enabling banks to realize upon frozen assets in order to pay depositors desiring to make withdrawals, according to information received by cable in the Department of Commerce from Trade Commissioner Harvey Sheahan at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In making this known, June 17 the Department said:

The fund is to be financed in accordance with an arrangement between the government and the Bank of Brazil.

The decree provides that all banks must deposit in the Bank of Brazil cash reserves in excess of 20% against deposits. The decree provides also for additional financing through government credit operations or through a currency issue if necessary.

Funds Received from Sale of San Paulo Coffee Realization Plan for 11 Months \$17,098,000—Requirements for Interest and Sinking Fund on Outstanding Bonds \$14,229,000.

Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., U. S. A. fiscal agents for the State of San Paulo 7% Coffee Realization Loan of 1930, report that, while 11 months' interest and sinking fund on the outstanding bonds require \$14,229,000, the total amount receivable for 11 months (ended May 31 1932) of the second year of the coffee realization plan's operation from the sale of pledged coffee and from the special tax, was equal to \$17,098,000. Of this amount there has been received, or is in transit, \$16,478,000 (including the equivalent of £574,641 at \$3.65 per pound, and various small remittances in other currencies than dollars at the current rates of exchange); the balance of \$620,000 has been deposited with the bankers' agents in San Paulo in milreis, and its remittance is expected in the near future.

Latin American Associates, Inc. Organized to Administer Latin American Bond Holdings—C. A. McQueen, President, Formerly Chief of Latin American Division of United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Announcement was made June 16 of the formation of Latin American Associates, Inc., organized for the purpose of supervising investment holdings of bonds representing approximately 144 different loans of 15 nations, 9 States, 6 provinces, 6 departments and 15 cities in Latin America, on which defaults amounting to 45% have already occurred. It is stated that the purpose of the organization is to supervise and administer Latin American Bond Fund, which will issue under a trust indenture certificates representing separate personal revocable trusts, which may be created by the tender of eligible Latin American dollar bonds. The Empire Trust Co., New York, will act as trustee under the indenture. Like certificates will also be issued to investors desiring to take advantage of investment opportunities in these bonds. Chandler & Co., Inc. are bringing the Latin American Bond Fund to the attention of investors through regular security distribution channels.

The technical supervision and administration of the fund, the announcement states, will be entrusted to McQueen and Clark, of New York City, who have specialized in the handling of Latin American holdings of banks, investment trusts and individuals. C. A. McQueen, head of the firm, will serve as President of Latin American Associates, Inc. He has served as American Commercial Attache in Chile and also as Chief of the Latin American Division of the United States Department of Foreign and Domestic Commerce and served as specialist on Latin American Finance for the United States Department of Commerce. L. B. Clark served as American Commercial Attache in Uruguay and as Assistant Chief of the Latin American Division of the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. He has also specialized in investigations of financial situations in many parts of Latin America.

Mr. McQueen in his announcement says:

The fact that Latin American dollar bonds are obligations of sovereign nations, States and cities, payable in United States gold coin, gives them as a class, a definite recoverable value. As evidence of this potential value, it should be noted that despite the many defaults on Latin American external debts following the world depression of 1891, no loan in all South America was repudiated. Recovery in some sections was more rapid than in others. Likewise, at this time, quicker recuperation may be expected in regions where industry is normally vigorous and prosperous, finances are well conducted, and the population by character and training is capable of material and social advancement.

Mr. McQueen also points out that "In all respects and at all times the assets of the fund are to be in the sole custody of the trustee, subject to its undivided responsibility for such custody." The investment of the fund is specifically limited to:

- (a) Bonds and obligations of Latin American governmental entities, direct or guaranteed, payable in United States currency and publicly traded in or quoted;
- (b) Latin American public securities offered in exchange for obligations of the above character;
- (c) Scrip issued in lieu of interest on any such obligations;
- (d) United States Government obligations, bankers' acceptances and call loans.

The announcement further says:

Subscriptions to the fund, through an agreement entered into between Chandler & Co., Inc., and Latin American Associates, Inc., may be made either in the form of cash or by the tender of bonds in which the Fund is permitted to invest under its restrictions. If subscriptions are made in kind, the transaction will be completed without charging brokerage commissions for the transaction either to the subscriber or to the fund. Latin American Associates, Inc. will deduct from each subscription to certificates, 7½% of the amount thereof to cover expense incidental to the organization of the fund, distribution of certificates, &c. The fund will pay thereafter 1-12 of 1% monthly of the value of the fund to Latin American Associates, Inc. for administration, and the trustees' compensation, as detailed in the indenture.

As some Latin American bonds are in a position to recuperate more speedily than others, Latin American Associates, Inc. will endeavor to improve steadily the composition of the fund by the substitution of the more promising securities for those whose prospects of rehabilitation are more remote.

Payment on Mexican Bonds Delayed by International Committee of Bankers on Mexico Pending Court Ruling on Distribution.

On June 21 the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico, of which Thomas W. Lamont is Chairman, announced that "the Committee had prepared definite plans for making a distribution to depositors under the deposit agreement dated July 1 1922, out of the balances in its hands available for such purpose, but has been delayed in putting such plans into effect by reason of conflicting claims as to how such distribution should be made." It further states that as soon as the decision of the courts has been

obtained, and the Committee is in a position, for a distribution the depositors will be notified. In the New York "Times" of June 22 it was stated:

The funds which the bankers have in hand arose out of the difference between payments made by the Mexican Government to the bankers and the actual amounts disbursed by the committee to bond holders. The agreement of 1922 provided for annual payments at a rising scale, but after one year these payments were suspended by the Mexican Government, to be resumed two years later under the amendment of 1925. The resumption of payments was begun by the Mexican Government on the scale which would have applied had the original agreement been adhered to, but the bankers' committee resumed disbursements to bond holders at the point where they were left off. The result was that a balance accumulated in the hands of the bankers, representing the difference between the scale at which the Mexican Government was making its payments and the scale, two years behind time, at which the bankers were distributing the funds.

In 1930 a new agreement, known as the Lamont-Montes de Oca agreement, was negotiated and in 1931 this agreement was amended to permit suspension of transfers under an agreement whereby the Mexican Government was to deposit silver in Mexico City in amounts equal to the payments called for, but not to transfer this silver into dollars. The agreement was, however, rejected by the Mexican Congress and payments which were to have been made under it were automatically canceled.

The announcement issued by the International Committee follows:

New York City, June 21 1932.

To Depositors under the Deposit Agreement dated July 1 1922, as modified Oct. 23 1925, of Bonds, Notes and other Securities included in the Plan and Agreement dated June 16 1922, as modified Oct. 23 1925, entered into between the Mexican Government and the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico:

Owing to the adverse economic conditions affecting Mexico, the Federal Congress of the United Mexican States, by law promulgated in the "Diario Oficial" under date of Jan. 27 1932, declared ineffective and thereby refused to ratify the Agreement of July 25 1930, and the Supplementary Agreement of Jan. 29 1931, executed between the Government and the Committee, such Agreements having been executed subject, upon ratification, to submission to bondholders for their acceptance. Circulars summarizing these Agreements were sent to known bondholders under the dates of Aug. 30 1930 and Feb. 11 1931, but additional copies may be had upon application to the undersigned.

The action of the Mexican Congress automatically rendered the Agreement of July 25 1930, a nullity and the \$5,000,000 deposit mentioned therein, which was held in escrow by the Committee pending ratification, therefore was returned to the Government.

In order, however, to preserve the basis for a resumption of payments on its Direct Debt and for the reorganization of the Railways when economic conditions become more normal, the Mexican Government entered into an Interim Agreement, dated Dec. 22 1931, with the Committee, which Agreement was ratified by the said Law of the Congress of the United Mexican States promulgated Jan. 27, 1932. Under it the Government has undertaken to deposit with the Committee in New York City on or before July 1 1933, the sum of \$5,000,000 United States Gold, the Committee on its part agreeing that if such deposit is made within the period named, it will execute with the Government, for submission to bondholders, an agreement substantially identical in form and substance with the Agreement of July 25 1930, subject to such changes as are made necessary by the lapse of time involved in the postponement of the first annuity year to 1934. As to further action in the matter of the proposed agreement, the Committee will be able to inform the bondholders as and when developments occur.

The Committee had prepared definite plans for making a distribution to depositors under the Deposit Agreement dated July 1 1922, out of the balances in its hands available for such purpose but has been delayed in putting such plans into effect by reason of conflicting claims as to how such distribution should be made.

In view of these conflicting claims, some of which are now being raised by an action instituted in the New York courts, the Committee, as Trustee for the depositors, feels it is precluded from making any distribution until the respective rights of all those interested are settled, and the accounts of the Committee are approved by a court having jurisdiction.

The Committee will publish notice to depositors as soon as the decision of the courts has been obtained and it is in a position to make a distribution.

A copy of the statement of the Committee's accounts as of Feb. 1 1932, may be obtained by depositors upon application to the undersigned.

Yours very truly,
VERNON MUNROE,
Secretary of American Section.

Claims Commissions Between United States and Mexico Renewed—Washington Extends Conventions for Two Years—Ratification by Two Senates Expected.

Renewal of the general and special claims conventions between the United States and Mexico for a further period of two years was completed on June 21, said Mexico City advices June 18 to the New York "Times," which further reported:

At the same time the representatives of both Governments signed two protocols, one for each convention, relating to the functioning of the commissions, covering such matters as expediting the hearing of claims, fixing the place of future meetings, the submission of evidence and proposing certain standards of interpretation.

Manuel Tellez, Minister of Foreign Relations and former dean of the diplomatic corps at Washington, made the announcement to foreign correspondents after an exchange of views with Ambassador Clark dating from last August, when the commissions, work was suspended. Mr. Clark visited the Foreign Affairs office at noon to sign the pact.

The Ambassador and Senor Tellez intimated that the agreement probably would be ratified by the Senates of the two countries and the terms are not likely to be disclosed until that time. The Mexican Senate will meet in September.

The general claims conventions was formed in March 1923, and its work has been extended twice. It ended Aug. 1930. Special claims conventions covering damages in revolutionary movements from 1910 to 1920 were ratified in Feb. 1923, and after one extension they expired in Aug. 1931.

A Washington dispatch June 18 to the same paper stated:

Announcement was made simultaneously to-night by the State Department and the Foreign Office in Mexico City of the signing of renewals in Mexico City of the general and special claims conventions of the United States and Mexico for a two-year period. Since the expiration of the conventions the question of their renewals has been under negotiation by J. Reuben Clark, Jr., American Ambassador.

Reports That American Bankers Will Lend Cuba \$2,278,125 to Meet June 30 Payments on External Obligations.

Associated Press advices from Havana, Cuba, June 22 stated:

A group of American bankers has agreed to advance to the Cuban Government the \$2,278,125 that it needs to complete amounts to make payments on June 30 on the external public works bond and serial certificates. The agreement was signed, subject to approval of the Cuban Congress, by Rulz Mesa, Secretary of the Treasury, and L. S. Rosenthal, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank. The National City Bank of New York and the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago are the others interested in the program.

The sum of \$2,278,125 is needed to meet all payments on the public works debt on June 30. Public works revenues for the first six months of the year were estimated at \$4,000,000, and the agreement is that the Cuban Government shall add to this \$2,000,000 from its general revenues, the American banks covering the deficit.

Japanese Diet Passes Inflationist Bills—Also Raises Bank Note Limit 680,000,000 Yen and Provides Bar to Capital "Flight"—Many Tariffs Increased—All Ad Valorem Rates Raised 35%.

From Tokio June 15 the New York "Times" reported that the Diet concluded its special session that morning after having passed all Government bills, the principal ones being measures for controlling exchange rates, increasing the issue of currency, raising tariffs and sanctioning bond issues to meet the expenses of the campaign in Manchuria. The message further said:

All ad valorem rates were raised 35% to balance the decline in the quotations on the yen (the decline followed the abandonment of the gold standard by Japan), and specific duties were increased on thirty-seven articles with a view to protecting Japanese industries. An increase in the duty on pig iron was vigorously opposed.

The exchange control bill authorized the Minister of Finance to frame regulations to prevent flight of capital from the country and provided that all holdings of foreign exchange or foreign securities may be inspected.

Under date of June 14, Associated Press accounts from Tokio said:

Currency control bills which permit currency inflation, raise the limit of the Bank of Japan's note issue from 120,000,000 yen to 800,000,000 (\$252,480,000 at yesterday's rate) and give the Government wide powers to prevent the flight of capital abroad were passed to-day by the House of Peers. They had been approved by the House of Representatives.

Under date of June 21 the Department of Commerce at Washington reported the following, from Commercial Attache H. A. Butts, Tokio:

New legislation enacted by the Diet before its adjournment on June 15 calls among other things, for increasing the fiduciary bank note issue to 1,000,000,000 yen, and controlling the export of capital. The supplementary budget was approved and tariff revision enacted. It is estimated that the tariff changes will yield additional revenue of about 16,000,000 yen. The preliminary estimate of revenues for 1931-32 indicate a total of 1,008,000,000 yen, while expenditures are estimated at 1,205,000,000 yen. The national debt at the end of May 1932, was up 57,000,000 yen. (1 yen equals about 31 cents at current exchange.)

The "Wall Street Journal" in its June 20 issue carried the following item from Tokio:

Foreign exchange control bill enacted by the Japanese Imperial Diet gives the Finance Minister unlimited power to interfere with trade and finance to gain his ends. The act will become law when the Emperor promulgates it, but there are indications that the regulations to implement it may not be issued for some time to come. The foreign exchange banks of the country are co-operating with the Government and are refusing business which seems to be of speculative nature. Finance Minister Korekiyo Takahashi has said that he will not make the law effective unless sharp declines in exchange demand such action. The text of the measure follows:

"Article I—The Minister of Finance is authorized to exercise control over sale of foreign exchange, foreign coins and Japanese securities in foreign currencies with the object of exporting capital, and the issue of letters of credit for the same object, whenever deemed necessary. Control shall be exercised by the issuance of orders.

"Article II—The Minister of Finance is authorized to issue orders to those who have foreign exchange, Japanese securities in foreign currencies and foreign deposits to report the amount in their possession to the Government.

"Article III—The Minister of Finance is authorized to inspect the affairs of those who have Japanese securities in foreign currencies.

"Article IV—Those who violate the orders of the Minister of Finance shall be subject to fines double the amounts involved or to imprisonment for not more than three years."

Canadian Press advices from Ottawa, June 14, stated:

The Department of Trade and Commerce and the Japanese Legation here have been notified of tariff increases approved by the special session of the Japanese Diet, which closes to-morrow.

On wheat the rate has been increased from 1.50 yen (the yen was quoted at 31.56 cents yesterday) per 100 kin (about 11.3 pounds), to 2.50 yen. The former duty amounted to about 25 cents a bushel and the new one is about 42 cents.

The tariff on wheat flour has been increased from 2.90 yen per 100 kin to 4.30 yen, that on butter from 33.65 yen per 100 kin to 45.60 yen and that on dry condensed milk from 13.40 per 100 kin to 25 yen.

A considerable increase has also been made in many classifications of imports of Douglas fir. Illustrative of this is a boost from 4.55 yen per cubic meter to 6.60 yen on lumber not exceeding 60 millimeters in thickness.

Gov.-Gen. Roosevelt of Philippines Cancels Unpaid Land Tax Fines—Finds Majority of People of 48 Provinces Cannot Pay—Opponents Argue That Pardon Sets Bad Example.

Governor-General Theodore Roosevelt of the Philippines on June 9 gave attention to what is described as the most delicate administration problem in the Philippines, and ordered the condonation (pardon) of unpaid land tax penalties for 1931 and 1932. He found, after his recent tour covering 48 provinces, that "the majority of the people cannot pay the penalties," says a cablegram (copyright) from Manila June 9 to the New York "Times" from which we quote further as follows:

The executive order limits condonation to those paying taxes before Sept. 30 1932. The action, long considered, brought serious criticism in many quarters, opponents arguing that condonation penalizes those who already have paid and sets a bad precedent.

Governor Roosevelt issued the following statement:

"I have been most reluctant to condone the penalties, because human nature is the same the world over and many will feel that similar action can be obtained in the future. This is a most damaging attitude of mind for any people, because advance depends on the Government and the Government depends upon revenue.

"The insular Government is suffering from the financial crisis most severely and has been forced to meet it by a reduction of Government expenses of every sort, including a reduction of Government salaries. In this fashion we felt that we could alleviate best the burden that so many people are carrying and yet maintain, so far as possible, services necessary to the public welfare."

Condonation was ratified by the Council of State.

The Government appropriations for 1933 are likely to be under \$25,000,000, as the Government's entire attention now is focused on economy and reorganization measures.

Panama to Reduce Pay—Deficit of \$125,000 a Month Under Budget Estimates Causes Action.

A cablegram as follows from Panama City, June 15, to the New York "Times" said:

Salaries of all Government employees will be reduced probably 10% on July 1, according to a decision made by the President and his Cabinet to-day. The rapid decline of revenues shows a deficit of \$125,000 a month under the budget estimates.

It is likely there will be a reduction in the number of employees, especially in the police force, which was recruited to full strength because of the recent elections. The Government is insistent on maintaining service on foreign loans, and the present plan is probably a forerunner to a wider economy announcement.

President-elect Harmodio Arias will be inaugurated on October 1.

Bank Facility Sought for Virgin Islands—Bill Would Extend National Bank Act to Possessions.

Provisions of the National Banking Act would be extended to the Virgin Islands under a bill (S. 4574) passed, June 8, by the Senate, according to the "United States Daily" of June 9, which likewise said:

Explanation of the purposes of the bill is given in a letter from Ray Lyman Wilbur, Secretary of the Interior, to Senator Norbeck (Rep.), of South Dakota, Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, which states:

"In anticipation of withdrawal in 1934 the National Bank of the Danish West Indies has already ceased to make loans and is otherwise winding up its business and failing to serve the interest and needs of the people of the Virgin Islands.

"This is a situation which will gradually become more and more aggravated as the actual date of withdrawal in 1934 approaches, unless immediate steps are taken to organize and establish an American bank in the Virgin Islands to take over the activities of the Danish bank, which they have indicated they will relinquish at any time a new banking institution is set up to take over its business."

The measure, which now goes to the House for consideration, follows in full text.

The National Bank Act, as amended, and all other acts of Congress relating to national banks, shall, in so far as not locally inapplicable hereafter, apply to the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Provided, that (1) any bank which shall organize under the authority of this act may, with the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency, establish or acquire and keep in operation not more than two branches in the Virgin Islands of the United States; (2) said bank and its branches shall have the right to act as broker or agent for others as granted by the Act of Sept. 7 1916 (39 Stat. L. 752; U. S. C., title 12, ch. 2, Sec. 92), notwithstanding that the population of the place in which it is located may exceed 5,000; (3) the Comptroller of the Currency shall assess and said bank shall pay the expense of examinations of said bank and its branches.

Senate Passes Bill Granting American Citizenship to Natives of Virgin Islands.

The Senate passed on June 8 and sent to the House a bill by Senator Reed to grant American citizenship to all natives of the Virgin Islands, regardless of their place of residence on Jan. 17 1917, when the United States got the islands from Denmark.

Associated Press dispatches, June 8, from Washington, said:

It would except those who declared themselves Danish citizens under previous laws passed by Congress. The bill also exempts natives of the islands from the immigration head tax and classifies them as non-quota immigrants for admission to the United States.

Bill to Use Land Bank Bonds in Payment of Mortgages Reported Favorably by House Committee—Measure Designed to Enable Farm Owners to Liquidate Accounts With Loaning Institutions.

Payment of farm loan mortgages with bonds issued by mortgagee banks would be authorized under the Hare bill (H. R. 8167) reported favorably to the House by the Banking and Currency Committee June 8, according to the "United States Daily" of June 9, from which the following is also taken:

"This bill," the Committee report says, "is designed to enable people who owe farm land bank and joint stock land bank debts, secured by mortgages which are callable under the law—to wit, which are five years old or older—to pay said debts with the bonds of the bank which holds the mortgage.

New Plan Deemed Best.

"It is provided for in the farm land bank, but the machinery of going through the farm loan association through whom the loan was made, is cumbersome, and many associations are defunct, and it is deemed best that the borrower deal directly with the holder of the mortgage.

"Many of the mortgagors are able to secure the bonds of the farm land bank and especially of the joint stock land banks at a rate that makes it attractive to them to buy bonds and pay off their mortgages. The bank loses nothing by it, as they secure their own paper at 100%, and the result of it will make a better market for farm loan bonds, which, of course, will reduce the attractiveness of the proposition as time goes on, but at the present time many farmers could save their homes if they had the opportunity to do so, as provided in this bill.

Wide Demand for Relief.

"There has been a wide demand for the bill from the farmers and local bankers, and the Committee recommends that the bill as amended do pass."

The bill would amend section 27 of the Federal Farm Loan Act (U. S. C., title 12, Secs. 941-943) by adding the following:

"Any person having obtained a loan from a Federal land bank or a joint stock land bank may buy and sell farm loan bonds issued by the mortgagee bank, and any such bank is authorized and directed to accept such bonds with unearned coupons attached at par value when presented by a mortgagor in full satisfaction of a mortgage after it has been in full force and effect for a period of five years."

Sales of Farms by Spokane Federal Land Bank in Four Western States in First Months this Year Exceed Any Like Period Except 1928—Trend to "Back to Land Movement" Seen by E. M. Ehrhardt—Farms a "Safety Valve" on Unemployment.

E. M. Ehrhardt, President of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, speaking before the Washington State Bankers' Association at Pullman, Wash. on June 11, stated that sales of farms by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane in the four States of Montana, Oregon, Idaho and Washington for the first five months of 1932 exceed any like period in the bank's history except 1928. To June 1 1932, 288 buyers bought lands priced at \$918,850, while in the like period of 1928, 326 buyers purchased land valued at \$957,300. Mr. Ehrhardt went on to say that the "back to the land movement" predicted by us as long ago as the fall of 1929 has gathered momentum until it is now an admitted trend and is being discussed generally in articles and editorials as a main factor in the solution of our economic problems, in figures which, if we could see them now, would surprise us. Probably the majority who move, wind up in suburban locations, on what may be termed part-time farms, where only part of the living is produced. This they supplement by such short jobs as can be picked up and thus the home and living are made more secure. Many, however, are becoming full-fledged farmers. The farms are a safety valve on unemployment. Mr. Ehrhardt also said in part:

The present trend of people toward the land is based upon the uncertainty and fears which surround them in their present locations. Every one wants security. It is a noble effort to become independent and self-supporting. Money invested in good land is placed beyond the tide of business changes.

Employment bureaus and charity boards confronted next winter with the prospect of a repetition of conditions of last winter are fast coming to realize that in this movement lies the only permanent solution of our most serious national problem. A family which becomes established and makes its living on the land leaves that much more work for those to do who remain in town. If 5 in each 100 were unemployed, the placing on the land of any 5 in the 100 would leave a job for each of those who remain. Furthermore, the demoralizing effect upon the morals and morale of those who must continue to accept charity is avoided. The social phase of the present problem is one of its major aspects and there is no surer cure for it than redistribution of population to self-supporting points. It is a pertinent question to ask when employment bureaus and charity boards will begin to consider this relocation as a curative measure and stimulate it accordingly, rather than continue along the lines of present activities which, at best, are only palliatives.

New Funds Absorbed by Federal Land Bank System—Additional 17 Millions Drawn from Authorized Amounts.

Drawing on new funds voted to them by Congress for the first time in almost two months, the Federal Land

banks took \$16,918,750 from the Treasury Department June 20 in the form of capital stock subscriptions, according to statistics made available June 22 by the Treasury. We quote from the "United States Daily" of June 23, which also stated:

After the withdrawal of June 20 the Land banks still have \$33,837,510 remaining of the \$125,000,000 which Congress authorized the Treasury to use for capital stock subscriptions; the banks had withdrawn \$91,162,490 of the total appropriation, according to the statistics. Additional information furnished follows:

The draft for the Land banks helped to advance the Federal Government's deficit which during the immediately preceding days have been receding as income tax collections more than met expenditures. The deficit moved up to \$2,778,580,823 on June 20 but was still slightly below the high mark of \$2,785,899,875 reached on June 14.

Since June 14 income tax payments due on June 15 have increased receipts so that they exceeded expenditures, and the deficit fell to \$2,749,367,470 on June 18. Total income tax collections thus far during June have been \$151,327,978 compared with \$254,660,933 during the same period of June 1931.

The Government's expenditures through June 20 were \$4,748,697,170 and its receipts \$1,970,116,346. The Treasury held a balance on hand of approximately \$640,395,000, obtained through borrowing and income tax collections.

Notice of New York Stock Exchange Regarding Amendment to Martin Act (New York) Affecting Security Dealers.

Under date of June 16 the following notice was issued by Ashbel Green, Secretary of the New York Stock Exchange, calling attention to the amendment to the Martin Act affecting security dealers:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Office of the Secretary.

June 16 1932.

To the Members of the Exchange:

Article 23-A of the General Business Law of New York, commonly known as the Martin Act, has recently been amended by Chapter 397 of the Laws of New York 1932. A copy of Chapter 397 is enclosed herewith for the consideration of members.

Your attention is called to the following important changes made by the Legislature of 1932:

First: After July 1 1932, no dealer shall sell or offer for sale to the public within this State as principal, broker, or agent, or otherwise, any securities issued, or to be issued until such dealer shall have caused to be filed in the Department of Law a duly verified statement to be known as a "Dealer's Statement." This statement is in addition to the "State Notice" and "Further State Notices" required to be filed in the Department of State pursuant to the Martin Act.

Second: The dealer's statement required by the new law must contain the name of the dealer and the address of the principal office of the dealer wherever situated, and the addresses of branch offices within New York State.

Third: Where the dealer is a partnership, the statement must contain the names, residences and business addresses of the partners, including special or limited partners, and of all other individuals participating as principals in the profits of such business, specifying as to each the nature of his relation to such business and giving with respect to each a statement of his connections during the preceding five years with any person or organization engaged in the business of selling securities, and the names of the last three issues of securities the whole or any part of which have been sold or offered for sale by such partner or other individual, including sales or offers for sale made by any person or organization with which he was in any way connected or associated at the time of such sale or offer. Where the dealer is an individual, a similar statement must be made as to his business connections and as to issues of securities.

Fourth: The statement must also show whether the dealer or any partner, principal, officer or branch manager has been convicted in any State or country of any criminal offense in connection with the sale of securities or has been enjoined or restrained from selling securities or from practices connected therewith, or has had any registration or license in connection with the sale of securities cancelled. In the event that there has been a conviction, injunction or cancellation of license, the statement must contain full and complete details thereof.

Fifth: A supplemental dealer's statement must be filed in the event that there is a change in the personnel of the partners, principals, officers or branch managers, or in the event that anything occurs to change the facts stated in connection with criminal convictions, injunctions or cancellations of licenses.

Sixth: Dealer's statements and supplemental dealers' statements must be verified by a general partner who may state on information and belief the facts therein contained with respect to any other partner or individual, provided that an affidavit by such other partner or individual is attached, stating that all facts contained in the statement or supplemental statement with respect to him are true.

Seventh: Statements must be sent by registered mail postage prepaid to the Department of Law at Albany before July 1 1932. Forms for the use of dealers in filing statements may be obtained from the office of the Attorney-General at Room 432, 80 Centre St., New York City.

Eighth: The attention of members is also called to the fact that the new law makes it a criminal offense to represent, in advertising or offering securities for sale, that the State, the Department of Law or any officer thereof has recommended the purchase of such securities.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Chapter 397 as amended, follows:

LAWS OF NEW YORK.—By Authority. CHAPTER 397.

An Act to amend the general business law, in relation to the filing of certain statements in the Department of Law by dealers in securities.

Became a law March 23 1932, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Sec. 1. Section 359e of Chapter 25 of the laws of 1909, entitled "An Act relating to general business, constituting Chapter 20 of the consolidated laws," as added by Chapter 239 of the laws of 1925 and last amended by Chapter 669 of the laws of 1929, is hereby amended by adding thereto eight new subdivisions to follow subdivision one to be subdivisions, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight and nine, to read as follows:

2. After this subdivision takes effect, no dealer shall sell or offer for sale to the public within this State, as principal, broker, or agent, or otherwise, any securities issued or to be issued, unless and until such dealer shall have caused to be filed in the Department of Law a statement duly verified as hereinafter provided, to be known as a "dealer's statement" containing:

(a) The name of such dealer.

(b) The address of the principal office of such dealer, if any, wherever situated, and the address or addresses of the principal office and all branch offices of such dealer within this State, if any.

(c) If such dealer be an individual, a statement of his connections during the preceding five years with any person, partnership, corporation, company, trust or association engaged in the business of selling securities or offering securities for sale, and the names of the last three issues of securities, the whole or any part of which have been sold or offered for sale by such dealer, including sales or offers for sale made by any person, partnership, corporation, company, trust or association with which such dealer, at the time of such sale or offer, was in any way connected or associated.

(d) If such dealer be a partnership, the names, residence and business addresses of the partners, including special or limited partners, and of all other individuals participating as principals in the profits of such business, specifying as to each the nature of his relation to such business and giving with respect to each all of the information required by (c) of this subdivision two to be given by a dealer who is an individual.

(e) If such dealer be other than an individual or partnership, the name of the State or country where incorporated or organized, and the names, residence and business addresses of its principal officers, wherever located, and of its officers and branch managers in this State, specifying as to each the nature of his relation to such business, and giving with respect to each all of the information required by (c) of this subdivision two to be given by a dealer who is an individual.

(f) A statement as to whether such dealer, or, if such dealer be other than an individual, whether any partner, principal, officer, director or branch manager thereof, has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction in any State or country of any criminal offense in connection with any transaction involving the sale or offer for sale of securities, or has been enjoined or restrained by order of any court of competent jurisdiction from selling or offering for sale securities in any State or country, or continuing any practices in connection therewith, or, having been registered or licensed as a dealer, broker or salesman of securities in any State or country, has had such registration or license cancelled by order of any such court of competent jurisdiction. If such dealer, or any such partner, principal, officer or branch manager, has been so convicted, restrained or enjoined, or has had such registration or license so cancelled by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, such dealers' statement shall have incorporated therein full and complete details thereof.

3. In the event that any dealer, or any partner, principal, officer, director or branch manager shall, after such dealer shall have filed a dealer's statement as provided in subdivision two of this section, be convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of any State or country of any criminal offense in connection with any transaction involving the sale or offer for sale of securities, or be enjoined or restrained by order of any such court of competent jurisdiction from selling or offering securities in any State or country, or continuing any practices in connection therewith, or, having been registered or licensed as a dealer, broker, or salesman of securities in any State or country, have such registration or license cancelled by order of any such court of competent jurisdiction, or in the event that after any dealer shall have filed a dealer's statement under the provisions of subdivision two of this section any change shall take place in the personnel of partners, principals, officers or branch managers, information with respect to whom is required to be set forth in a dealer's statement under the provisions of (c) or (d) of subdivision two of this section, such dealer shall not sell or offer for sale to the public within this State as principal, broker or agent, any securities issued or to be issued, unless and until a statement, to be known as a "supplemental dealer's statement," duly verified as hereinafter provided, shall have been filed with the Department of Law, setting forth in full the details thereof, and in the case of any new partner, principal, officer, director or branch manager with respect to whom information required by (c) or (d) of subdivision two of this section has not theretofore been included in a dealer's statement or supplemental dealer's statement filed by such dealer, setting forth such information with respect to such new partner, principal, officer, director or branch manager thereof.

4. Each such dealer's statement and each such dealer's supplemental statement shall be verified by the dealer, or in such dealer be a partnership, by a general partner thereof, or, if such dealer be other than an individual or partnership, by a principal officer thereof, and shall state that the facts therein stated are true to his own knowledge; provided that in the case of a dealer's statement or supplemental dealer's statement of a dealer other than an individual the person verifying the same may state on information and belief the facts therein included with respect to any other individual, if such dealer's statement or supplemental dealer's statement shall have attached thereto an affidavit of such other individual stating that all facts contained in said dealer's statement or supplemental dealer's statement with respect to him are true.

5. Any false statement contained in any such dealer's statement or supplemental dealer's statement or in any affidavit attached thereto shall constitute a violation of this section within the meaning of Sec 359g of this article.

6. The Attorney-General may in his discretion adopt forms for the use of dealers for filing any statements in the Department of Law pursuant to the provisions of this section and furnish such forms to dealers without charge or fee therefor, and such forms shall provide only for the information required to be filed in the Department of Law as herein set forth.

7. Any person, partnership, corporation, company, trust or association representing in any manner that the State, the Department of Law or any officer thereof has recommended the purchase of any stocks, bonds or other securities, in advertising or offering such stocks, bonds or other securities for sale shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than two years or both.

Sec. 2. Subdivision two of such section, as added by Chapter 239 of the laws of 1925 and last amended by Chapter 669 of the laws of 1929, is hereby renumbered subdivision eight.

Sec. 3. Subdivision three of such section, as added by Chapter 239 of the laws of 1925 and amended by Chapter 710 of the laws of 1928, is hereby renumbered subdivision nine and amended to read as follows:

9. Whenever a dealer shall have become a member of a selling group, or syndicate, herein called syndicate, formed pursuant to a written agreement for the purpose of effecting the sale or distribution to the public of a particular issue of securities and the sale or offer of sale or distribution of such securities to the public by dealers is not exempted from the provisions of subdivision eight of this section by section 359f hereof, any member of such syndicate shall be deemed to have complied with the provisions of subdivision eight of this section without the filing of any notice required by such subdivision in connection with the sale or offer of sale of such securities if the syndicate manager or managers specified in said syndicate agreement, at least one of whom maintains an office in this State, shall have agreed with the members of said selling syndicate to cause to be filed a State notice

respecting such securities in the form required by subdivision eight of this section. Such notices shall be filed at or before the time the securities described therein are sold or offered for sale to the public, and may be filed either in the name or names of the syndicate manager or managers or in the name of one of them who maintains an office in this State, to be designated in said agreement.

Whenever a syndicate manager or managers shall have agreed in writing with the members of any such selling syndicate to cause the notices to be filed pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision, the syndicate manager or managers designated in said agreement to cause such notices to be filed as hereinbefore provided, shall be deemed to be a dealer or dealers in such securities within the meaning of this article notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in section 359e hereof.

When ever a dealer or an exchange pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (k) of section 359f hereof, shall have filed any notice herein required to be filed, or shall have prepared such notice in the form herein prescribed and have forwarded the same together with the fee for the filing and publication thereof enclosed, by registered mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the Department of State at Albany, such dealer, or exchange as to the contents of such notice and the filing thereof, shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this section.

Whenever a dealer shall have filed any dealer's statement or supplemental dealer's statement required to be filed under the provisions of this section, or shall have prepared any such dealer's statement or supplemental dealer's statement and have forwarded the same by registered mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed, to the Department of Law in Albany, such dealer, as to the filing of such dealer's statement or supplemental dealer's statement, shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this section.

Sec. 4. The opening paragraph of Section 359f of such chapter, such section having been added by Chapter 239 of the laws of 1925 and amended by Chapter 617 of the laws of 1926 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 359f. Exemptions from certain provisions of Section 359e. The provisions of subdivision eight of Section 359e shall not apply to any transactions relating to the sale or offering for sale of any of the following described securities by a dealer therein:

Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect July 1 1932.

New York State Banking Department Reported as Having Liberalized Rules Affecting Valuation of Securities—Comptroller of Currency Said to Be Planning Similar Action—State Department Indicated as Giving Preferred Status to Bonds Rated B or Better by Agencies—Security Loans are Included.

In the absence of anything of an official nature, we are giving herewith the following information carried in the June 21 issue of the New York "Journal of Commerce":

Sweeping liberalization of rules for valuation of bank bond investments in examinations by the Comptroller of the Currency is expected to be effected shortly.

The changes to be ordered by the Comptroller, which will apply to National banks, are held likely to correspond in large measure with changes already ordered by Superintendent of Banks Joseph A. Broderick for State banks and trust companies in New York State.

Others Seen Following.

State banking authorities in other States are held likely to follow suit, thus recognizing the present level of prices in the bond market as largely abnormal and temporary. The new regulations, furthermore, apply to security loans as well as to bond investments of the banks.

The action of Superintendent of Banks Broderick in this State took the form of a letter to State banks and trust companies, outlining the new regulations. It is reported that the new regulations were first suggested by the State Banking Commission established this year to operate in an advisory capacity to the State Department of Banking.

Last year, Comptroller of the Currency John W. Pole took the lead in ordering examiners to ignore market values where bonds were rated highly by statistical agencies, while others were to be amortized down to prevailing market values by 25% deductions yearly for four years. The new ruling is expected to waive amortization where market values had declined even on bonds other than high grade issues. Some modification of regulations covering valuations of defaulted issues is also held possible.

New Regulations.

The action of Superintendent Broderick is regarded as highly constructive by bankers here. The new regulations issued by him provide that bonds of moderate as well as of high grade, rated at least B. or the equivalent by the four statistical agencies recognized by the banking authorities, may be carried at book values unless this is above par. In certain cases, 20% of the difference between book and market value, where the latter has declined, must be marked off annually.

Government and municipal issues are to be carried at the lower of par or cost, as in the past.

Other bonds which are not in default are to be carried at the average of the present market price and the market price which obtained in June 1931. Thus the value of a particular bond would be determined by adding the present market price to the price of last June, and then dividing the sum by two.

Defaults and Losses.

Bonds which are currently in default must be carried at market values. However, where it can be demonstrated that the market does not express actual values, a higher valuation may be allowed upon permission being granted by the Banking Department, which will examine particular cases.

Regarding the valuation of collateral loans, the Department states that the value of collateral need not be determined exclusively by market price. The general credit of the borrower and the qualities of the pledged securities aside from market value, will thus be studied by bank examiners in the State before determining the status of security loans where collateral values have been impaired.

Intrinsic Value of Bonds—National Banks May Take Account of It in Next Reports of Condition.

National banks will be allowed to follow, when reporting their condition upon the next call of the Comptroller of the Currency the same practice they followed last December, according to a Washington account to the "Wall Street

Journal" of last night (June 24) from which we quote further as follows:

The call is due around the end of the month. The practice is described as follows: "When a bank has bonds whose market value varies greatly from their intrinsic value, it will be allowed to take account of the intrinsic value."

This practice has applied both to bonds held in investment portfolios and as collateral for loans. It was denied here that this practice in relation to loans is new.

The practice appears to be similar to that adopted by the New York State Banking Department.

Proposal That Insurance Bonds Be Valued on Maturity Basis Approved at Convention of Insurance Commissioners—Recommended by New York State Superintendent of Insurance, Van-Schaick.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners, meeting in Chicago on June 23, adopted a resolution providing for the valuation of bonds of insurance companies on their maturity basis, rather than their present depreciated market price. The resolution recommended by George S. Van Schaick, New York State Superintendent of Insurance, was approved on June 22 by the conventions Committee on Valuations. It reads as follows:

"Whereas the market price of Government, State, municipal and other amply secured bonds is widely at variance with their true value and intrinsic worth; and

"Whereas for many years, life insurance companies have been permitted to treat such bonds on an investment basis as to reflect par at maturity, which policy has proved to be wise, safe and equitable to life insurance companies and to the public alike; and

"Whereas, many States permit such amortization of amply secured bonds by insurance companies other than life companies in the sound discretion of the Commissioner or Superintendent of Insurance whenever circumstances make such action appropriate; therefore be it.

"Resolved, That this Committee, on valuation of securities, hereby endorses and recommends to the National Convention of Insurance Commissioners the principle of amortization of amply secured bonds for all types of insurance companies under proper conditions.

"Further resolved, that in the opinion of this Committee, present economic conditions make this an appropriate time for Insurance Commissioners and Superintendents to permit such amortization.

"Further resolved, that this Committee endorses and recommends legislation which would permit such amortization for all types of insurance companies in the sound discretion of the Insurance Commissioner or Superintendent in States where such authority does not now exist."

In recommending the above action by the Convention Superintendent Van Schaick, announced that the New York Insurance Department "has set up a statistical bureau for the ascertainment of information relative to the various holdings of the companies, so that it will have available information pleas to the various issues that is as complete, and authentic as it is possible to obtain." Superintendent Van Schaick's statement, as contained in Chicago advices June 22 to the "United States Daily" follows:

Questions as to the standard of valuation of amply secured bonds held by insurance corporations must be approached from two angles. The public is entitled to a fair and accurate picture of the assets and liabilities of the companies doing business. At the same time policyholders, existing and prospective, are entitled to have companies given the benefit of the real values of their assets.

If this were not done, extensive and needless loss would be widespread. The closing of an insurance company which is well managed, having ample reserves and sufficient assets to pay its liabilities as they mature, not only causes sacrifice and loss to policyholders and investors, but the mere act of liquidation again depresses the security market.

The usual standard of valuation in normal times is the quotations on the stock exchanges, when by force of economic circumstances exchanges become mere auction blocks reflecting for the most part compulsory sales they lose their import as a standard of valuation.

The amortization of bonds for life insurance companies came into the New York law in 1909, during the administration of Governor Hughes. It was based on the theory that amply secured corporate bonds which in all probability could be held to maturity would be paid at maturity. Such bonds were thus placed on the same basis as real estate mortgages.

Method of Amortization.

The method of amortization provided by the New York statute is based upon the original price of bonds, valued by computing their present worth under the usual rate of interest, realized if the bonds are held to maturity. The adjustment, which brings the bond exactly to its par value at maturity, whether bought at a premium or a discount, is unaffected by the inflation of collapse of market prices and fulfills its purpose of producing a steady income until maturity and then supplying with certainty its portion of principal to meet the obligations of the company for which its payment has been calculated.

Amortization was motivated by the extraordinary conditions in the security market that had prevailed for the year or so previous to the enactment of legislation. Companies having safe investments and prosperous business were menaced by low exchange quotations. Policyholders whose policies were maturing, if day-to-day quotations were used to evaluate company holdings, were facing loss of policy dividends. Sums earned in one year and which should have been used to pay dividends upon maturing policies would be withheld from the rightful owners and carried forward to the account of subsequent years and for the benefit of persons not entitled thereto.

Success of Policy.

The amortization of bonds for life companies over a period of 22 years, a period reflecting both prosperity and depression, has proved to be wise, safe, and equitable.

It is true that there were special reasons why the principle of amortization was peculiarly appropriate to life companies, the nature of whose obligations is such that it can be foreseen with reasonable certainty as to whether fixed term securities can be held to maturity. The Legislature, however, recognized that emergencies might prevail where, for the protection of policyholders and the avoidance of needless sacrifice in other company

fields, the principle of amortization should under proper circumstances be extended. Discretion was, therefore, vested in the Superintendent of Insurance of New York as has been done in a number of other States, to extend amortization to companies other than life.

Time is Opportune.

If ever this discretion is to be exercised, it would seem as though the present is an appropriate time. The most intelligent financiers of the country realize and appreciate that the bond market has become a bargain counter. Any one having the slightest confidence in the future of the country and the country's fundamental securities must appreciate that this situation is a temporary one.

If the discretion of the various superintendents who have the power is exercised to permit the amortization of bonds of insurance companies in addition to those in the life field, the safeguard of the public interest rests in the enforcement of the admirable provision of the statute that amortization is applicable only to bonds amply secured.

Data Collected.

Speaking for New York, I am glad to announce that the Insurance Department has set up a statistical bureau for the ascertainment of information relative to the various holdings of the companies, so that it will have available information pleas to the various issues that is as complete and authentic as it is possible to obtain.

It would seem to be an appropriate time for the National Convention of Insurance Commissioners to go on record and endorse the practice of amortization for insurance companies generally under economic conditions as they prevail to-day and to indicate its approval of legislation empowering the promulgation of this principle of amortization in those States where the statute is now silent.

In our issue of April 30 (page 3197) we published a notice issued by the New York State Insurance Department regarding the valuation of securities.

Increase in Tax on Transfer of Securities Under New Revenue Act—Notice by New York Stock Exchange.

The attention of members of the New York Stock Exchange to the increase in the tax on the transfer of securities is called in the following notice issued by the Exchange:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE,
Office of the Secretary.

June 18 1932.

To the Members:

The Revenue Act of 1932 has made important changes not only in the rate but also in the nature of the taxes imposed by the United States on the transfer of securities.

The Exchange has been advised by the Treasury Department that the new regulations which will be issued in the near future will provide among other things as follows:

Tax on transfer of stock.

1. The rate of tax has been increased from 2c. to 4c. for each \$100 of par value and from 2c. to 4c. a share in the case of shares without par value provided that upon a sale of stock, whether of par value or no par value, when the selling price is \$20 or more per share, the foregoing rates shall be 5c. instead of 4c.

2. These new provisions become effective on June 21 1932, and are applicable to all sales occurring on that day and thereafter.

3. In the case of sales made prior to June 21 in respect of which delivery is not made until June 21 or thereafter the old rate of tax applies.

4. Loans of stock (but not the return of borrowed stock) and taxable transactions. Intraoffice borrowings are deemed loans and are therefore taxable.

5. In the case of stock loans the lender shall pay the tax. Unless otherwise agreed at the time of the loan a member of the Exchange lending stock shall bill the borrower with the amount of the tax.

Tax on the transfer of bonds, debentures, &c.

1. All transfers of corporate bonds, debentures or certificates of indebtedness however termed are taxable at the rate of 4c. on each \$100 of face value of fraction thereof.

2. The tax shall be paid by the seller and collected in the same manner as the tax on the transfer of stock but documentary stamps and not stock transfer stamps must be used.

3. All members of the Exchange shall keep records of taxable bond transfers similar in all respects to the records now kept in regard to taxable stock transfers.

4. The effective date of the tax is June 21 1932, and all sales taking place on and after that date are taxable. Sales made prior to June 21 in respect of which delivery is not made until June 21 or thereafter are not taxable transactions.

Stock certificates or bonds presented for transfer on and after June 21 1932 are to be considered as representing sales or transfers of title made on or after such date, unless:

- (a) Such stock certificates or bonds are accompanied by a memorandum of sale as required by law dated June 21, or prior thereto; or
- (b) A certificate in the following form appears on the stock certificates or bonds:

This is to certify that the sale of this instrument or the transfer of title thereto was made prior to June 21 1932.

(Note: Signed by transferor or his agent.)

Loans of bonds and the return of borrowed bonds are taxable transactions. Obligations of municipalities are not taxable regardless of whether their form of organization is corporate.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Tax on Checks, Drafts, &c., Under New Revenue Act—10% Tax on Safe Deposit Boxes—Banks and Trust Companies to Collect Levies.

Banks and trust companies are charged with the collection of the 2c. tax on checks, drafts, or orders for the payments of money, imposed under the new Revenue Act, and the 10% tax on safe deposit boxes also levied under the Act. These taxes became effective June 21. The regulations governing the same were announced, as follows, on June 16 by David Burnet, Commissioner of Internal Revenue:

"Under Section 751 of the new Revenue Law a bank, banker, or trust company is charged with the duty of collecting a 2c. tax on every check, draft or order for the payment of money drawn on it, and presented for payment on or after June 21 1932.

"If the business of leasing of safe deposit boxes is carried on, the bank is charged under Section 741 of the law with the additional duty of collecting a tax amounting to 10% of the sum paid on or after June 21 1932 for the use after such date of any safe deposit box.

"The tax levy on such checks, drafts and orders is not in the form of a stamp tax, as was the case under the Revenue Act of 1898, but is payable by charging the amount of the tax against any deposit to the credit of the maker or drawer of the instrument.

"The new plan of collecting the tax is free from the difficulties attending the purchase and affixing of stamps, obtaining under the 1898 Act, and eliminates vexatious questions concerning the validity of checks not bearing a stamp. The bank, banker or trust company on whom the checks are drawn is required to prepare and file a return of the tax monthly with the Collector of Internal Revenue.

"Many inquiries are coming to the Bureau as to whether or not certain forms of checks or orders are taxable. In any case where doubt exists as to the taxability of an instrument it may be submitted to the Bureau of Internal Revenue for a ruling.

"The tax on leases of safe deposit boxes is restricted to any vault, safe, box or receptacle of not more than 40 cubic feet capacity, such as is customarily used for the safe-keeping and storage of jewelry and securities.

"Any bank or other institution engaged in leasing safe deposit boxes is required to make monthly payment and return of the taxes collected.

"The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has prepared a simple form of return for use in paying over to the collector the taxes collected under either section of the law. These forms will be available at the offices of the collectors of internal revenue at an early date and will be mailed by the collectors to the various banks.

"Revenue officials entertain the belief that the administration of these provisions will be free from any unusual difficulty or annoyance."

Excise Tax and Miscellaneous Payments Under New Revenue Law Will Begin July 31—First Returns Cover Period from Effective Date Until June 30, Says Treasury.

Returns must be filed and taxes paid under the new manufacturers' excise and miscellaneous taxes no later than July 31, according to a statement June 20 by the Treasury Department. These returns and payments will cover the period between the effective dates of the taxes and June 30, says the "United States Daily," which gives, as follows, the text of the statement:

Information has reached the Bureau of Internal Revenue that reports are in circulation that return and payment of taxes under the new manufacturers' excise and miscellaneous taxes will not be required until August.

The law provides that the new taxes are effective as of the beginning June 21 1932, except the tax on theater ticket brokers, which became effective June 6 at 5 p. m., and the tax on electrical energy which becomes effective June 22 1932.

The first returns to be rendered under the new Act will cover the period from the effective dates to June 30. These returns must be filed and the tax paid on or before July 31. Each month thereafter the new excise and miscellaneous taxpayers will render returns and pay the taxes covering the preceding month of business.

New York Clearing House Denies Facilities to Checks Drawn by Corporations on Themselves—Move Apparently to Avoid Federal Tax.

A notice indicating that pending Treasury regulations, the facilities of the New York Clearing House will not be made available to handle items drawn by corporations on themselves in the payment of dividends, salaries, &c., (on the assumption, it is stated, that they will not be subject to tax), was issued under date of June 17 by the Clearing House Committee. The notice follows:

New York, June 17 1932.

Dear Sir—

With reference to the new Federal tax on checks, we have been advised that member banks have received many inquiries from non banking corporations relative to arrangements to handle checks drawn by the corporations on themselves (in payment of dividends, salaries, and other expenses) on the assumption that items so drawn will not be subject to tax.

In the absence of any official regulations of the Treasury Department, it is impossible to forecast how the law will be finally interpreted. If such items are ruled to be tax exempt and corporations make a general practice of drawing checks on themselves, it will upset the present expeditious and economical methods of collecting checks through clearing houses and the Federal Reserve System and increase by hundreds of thousands the number of items which must be collected by messenger and through other channels. This will impose a great and added burden upon the banks.

Accordingly, members are requested to inform customers who approach them on this subject that pending the receipt of final regulations and the further study of their effect, the facilities of the clearing house will not be made available to handle items drawn in the manner described.

The clearing house committee, as soon as the regulations have been received, will submit to the members of the Association for their approval a uniform method of handling this matter to be followed by all member banks.

By order,

CHARLES S. McCAIN, Chairman, Clearing House Committee.

CLARENCE E. BACON, Manager.

Referring to the plan, the New York "Journal of Commerce" of June 24 said:

Under this plan the corporation would pay its dividends by drawing drafts on its own treasury instead of upon its bank account, making the bank its paying agent. It would issue a single blanket check to the order of the bank so that the bank would be paying the dividends out of its own funds. Only this blanket check would be taxable.

May Bring Test Case.

If orders of this kind are declared to be taxable under the law it is considered possible that a test case may be brought before the courts. If they are declared non-taxable the banks themselves may refuse to accept the post of agent unless they are permitted to charge fee to make up the additional bookkeeping expenses that would be involved in handling orders of this kind.

The banks are uncertain whether or not bankers' acceptances are taxable. Most of the banks yesterday were debiting the 2-cent tax against the accounts of drawers of acceptance. A ruling on this point will be requested to-day.

New York Stock Exchange Makes Known Announcement by Treasury Department That Rate of Stamp Tax on Loan of Stock Is 4 Cents.

The Committee on Publicity of the New York Stock Exchange issued the following notice on June 23:

The Stock Exchange is in receipt of a letter from Mr. E. L. Swift, Supervisor in Charge, New York office of Treasury Department, reading: "The regulations on stamp tax for the 1932 Revenue Act have not as yet been received. Authoritative information, however, has been received by long distance telephone that the rate of stamp tax pertaining to loan of stock is 4 cents on each \$100 of par value, in case of shares with par value, and 4 cents per share in cases of shares without par value. The special rate of 5 cents does not apply in connection with the loan of stock, since there is no selling price. Therefore, please be advised accordingly."

Representative of State Banking Department in Charge of Closed Bank Required to File Income Tax Return for Bank, According to J. S. Seidman.

"The representative of the State Banking Department in control of the business of a bank that has closed its doors, is required to file the income tax return for the bank, rather than the officers of the bank, under an important ruling just announced by the Income Tax Department," according to J. S. Seidman, tax expert of Seidman & Seidman, certified public accountants. Mr. Seidman says:

This ruling sets at rest a question concerning which there has previously been considerable doubt. Under the law, a receiver of a bank has to file a return only if he is engaged in operating the business of the bank. It had been the opinion in some quarters that the officers of a closed bank were required to file the income tax returns of the bank, because the representative from the State Banking Department was not engaged in operating the business of the bank but merely in marshalling and distributing its assets.

The ruling places a broader meaning on what is meant by operating the bank, and construes it as the equivalent of having influence or control over the bank and not merely in the sense of carrying on its business. From this point of view, the representative of the State Banking Department is operating the business of the bank, and hence is required to file the income tax returns for the bank.

Under the ruling the representative from the State Banking Department must file the return not only from the period that he steps in but also for the previous part of the year when the bank's doors were still open.

Senate Inquiry Into Stock Market Operations—Short Selling Drive on Radio-Keith-Orpheum Stock Reported to Have Forced Decline in Shares—E. W. Stirn's Testimony on R. C. A. Control.

Renewing its inquiry into stock market operations, the Senate Banking and Currency Committee heard Ernest W. Stirn, of the University of Chicago, testify June 10 that the "short selling drive" on Radio-Keith-Orpheum stock in 1931 had forced the greatest decline in quotation of any stock in history. The "United States Daily" of June 10, reporting this said:

The drop in price, according to the witness, carried the quotation from \$50 on April 24 1930, to 75 cents a share on Dec. 28 1931. It has never been exceeded, he told the Committee, by the decline of any other security of a corporation not in receivership since the organization of the Amsterdam Stock Exchange in the 17th Century.

Refers to Other Issues.

Mr. Stirn added that only two corporations in the hands of receivers had had stock suffer a greater decline. Replying to Senator Norbeck (Rep.), of South Dakota, Committee Chairman, the witness said the stock of the Insull Utilities Investment Corporation and Krueger and Toll, both in receivership, had established a greater decline. Both of these corporations are under investigation, the witness said, the Insull corporation being under inquiry by the Public Utilities Commission of Wisconsin, and the other by the Swedish Government.

As to the hearing on June 10, the New York "Times" had the following to say in its Washington advices:

Charges that the collapse of Radio-Keith-Orpheum stock last Fall and Winter was accompanied by illegal acts by the directors of the amusements company and "bear raids" on the company's stock that enabled the Radio Corporation of America to obtain control of RKO at a fraction of its value, entered into the Senate stock market inquiry to-day.

Ernest W. Stirn, an economist of the Graduate Department of the University of Chicago, presented the charges to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee. Chairman Norbeck remarked that Mr. Stirn was the first "lamb" to be heard in the inquiry.

Mr. Stirn was accompanied by William J. Morgan, former Attorney General of Wisconsin, who acted as volunteer counsel to guide the presentation of the testimony. In summarizing it, Mr. Morgan termed the RKO deal the "most drastic squeeze-out in history."

Michael J. Meehan, the broker who already has figured in the inquiry records as specialist in the huge bull pool in Radio in 1930, was designated by Mr. Stirn and Mr. Morgan as specialist in RKO stock at the time of the heavy short-selling that was credited with driving down the stock's price. Mr. Meehan recently sailed abroad, "on the advice of three doctors," as an earlier witness explained.

Charges Against RKO Directors.

Mr. Stirn's allegations included the following:

That the directors of RKO, most of whom he said also were the directors of R. C. A., violated the laws of Maryland, the home of RKO, when, on Nov. 5 1931, they voted to assess shareholders \$5 a share or "confiscate" three-fourths of their holdings.

That immediately prior to, and for a few days following, this action an unprecedented short-selling campaign in RKO shares was taking place.

That Radio Corporation of America, already a heavy shareholder, obtained an option to purchase all unsubscribed conversion stock and debentures not otherwise purchased.

That the great majority of shareholders were forced out or induced to sell out by reason of declining prices, and that the R. C. A. obtained \$67,000,000 worth of RKO assets for about \$11,500,000.

Mr. Stirn placed in the record a copy of the letter announcing the plan adopted on Nov. 5, which was mailed to stockholders of RKO on Nov. 10 by Hiram S. Brown, then President of the company, this letter being the first public announcement of the directors' decision.

15,000 Per Cent Drop in Stock.

He also showed by Stock Exchange records that a short-selling campaign began in mid-October, steadily increased to a peak short commitment of 148,852 shares on Nov. 5, the date of the directors' meeting, and continued at a high point through Nov. 12, after which short commitments dropped off sharply.

Mr. Stirn told the Committee that RKO stock, after reaching a high of 50 on April 24 1931, had dropped to 9 on Oct. 21. On Nov. 30, the last date for which he had records of short sales, the quotations ranged between 1½ and 2. The stock declined to ¾ on Dec. 29, and the next day trading was suspended.

"The drop in RKO stock was greater than that of any other stock on record, except two companies that are in receivership, since the establishment of the first stock market in Amsterdam in 1630," Mr. Stirn testified.

He estimated the drop from April to late December as 15,000%. This drop, he said, was exceeded only by that of shares of the Insull Utility Investment Corporation, which went from a high of \$90 to 12½ cents, a decline of 72,000%, and the Kreuger & Toll shares, which dropped from 46% to ¼, or 18,400%.

Violation of Maryland Law.

Mr. Stirn charged illegality in the action of the RKO directors on the basis of a Maryland law which he and Mr. Morgan said forbade reduction of the stock of a solvent corporation.

He testified that when the meeting was held on Nov. 5, RKO had outstanding 4,000,000 shares of Class A stock, much of which was owned by R. C. A., and 500,000 shares of Class B stock, owned entirely by R. C. A. He stated flatly that "both companies are controlled by the same interests," adding that they were members in a group also including the General Electric Corporation and the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

In the letter of Nov. 10 sent out by Mr. Brown, it was shown that the company had reduced the shares of stockholders to one-quarter of a share of new common stock for each share of Class A stock and had given shareholders an opportunity to reclaim the remainder of their stock through purchase of a \$5 debenture for each share of common stock.

Surrender of Shares Recounted.

"In other words, the plan announced an assessment on the stockholder," Mr. Stirn told the committee. "If the stockholder could not afford to present the company with \$5 for every share, which was hardly possible during these times of depression, he lost his original holdings and received one-quarter of his original holdings in the form of new stock."

A brief accompanying Mr. Stirn's testimony stated: "With the help of the shares abandoned and surrendered, and which passed into the hands of the promoters, the reorganization has since been approved by a stockholders' meeting and carried to conclusion, barring those who refused to approve."

"That looks like confiscation to me," remarked Senator Gore.

Mr. Stirn did not name those who conducted the short-selling campaign.

"By the refinancing plan, and by short raids against the stock of the Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corporation," the brief also stated, "the minority stockholders were frozen out of the company, with the result that the Radio Corporation of America bought the Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corporation practically for the price of the debentures."

He charged that the report of the company to its stockholders indicated "manifest insolvency," which discouraged shareholders from purchasing debentures, had they been able to do so, although Radio-Keith-Orpheum controlled, including the clear assets noted, "book assets of \$352,000,000."

Mr. Stirn refused to surrender his old Class A shares, and in his brief said he believed himself to be the only holder of these who had not done so.

He also testified that "the rigging of this stock upward is just as outstanding as the short selling I have outlined to you."

Record of R K O Short Operations.

Short operations in Radio-Keith-Orpheum stock between Oct. 22 and Nov. 30 1931, as placed in the record of the Committee, were as follows:

Daily Short Position in Shares (Except Saturdays)	Price Range (in Dollars)	Daily Short Position in Shares (Except Saturdays)	Price Range (in Dollars)
Oct. 22-----	13,800 8½ 8¾	Nov. 11-----	138,486 4½ 5¼
Oct. 23-----	13,400 8¾ 9	Nov. 12-----	143,693 4½ 5
Oct. 26-----	15,000 8 9½	Nov. 13-----	119,669 4½ 4¾
Oct. 27-----	30,300 7½ 8½	Nov. 16-----	100,691 2½ 3¼
Oct. 28-----	62,300 7 7¾	Nov. 17-----	82,679 2½ 3¼
Oct. 29-----	88,126 7¾ 7¾	Nov. 18-----	63,827 2½ 3¼
Oct. 30-----	89,891 7¾ 7¾	Nov. 19-----	41,586 3 3¼
Nov. 2-----	109,436 6¼ 7¾	Nov. 20-----	42,003 3 3¼
Nov. 3 a-----	-----	Nov. 23-----	23,942 2½ 3¼
Nov. 4-----	148,681 6 6½	Nov. 24-----	22,285 2½ 2¾
Nov. 5-----	148,852 5¾ 6½	Nov. 25-----	21,840 2½ 2¾
Nov. 6-----	137,226 6 6½	Nov. 26 b-----	-----
Nov. 9-----	130,456 6 6½	Nov. 27-----	20,500 2¼ 2¼
Nov. 10-----	135,000 5¾ 6	Nov. 30-----	18,885 1½ 2

a Exchange closed, Election Day. b Exchange closed, Thanksgiving Day.

The stock was taken off the Exchange on Dec. 29 1931, thereafter being dealt in over the counter.

Slump in Continental Shares Laid to C. S. Eaton by Senate Investigator at Inquiry Into Stock Exchange Trading.

In a study of the involved business of Cyrus S. Eaton, Cleveland capitalist, the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on June 16 heard David Stock, of its legal staff,

testify that Mr. Eaton had used the assets of Continental Shares, Inc., a \$150,000,000 investment company organized by himself, in his own private business operations. In part the New York "Times" Washington dispatch, June 16, from which the foregoing is taken, also said:

The study of Continental Shares was one phase of the stock market investigation, being presented by William A. Gray, counsel, as an alleged example of manipulation of shares to the detriment of private investors.

Although subpoenaed to appear before the committee, Mr. Eaton did not come, and therefore Mr. Gray used the expedient of having his assistant, Mr. Stock, testify regarding Mr. Eaton's alleged operations.

"The evidence shows," Mr. Stock testified, "that there was a transaction in October 1930, where Otis & Co., in which Mr. Eaton was the controlling partner, being heavily in debt, put through a transaction which, in effect, resulted in Continental Shares' obtaining a loan, the proceeds of which were used to pay obligations of Otis & Co., Mr. Eaton himself and Foreign Utilities, a Canadian corporation, controlled by Mr. Eaton.

"That transaction, involving \$57,000,000, accounted more than anything else for the collapse of Continental Shares."

The stock of Continental Shares, which sold as high as \$78 in 1929, now is quoted at 25 cents per share, Mr. Stock said.

Bulkley Protests Procedure.

Senator Bulkley protested at the form of the hearing, in which a precedent for Senatorial committees was believed to have been set by having an investigator testify as a witness.

William R. Daley, attorney for Mr. Eaton, also protested the procedure, when he himself took the stand to state that Mr. Stock's testimony contained untrue statements, but he refused to insist that Mr. Eaton appear.

"I don't think any one on earth can defend charges as they are flung out before this committee," Mr. Daley said.

"Well, I could force him to come, but I will not," Mr. Gray replied. The upshot of the argument was that Mr. Daley agreed to ask W. R. Burwell, President of Continental Shares, to appear to-morrow and reply to Mr. Stock's testimony. . . .

Founders' Stock Dividend Assailed.

Mr. Stock testified that Continental Shares was organized in 1926, with headquarters at Cleveland; that its stock was sold through Otis & Co., owned 40% by Mr. Eaton. Otis & Co., he charged, received \$2,500,000 as commissions for this deal and in 1930 sold back to Continental that company's own shares at a price considerably above the then current quotations, with a consequent loss to Continental of \$3,600,000.

He charged that the law was violated by Continental in 1929 when it paid heavy dividends on "founders' stock," half of which was owned by Mr. Eaton, despite a law in Maryland, where Continental was incorporated, that founders' share dividends could be paid only out of surplus after dividends had been paid on the common stock.

Stockholders, the witness stated, received only stock dividends, which he maintained was a violation of the law.

Mr. Stock charged further that one evading was made through Foreign Utilities for the apparent purpose of evading corporation income taxes levied in the United States.

"The evidence shows," he added, "that certain financial statements were altered at the direction of Mr. Eaton; that shares of Continental were manipulated by Otis & Co. and that certain losses were charged back against Continental Shares."

Tells of Eaton's Merger Fight.

Mr. Stock cited alleged attempts by Mr. Eaton to block the Youngstown-Bethlehem merger by "using Continental Shares to buy Youngstown shares and later charging all the costs of litigation against Continental Shares."

He asserted that "dummy directors" of Continental approved of all that Mr. Eaton did when so directed by Mr. Eaton. He named them, as of 1926, as Mr. Burwell, F. H. Hobson, Philip Wick, L. G. Watson and R. V. Mitchell.

The committee was told that Mr. Stock's investigation had shown a continual interlocking of interests between Mr. Eaton, Otis & Co., Foreign Utilities and the investment company.

Mr. Stock then recited a series of events in October 1930 which constituted the most sensational testimony yet given before this committee.

He told the committee that on the night of Oct. 13 1930 the New York Stock Exchange notified Otis & Co. that it must close its doors if \$20,000,000 were not raised by noon of the following day. On Oct. 10 Mr. Stock said, Otis & Co. had owed \$125,249,000 and had suffered capital impairment of \$18,243,000.

Mr. Stock testified that on Oct. 8 "apparently in anticipation of this," Continental Shares had agreed to purchase \$57,000,000 worth of the securities held by Foreign Utilities, paying \$35,000,000 in cash and the rest in stock of Continental Shares at \$21 a share.

"Dipped Into Continental."

On the morning of Oct. 14 Otis & Co. notified the Stock Exchange that it would have the necessary coverage and was permitted to open, Mr. Stock said, and Continental Shares took over some of its obligations. Continental borrowed \$30,000,000 from the Chase National Bank and \$5,000,000 from the First Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, he added. Later it put up \$7,600,000 additional cash.

Immediately on the morning of Oct. 14 the Chase National Bank, Mr. Stock said, filled out 19 blank notes previously furnished by the Continental company, replacing with these obligations of the Continental company various debts to the extent of about \$20,000,000 owed by Otis & Co., and Mr. Eaton personally.

"When this was finished, Continental Shares was obligated at various banks," Mr. Stock testified, "and Otis & Co., Foreign Utilities and Mr. Eaton had been relieved of their obligations.

"They got in a very tight place and so they dipped into the Continental to save themselves."

This transaction cost Continental Shares \$800,000 the first year after it occurred, according to Mr. Stock, and \$2,000,000 in the next year, that being the difference between the interest it had to pay the Chase bank and its other creditors and the income of the securities it had purchased. He stated also that the Chase bank charged interest of 5½% on the Continental loan, or 3% more than the current discount rate.

Exchange Permitted New Listing.

When the securities purchased by Continental were delivered by Foreign Utilities they were taken, at a cost of \$34,000, to St. Johns, N. B., transferred before a notary to the Continental and brought back to New York City, Mr. Stock said.

"The securities were never out of the hands of the Chase bank's agents," he added.

"Why was that?" asked Chairman Norbeck.

"The income tax is higher here than in Canada."

"What amount of taxes were probably avoided?"

"I don't know," replied Mr. Stock, "but on one item, shares of United Light & Power Co., there was a profit of \$17,000,000, indicating that a tax in the United States of more than \$2,000,000 would have been collectable on this block of stock alone."

A few weeks after this involved transaction, Mr. Stock said, "they made it appear that Continental Shares had loaned \$57,000,000 to Foreign Utilities," and he completed the picture by stating that "before the transaction was consummated the shares of Continental had fallen in value from \$21 to \$10.

The committee was astounded to learn that on Oct. 20, exactly one week after the difficulties experienced by Otis & Co. had been settled, the Stock Exchange permitted the Continental to list an additional 1,140,000 shares.

Mr. Stock testified that the Continental now owes about \$27,000,000, indicating that part of the debts incurred on behalf of Otis & Co., Mr. Eaton and Foreign Utilities have been paid off.

George L. Gule of Columbus, Ohio, a member of the "dissenting minority of stockholders" of Continental, in brief testimony, charged that Mr. Eaton had taken \$16,000,000 in stocks from the portfolio of Continental Shares to pledge as collateral on a personal loan on one occasion before such a loan was ratified by the directors of Continental. He told of alleged similar cases.

Profit of \$1,937,762 in Fox Theatre Stock Pool, According to William F. Gray—Tells Senate Committee Raskob, Chrysler, Kenny and Brady Shared in It — Loew Deal Described — Stockholders Lost \$3,314,724 Counsel Says.

Allegations, according to a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times," that William Fox, creator and for five years the dictator of the vast motion picture enterprises bearing his name, participated in pool operations while issuing hundreds of thousands of shares of non-voting stock entered into the Senate stock market inquiry in Washington on June 17. The "Times" account from Washington on that date further said:

William A. Gray, counsel for the Banking and Currency Committee, in a presentation of the investigation he intends to pursue into the Fox interests, charged again that Mr. Fox "manipulated his stock as he saw fit."

According to Mr. Gray, others who shared in the \$1,937,762 profits of the pool in 1929 were John J. Raskob, Nicholas F. Brady, William F. Kenny, Walter P. Chrysler, Joseph E. Higgins, Bradford Ellsworth and Mrs. Elizabeth Meehan.

Mr. Gray told the committee that Mr. Fox's daughter, Mrs. Caroline Leah Taussig, received \$441,000 as a share of the brokerage commission in the issuance of Fox stock in 1925, although her name was not signed to a contract providing, it was alleged, for division of the commissions.

He charged further that Mr. Fox's trading accounts had been traced through 22 brokerage offices, being found in his own name and the names of various relatives, associates and brokers.

He also presented what he termed evidence to show that Mr. Fox had violated income tax laws through deducting stock losses on his personal return after charging the same losses against his companies.

On June 17 Mr. Fox was absent from the Senate committee hearing because of illness, it is said. At the previous day's hearing (June 16) Mr. Fox was charged by Mr. Gray with "wrecking" the Fox Film and Fox Theatre Corporations through stock manipulation. The Associated Press dispatches from Washington, June 16, as given in the New York "Evening Post," said:

The charge was made by William A. Gray, committee counsel, after a long investigation into New York brokerage accounts.

He also charged Mr. Fox with a \$3,300,000 income tax evasion.

Mr. Gray testified to the committee when counsel for Mr. Fox said he was ill in his hotel room here and could not appear.

The committee immediately sent two physicians to examine Mr. Fox and determine whether he could appear this afternoon.

"I am not satisfied with his attitude or that he is sincere," Mr. Gray told the committee. "I am not satisfied, either, that he is doing anything else than avoiding an appearance here."

Doctors Report Fox Ill.

Mr. Fox was excused from appearing to-day after two doctors reported he was slightly ill. He is to testify to-morrow.

Mr. Gray said Herbert Leitstein, an employee of Fox's, had refused to appear, but had been subpoenaed.

"I intend to show," Mr. Gray continued, "that Fox organized and controlled the Fox Film and Fox Theatre Corporation, owning 100% of the stock in one and 51% in the other.

"I will show that while he owned and controlled this stock he used it in any way he saw fit, for his own purposes and for the purposes of the companies."

Mr. Gray said if the doctors found Mr. Fox able to appear, a United States marshal would be sent to bring him to the committee room.

Mr. Gray bluntly turned down the suggestion of Mr. Fox's counsel, Benjamin Reass, of New York, that he testify instead.

Mr. Reass informed the committee Mr. Fox had been taken ill, apparently with a bilious attack, after driving to Washington from New York yesterday.

When Mr. Gray refused to accept the attorney's explanation, a sharp exchange in a Senate Office Building corridor ensued in which Mr. Reass told Mr. Gray he was "not the judge, but only the counsel," in the investigation. Mr. Gray heatedly replied that he had been given full authority to speak for the committee.

Chairman Norbeck (Rep., S. D.) said the case of Continental Shares, Cleveland investment company, would be presented to-day or to-morrow.

David Stock, a committee investigator, said Cyrus Eaton, of Cleveland, has been subpoenaed in connection with the case.

Mr. Gray charged that the companies had entered into syndicates and pools on the stock.

A contract was made with a broker to distribute 500,000 shares of Fox Theatre stock, he said, and an additional contract was found under which a daughter of Mr. Fox got half the commission.

"You will be satisfied before I get through," Mr. Gray said, "that Fox wrecked the companies, and not others, as he has charged."

Mr. Gray added that Mr. Fox had "dumped" 210,000 shares of the Fox Film Corp., on which the company took a loss of \$3,300,000, but which he credited as a loss on his income tax return.

"He had the loss paid by Fox Film and had the loss charged to him in his tax return," Mr. Gray said. "It was a plain case of tax evasion."

Concluding his statement to the Committee, Mr. Gray said: "I will show plenty. This is one of the worst and most complicated cases I have investigated."

While Mr. Gray made his statement, Mr. Reass, Fox attorney, was on the stand.

Mr. Gray told the Committee he had had a "colloquy" with Mr. Reass and would like to have him permitted to make his statement concerning Mr. Fox's illness directly to the Committee.

The attorney sharply criticized the Committee's counsel for the manner of his questioning Mr. Fox in New York yesterday.

At this Chairman Norbeck cut in: "You tell us about Mr. Fox being ill, and you come here and make a stump speech, and you are entirely out of order."

In the New York questioning, Mr. Gray said, Mr. Fox "displayed an amazing ignorance of the transactions that have occurred."

In its report of the hearing from Washington, June 17, the "Times," in addition to the extract given further above, said:

Tells of \$95,000,000 Purchase.

According to records produced by Mr. Gray, the Fox Film and Fox Theatre Corporations prospered greatly until the stock market crash of 1929.

In April 1930 Mr. Fox sold his controlling shares to a syndicate for \$15,000,000, plus an annuity of \$500,000 to be paid for five years and numerous large payments to relatives and associates.

Mr. Gray stated that, in the latter months of Mr. Fox's domination of the company, its structure was weakened by the purchase of \$75,000,000 worth of American theatrical properties and \$20,000,000 of British, at prices in excess of their actual value.

With accountants grouped around him, Mr. Gray told the Committee that the Fox Film Corp. was organized prior to 1925 and the Fox Theatre Corp. in 1925.

Class A stock in both companies, with no voting power, he said, was sold to the public, while Mr. Fox retained "all the Class B voting stock in one company and 51% of the Class B voting stock in the other." Mr. Gray did not specify which.

"He had absolute control of the stocks," Mr. Gray charged. "He issued them as he pleased. He gave options when and as he pleased and he made use of the stock in other directions."

Mr. Gray told the Committee that during 1927 and 1928 Mr. Fox, under his own name and those of Nathaniel King and Eisele & King, brokers, participated in three pools in Fox Films, operated through Taylor, Thorne & Co., while at the same time Hayden, Stone & Co., as underwriters, were issuing new Fox stock to finance the purchase of West Coast Theatres, Inc.

Mr. Fox was said to have profited by several hundred thousand dollars through these pools, although Mr. Gray attempted to show that the primary purpose of the pool operations was to sustain the market price of Fox stocks while the new issues were being placed.

Aimed to Avoid Fluctuations.

William J. Gallighan, formerly with Taylor, Thorne & Co., who handled these pools, testified they "were designed to keep the market from wide fluctuations."

"So Mr. Fox might distribute his stock at the proper prices?" asked Mr. Gray.

"No, I won't say that," the witness replied.

Mr. Gallighan said under questioning that Mr. Fox gave the syndicate weekly statements of the gross earnings of his companies.

He stated also that the first pool operated from July 6 1927 to April 9 1928; the second from April 5 1928 to Aug. 31 1928, and the third from Aug. 31 1928 to Oct. 30 1928. The firm of Stevens & Legge were the specialists who worked with the pool, Mr. Gallighan said.

While operating the second pool, Mr. Gallighan testified, his company bought 5,000 Fox shares from Haystone, a Hayden-Stone security affiliate, which was underwriting a new stock issue; during the third his company received \$60,000 as profits for participating in the underwriting of stock issue, organized by Hayden-Stone, and, at one time, the firm received \$45,000 "for distribution among its employees."

The other half of this story, the underwriting, was described in testimony by Richard M. Hoyt, member of Hayden-Stone & Co.

This company and its associates on Jan. 1 1928 agreed to underwrite 125,000 Fox shares to be issued at \$75 to finance the purchase of the stock of Wesco, Inc., successor to West Coast Theatres, Inc., in those cases where Wesco shareholders would not trade their holdings at the rate of three-quarters of a share of Wesco for one of Fox. This underwriting profited the Hayden-Stone group \$375,000.

Soon thereafter, Mr. Hoyt testified, his syndicate, which included Bernard M. Baruch, for its own protection, formed another to take \$9,000,000 of Wesco stock, while at the same time it sold Fox stock to the same extent, thus maintaining an even commitment and being in a position to trade Wesco stock for Fox stock.

This deal was terminated with a syndicate profit of \$1,627,882, Mr. Gray said. Hayden-Stone received \$404,000.

Finally, in September 1928, when Mr. Fox found he needed more cash to purchase Wesco shares, which their owners would not trade, Mr. Hoyt stated that his company underwrote 155,000 additional Fox Film shares, to be sold at \$85. All together, in 10 months, Hayden-Stone received almost \$1,000,000, Mr. Gray said.

Mr. Hoyt maintained that at that time the Fox stock was well worth its quotations; that the company owed no money, and that during those 10 months it was in an excellent position.

Testimony Stirs Committee.

Byram Stevens, specialist in Fox Film stock, testified that from pool promoters he received \$10,000 "in appreciation of the work we had done in running an orderly market." He said that his part in the pools was legitimate and that he had never heard of an Exchange rule forbidding specialists to operate in pools, although the Committee recalled testimony to this effect by Richard Whitney, President of the New York Stock Exchange.

It was obvious that the testimony around this and other points influenced the Committee's sudden decision to ask an extension of its life.

Mr. Gray said Mr. Fox profited \$81,000 from his own participation in the Hayden-Stone syndicate's underwriting of the Fox stock.

The pool in Fox Theatres stock participated in by Mr. Raskob, as described by Mr. Gray, did not enter into testimony given to-day, and was only sketched by him in rough outline.

He said the pool was formed to sell Fox Theatre stock short and that 461,000 of Fox shares were sold through M. J. Meehan & Co., while that company held an option for 500,000 given by Mr. Fox to Bradford Ellsworth, described as a member of the Meehan firm.

"Pure Short-Trading Account."

"To show this was a pure short-trading account," said Mr. Gray, "in which Mr. Fox had an interest in the profits they did not seek to take up the option, but borrowed 125,000 shares from Mr. Fox to maintain the account."

"Mr. Fox and Fox Films buy 125,000 shares from Fox Theatres. He had that stock put in the name of Jack Leo and on the same day had Leo turn the stock over to Meehan to cover."

Mr. Gray stated that the Meehan company gave Mr. Leo \$4,300,000 as cash deposit on the borrowed stock on April 9 1929, the only date regarding this pool that went into the hearing record.

The pool closed, Mr. Gray said, with profits of \$1,937,762. The Meehan company received \$215,000 and Mr. Ellsworth \$24,915.

"On one day in another Meehan account," Mr. Gray told the committee, "a syndicate manager sold 10,000 shares Fox stock and Fox did just the opposite. That transaction has been traced through five houses that were used in order to camouflage the transaction, which was a pure wash sale."

Mr. Gray went on to tell the Committee that "Mr. Fox has admitted to me that he has manipulated stocks in order to keep the market up—he is proud of it. He thinks short-selling is rotten and that it ought to be forbidden, but as long as it is permitted he will take advantage of it."

Since Mr. Fox's retirement in 1930 he has formed his own trading corporation, the All-Continent Corp., Mr. Gray added.

Tells of Loew Stock Deal.

Mr. Gray also described briefly Mr. Fox's huge purchases of the stocks of the Loew Theatrical Enterprises in an effort to get control, which are matters of record, and toward the close of his description of his investigation made his charge of income tax falsification.

Mr. Gray said that on Nov. 26 1929 Mr. Fox held 210,300 shares of Loew's stock, of which there had been no record on the books of the Fox Theatre Corp.

On that date, however, the counsel said, Mr. Fox had the corporation assume ownership of the shares through approving his purchase and accept them at \$29.20 a share, although on that day the shares were quoted on the board at 13% to 13%.

"The loss to stockholders on that transaction," Mr. Gray told the Committee, "was \$3,314,724."

"We have been able to see Mr. Fox's New York State income tax returns," he went on, "and we have been able to trace numerous transactions which entered into the things he dumped on Fox Theatre itself."

"We have been able to find about six instances of this sort where we can say definitely that losses which he thus disposed of were also entered as losses on his own personal income tax returns."

Mr. Gray told the Committee that his investigation now is further complicated by the "disappearance" of Herbert Leitstein, Mr. Fox's accountant. He said he had asked Mr. Fox on Wednesday to have Mr. Leitstein appear in Washington, that on yesterday morning he sent two men to subpoena Mr. Leitstein but that he "has not been found since."

Committee Told It Is "Dupe."

Ferdinand Eberstadt, formerly a partner in Otis & Co., told the Committee to-day that it has permitted itself to be "a dupe" for interested parties in a suit now in litigation.

He referred to the hearing yesterday at which were aired the difficulties of Continental Shares, Inc., a \$150,000,000 investment corporation, now the subject of litigation in Maryland.

"I am a stockholder in these proceedings in a small way," Mr. Eberstadt told the Committee, "and I feel the way the subject has been approached is more in the sense of a prosecution rather than an investigation."

Mr. Gray replied that there "is nothing to answer. What we have presented has been presented as facts backed up by documents."

Testimony that Mr. Fox profited secretly by \$322,960 in one of several pools involving shares of Fox Theatres, Inc., was put before the Senate Committee on June 18, which at the conclusion of the hearing that day unexpectedly brought its examination of his stock operations to an end, said the "Times," which likewise, in its June 18 dispatch, stated:

For the third consecutive day Mr. Fox was reported too ill to leave his hotel room, his condition being attested by two physicians. Therefore the Committee permitted William A. Gray, its counsel, to present other witnesses in his effort to give a "complete picture" of Mr. Fox's deals, and waived the question of forcing Mr. Fox to appear, as it could do under its authority.

Senator Carey indicated that he would move on Monday that a delegation from the Committee be sent to question Mr. Fox at his hotel, but there appeared to be small inclination to do this.

The sentiment in the Committee is that allegations that Mr. Fox "manipulated" stock in his companies have been established and that if he chooses to permit this record to stand the Committee will not interfere.

Chairman Norbeck announced that the Committee may meet next week to take the testimony of "some victims" to close the present series of hearings.

Check Not Made to Fox.

Mr. Fox's large secret profit in the pool was described by Bradford Ellsworth, an "independent operator" who specialized in managing pools handled by M. J. Meehan & Co., and P. J. Higgins, a partner in that brokerage house.

This pool, known as Account No. 433, was the one previously described as including John J. Rascob, Walter P. Chrysler, Nicholas F. Brady, William F. Kenny, Joseph H. Higgins, Mr. Ellsworth and Mrs. Elizabeth Meehan, wife of M. J. Meehan.

Mr. Higgins testified that Mr. Fox's profits were paid in a check from the Meehan company to himself, which he in turn endorsed over to Mr. Fox, this being done "for the purpose of concealing from the clerical force the participation of Mr. Fox in this account."

"For the purpose of concealing it from the public, you mean?" asked Mr. Gray.

"The public would not have access to the records," Mr. Higgins replied.

Mr. Ellsworth testified that Account No. 433 was operated between Dec. 4 1928, and some time in April 1929. He denied that the operation of this pool was on the short side, but said that it was designed primarily to market stock in the Fox Theatres Corporation. The pool op-

erated with an option of 500,000 shares of Fox Theatre new stock, consigned by Mr. Fox to Mr. Ellsworth and in turn transferred to the Meehan Company.

Denies It Was Short Operation.

When the pool was short 466,310 shares sold against that option, it was closed with the purchase of 300,000 shares under the option and 166,310 shares that had been bought in the open market. The profits on the operation approximated \$2,000,000.

Mr. Gray hurled question after question at Mr. Ellsworth in an effort to gain an admission that had the stock gone down the pool would have covered its short sales with stock from the open market, disregarded its option and thereby have participated in a straight short operation.

"This had no semblance of a short operation," the witness insisted.

"Mr. Brady never sold short in his life. Mr. Raskob has testified that he does not engage in short operations. Mr. Chrysler does not. We had a stock we firmly believed in and we thought we were doing the public a favor in helping to market it."

Mr. Ellsworth denied that he received \$24,000 credited as having been paid to him by the pool. He said he "thought it went for publicity."

In this operation, Mr. Ellsworth testified, the syndicate also held a contract with Mr. Fox under which he agreed to lend it up to 200,000 shares if they were needed, although Mr. Gray said his investigators had found that, at the time of this contract, Mr. Fox owned only 4,300 shares.

Says Fox Lent 125,000 Shares.

During the operation of this pool, it was testified by George K. Watson, Committee accountant, and by Walter Best, an employe of the Meehan Company, Mr. Fox did lend the pool 125,000 shares, which Mr. Gray attempted to prove actually belonged to Fox Film Corporation, which had purchased them from Fox Theatres Corporation.

In addition, Mr. Gray attempted to prove that certificates of 50,000 shares, later delivered among the 300,000 called under the option, were the same as that amount of shares lent the syndicate by Mr. Fox through an intermediary.

It was testified that, on Dec 18, the syndicate borrowed 25,000 shares and, on Jan 9, 100,000 shares from Jack G. Leo, Mr. Fox's brother-in-law. On the same dates, Mr. Watson said, the Fox Film Corporation bought the equivalent amounts of stock from Fox Theatres.

Mr. Leo received a cash deposit of \$4,300,000 from the Meehan Company for the stock.

Part of the stock, Mr. Watson testified, was returned to Mr. Leo on April 11 and April 18 1929, and Mr. Leo returned the cash deposit.

However, 50,000 of the lent shares were transferred to Account No. 433. Mr. Fox gave the Meehan Company his check for \$1,350,000 in payment for the shares so diverted and the Meehan Company returned this sum of money to Mr. Leo, who paid it over to the Fox Company.

"So this stock," said Mr. Gray, "bought from Fox Theatres by Fox Films, went into the pool under an option given personally by William Fox."

Earlier Pool Netted \$443,000.

Mr. Ellsworth was questioned about an earlier pool in the Meehan Company, known as Account 394, which netted a profit of \$443,000 between Aug. 29 and Oct. 7 1928, for the following participants:

William Fox, 26%; Mrs. Meehan, 18½%; Mr. Ellsworth, 18½%; Joseph H. Higgins, 18½%; and Earl Rodney, 18½%.

It was operated on an option for 125,000 shares of Fox Theatres stock, purchased on option from Mr. Fox, Mr. Ellsworth testified.

In this pool Mr. Gray attempted to show that so-called wash sales, or artificial transactions, were put through in order to create an active market.

The Committee counsel stated, on the basis of testimony by Mr. Watson, that the accountants had found one specific instance in which the syndicate sold 10,000 shares of Fox stock, the sale being traced through five brokerage houses to a purchase order by Mr. Fox.

"Very frequently Mr. Fox bought stock from the syndicate," Mr. Ellsworth testified. "These were not wash sales, but actual ones."

Mr. Gray countered with the statement that his investigators had found that 76,000 shares, 35% of the total operations of this pool, had consisted of such stock transfers without change of price.

"Wasn't that done just to keep the pot boiling?" he asked.

"No," said the witness. "The traders on the floor created that activity."

Tells of "Bolstering" Accounts.

When questioned about Account No. 433 Mr. Watson testified that the pool was closed with the profitable sale of the 125,000 shares obtained under option from Mr. Fox.

"However," he said, "while he was selling out those 125,000 shares he was accumulating 104,000 shares at lower prices in other accounts."

Those 104,000 shares, Mr. Watson said, were part of 210,000 shares which Mr. Fox had transferred to his companies in November of 1930, diverting, it has been alleged, from himself losses computed by the Committee accountants at \$3,314,000.

Mr. Watson told the Committee that he had "found two instances in which stocks were transferred from one Fox account to another at advanced prices."

He verified Mr. Gray's previous statement that Mr. Fox maintained accounts under various names in twenty-two brokerage houses and said that his accounting staff had found that in some of these brokerage offices Mr. Fox sometimes had as many as seven different accounts.

Mr. Watson told the Committee that in the latter part of 1929 Mr. Fox's brokerage accounts became "under-margined" and that Fox Theatres thereupon borrowed \$9,300,000, at least part of which was used "to bolster up the Fox accounts."

He said he had definitely traced six loss items placed on the Fox Theatres books to deductions taken by Mr. Fox in his New York State personal income tax returns, a feature of the investigation that will be pursued further by the Committee.

Loew Share Deal Is Recalled.

Among other operations on the part of Mr. Fox cited by Mr. Watson was the purchase of 400,000 shares of Loew's, Inc., for \$50,000,000, or \$125 per share, or what was said to be \$44.50 a share above the highest market quotation on the day the purchase was contracted.

On Nov. 18 1929, Mr. Watson added, Mr. Fox turned more than 180,000 Loew's shares over to Fox Theatres for a price said to be \$5,026,000 in excess of current quotations.

The Committee's study of the Fox interests was carried through the transaction in April 1929, when Mr. Fox sold his Class B stock in Fox Theatres and Fox Films which had given him absolute control to the General Theatres Equipment Corporation for \$15,000,000 and an annuity of \$500,000 for five years.

Under this transfer, Mr. Watson said, Mr. Leo received \$1,000,000, and sums aggregating a few million more dollars were paid to associates of Mr. Fox. He also described the numerous financing plans, frequently pub-

lished in the past two years, that followed the change of control over the Fox interests.

Senate Adopts Resolution Authorizing Continuance of Inquiry Into Stock Market Operations—New Appropriation of \$50,000 Voted.

Under a resolution agreed to by the Senate on June 21 the investigation into stock market operations is to be continued until the expiration of the present Congress, March 4 1933. The resolution provides an additional appropriation of \$50,000 to carry on the investigation recommended by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee. An amendment by the committee to audit and control the contingent expenses proposed that the appropriation be cut to \$25,000. According to the New York "Journal of Commerce," the Senate shouted down the amendment, though many unrecorded "ayes" were heard when it was put to a vote. On June 17 the Banking and Currency Committee, behind locked doors, voted five to three to ask extension of its authority until the end of this Congress on March 3 1933, instead of to the end of the current session, and to request another \$50,000 for expenses.

From the "United States Daily" of June 22 we quote the following:

Senator Johnson (Rep.) of California, in urging adoption of the resolution (S. Res. 239) to continue the Committee's activity and favoring the full appropriation of \$50,000, declared that the Senate has "no higher duty than the investigation of the men who brought on the horrible panic and dreadful catalysm the country has witnessed in the last few years."

Possible Prosecution.

Expressing his agreement with Senator Johnson, Senator Robinson (Rep.) of Indiana added that "if we definitely develop those responsible for the misery that surrounds us on all sides, I think they should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

A statement before the Senate on June 21 by Senator Norbeck (Rep.) of South Dakota, Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, is taken as follows from the "Congressional Record":

Mr. Norbeck. The Committee has been at work for a couple of months and the problem is big and complicated. We started to investigate Indian motorcycles and later got into matters that ran into hundreds of millions of dollars. We still feel that we have only touched the borders of it.

Mr. Whitney, President of the New York Stock Exchange, admitted that 25,000,000 people lost money in the market crash, and that shrinkage in values amounted to \$50,000,000,000, against which Teapot Dome looks like a very small affair. The problem that looms is, how can we protect the American investors? Under our present system of business, individual ownership of corporations is nearly impossible. We have discovered that when there is collective ownership, many officers of corporations betray their trusts. They sell short their own stocks and take all sorts of advantage of their own stockholders. They cash in and make large profits, and then get out from under. The methods used are many and indeed I think many of them are unlawful.

What we have uncovered leads, for instance, to the matter of tax evasion. The last hearings of the Committee have developed that feature.

For instance, we find that Mr. Fox, of the Fox Theater, speculated on his own account in the stock of his own firm. When the market shrank and he lost some three or four million dollars, he had that loss taken over by his company, but in making up his tax return he charged it to himself and deducted that loss from his own income; so there is no doubt that probably half a million dollars of taxes can easily be recovered on the record in that case, and no defense is possible against it, if the man is financially responsible, and he is reputed to be worth \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000 yet.

We discovered in another case that it is a regular practice to evade taxes by setting up corporations in Canada so that profits can be entered on the books up there, although the business is conducted here. The worst case we have found so far was where a Cleveland firm sent their securities to Canada. The express charges were about \$35,000. They were sent by a New York bank that held the securities as collateral. The bank released them for the purpose of sending them up to Canada to enter them on some books up there in order that a Canadian notary public might certify their presence there, and that the profits might appear to be in Canada instead of the United States. The tax evasion in that case amounted to about \$2,000,000.

There was testimony before the Committee indicating that the attorney of the bank had warned them against doing it and said they might be guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States of taxes. I have not any doubt that recovery in this case can be made. We are opening up a wide field, and I suggest that it is up to the Senate to determine how much of an investigation we are to conduct. I have no complaint to make or criticism to make of the Committee to Audit and Control.

They have done with this resolution only what they have done with practically every other which has come before them; they have cut it in two; but it is up to the Senate whether the Committee shall conduct a small investigation or a larger one. Let me say my thought was that the Committee should conduct even a larger one than would have been possible perhaps under the resolution as originally introduced, but not with the hope of going into the whole matter. Our attorney stated before the Committee that it would require a quarter of a million dollars to go into the whole field and develop it, and it seemd hopeless, even with the prospect of large tax recoveries, to get such authority. Our attention was called to the fact that the New York investigation has cost three-quarters of a million dollars already. However, I want the Senate to know what they are voting on when they vote on the amendment to cut the amount for the Committee from \$50,000 to \$25,000. That is all I want to say.

Senate Hearings in Stock Market Investigation Postponed Until Fall.

Associated Press advices from Washington yesterday (June 24) stated:

No more hearings in the Senate stock market investigation are planned until next fall unless unforeseen developments arise, Chairman Norbeck (R., S. D.) of the Banking Committee told newspaper men to-day. Investigators will be kept at work during the summer amassing data.

Bancamerica-Blair Corp. to Reduce Capital.

Following a special meeting of the stockholders of the Bancamerica-Blair Corp. (the security-distributing company controlled by the Transamerica Corp.) held June 20, announcement was made by Robert C. Adams, Vice-President of the corporation, that the capital would be reduced from \$14,710,120 to \$1,471,012, and the par value of the shares from \$10 to \$1 a share, as reported in the New York "Evening Post" of June 21.

Marketing of Securities in Packages Forbidden by New York Stock Exchange Except Where "Unit" or "Group" Plans Are Passed Upon by Committee on Stock List.

Criticising some of the plans which have recently developed for the marketing of securities in packages, the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange announced on June 22 that the Exchange had forbidden "the association of its members or member firms as principals, or in connection with plans sponsored by non-members, with any such 'unit' or 'group' sales plans, excepting to the extent that the Committee on Stock List will be willing to consider and pass upon membership association with any plans involving specific features." The announcement issued by the Exchange follows:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Governing Committee.

June 22 1932.

Statement regarding association of Member Firms with so-called "Unit" or "Group" Plans of Stock Selling.

Comparatively recently, plans have sprung up for marketing securities in packages. Usually, the common stocks of from 15 to 25 companies are included in such a package, which consists of from one to five shares of the stock of each company so included. The shares so sold are registered in the name of the individual purchaser, delivered to him, and no trusteeship is involved. In marketing such shares, it has been customary to add to the round lot price of each share, the odd lot differential, transfer taxes, and, in addition, a minimum charge on the shares of each company involved in the offer.

Such of these Plans as have been examined by the Stock Exchange are subject to one or more of the following criticisms:

(a) In the case of low priced shares, the minimum charge for services to the purchaser is out of proportion to the worth of the services. In some instances, the total costs to the purchaser exceed 40% of the round lot price of the shares included. A like charge in the event of a resale means that the purchaser will suffer a loss unless there is an increase of more than 80% in the market price of the lot.

(b) In some instances, circulars purporting to describe the plans conceal from the investor the relatively heavy charges included and are in other respects misleading.

(c) In instances where the number of shares of each corporation in a block is very small, operation is wasteful because of excessive transfer charges, undue costs of dividend payments, notices of stockholders' meetings, etc., as well as prohibitive costs of administration in case of the death of individual stockholders.

(d) Many of the plans offer no dividend-paying stocks and are speculative, while exacting charges which materially lessen the opportunity of speculative gain.

For the foregoing reasons, the New York Stock Exchange forbids the association of its Members or Member Firms as principals or in connection with Plans sponsored by Non-Members, with any such "Unit" or "Group" Sales Plans, excepting to the extent that the Committee on Stock List will be willing to consider and pass upon Membership Association with any Plans involving the following features:

1st—At the time of initial offering, the total price of the package to the investor, including charges, must be not less than \$500.

2nd—There must be reasonable diversification.

3rd—Not less than five (5) shares of the stock of any one company must be included in each such offering.

4th—The total charges in addition to the round lot price of the included shares must not be in excess of 10% of such round lot price. This charge must include odd lot differentials, commissions, transfer taxes, transfer charges, if any, and costs of distribution.

Members and Member Firms are notified that any distribution of securities by them on a commission basis must adhere in substance to the features respecting charges set forth above.

By order of the Governing Committee,
ASHBEL GREEN,
Secretary.

A previous ruling by the Committee on Business Conduct on unit stock purchases was given in our issue of May 21, page 3741.

Volume of Commercial Paper Outstanding as Reported to New York Federal Reserve Bank.

The following was released on June 23 by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

Reports received by this bank from commercial paper dealers show a total of \$111,100,000 of open market commercial paper outstanding on May 31 1932.

On earlier dates the figures were as follows:

1931—		1932—	
Oct. 31	\$210,000,000	Jan. 31	\$107,902,000
Nov. 30	173,684,384	Feb. 29	102,818,000
Dec. 31	117,714,784	Mar. 31	105,606,000
		Apr. 30	107,800,000

Rediscount Rate of Federal Reserve Bank of New York Reduced from 3 to 2½%—Chicago Reserve Bank Cuts Rate from 3½ to 2½%.

On June 23 the Federal Reserve Bank of New York announced that its rediscount rate had been reduced from 3% to 2½% effective June 24. The Bank's announcement follows:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.
Rate of Discount.

To all Member Banks in the Second Federal Reserve District:

You are advised that, effective from the opening of business Friday, June 24 1932, until further notice and superseding the existing rate, this bank has established a rate of 2½% for all rediscounts and advances.

GEORGE L. HARRISON, Governor.

The 3% rate had been in effect since Feb. 26 1932, and an item relative thereto appeared in our issue of Feb. 27, page 1489.

Yesterday (June 24), it was announced that the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago had also established a rediscount rate of 2½%, effective to-day (June 25). The Chicago Reserve Bank lowers its rate from 3½% which had been in force since Oct. 17 1931.

New Rediscount Requirements Issued by Richmond Federal Reserve Bank—Member Banks to Furnish Reserve Bank With Statement of Borrowers Whose Indebtedness Is Over \$2,000.

Member banks of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond which offer unsecured paper of their customers to the Reserve Bank for rediscount will be required after Oct. 1 to furnish the Reserve Bank with statements of the borrowers if the indebtedness to the member bank is more than \$2,000 instead of \$2,500 as at present, according to announcement by the Governor of the Bank, George J. Seay. From the "United States Daily" of June 23 we take, as follows, the Reserve Bank's circular making known to the banks in its district the stricter credit requirements which will obtain after Oct. 1 1932:

To member banks of the Fifth Federal Reserve District:

In order that we may be in better position to render the rediscount service required under the law and consistent with accepted banking branches, we feel that under existing conditions our offering member banks should supply us with each application for rediscount as complete information as is practicable in respect to the paper offered. This bank provides forms for the use of its member banks in obtaining from their borrowers financial statements of condition, and while we do not require that our forms be used, it is necessary that the information requested on our forms be supplied.

Our forms are designed to cover various kinds of business; therefore, all the information specified is not necessarily applicable to every borrower, but wherever the information requested does not apply to the financial condition and operations of a particular borrower, it is very important that it be supplied as completely as possible.

Filing of Statements.

It is the present practice of this bank to require a statement of each borrower whose paper is offered to us when the amount lent by the offering bank to such borrower is \$2,500 or more. For the reasons stated above, we have determined that statements of borrowers whose unsecured paper is offered to us must be supplied in each case in which the total indebtedness of the borrower to the offering bank is \$2,000 or more, regardless of the amount of paper offered us at any particular time, and also in each case in which the amount of paper of a particular borrower, plus the amount of such borrower's paper previously rediscounted and held by us at the time, amounts to as much as \$1,000.

We believe that this change in practice is necessary for our own information in order for us to pass intelligently and promptly on paper offered, and we likewise believe that the requirement will be helpful to our member banks in the development of their own credit policy. The information called for on our statement forms is not as complete as we desire in particular cases, and in such cases detailed information will be requested by special letter, as heretofore.

Credit File Revision.

We are confident that our member banks will co-operate with us fully in the change of practice outlined in this circular from the date of its receipt, but we appreciate the fact that it will take a reasonable time in which to obtain statements of borrowers affected by this new requirement when they are not already on file. We will, therefore, accept paper of borrowers coming under the new requirement until Oct. 1 1932 without statements, if otherwise acceptable, reserving the right, as heretofore, to require statements in any particular case at any time when in our judgment circumstances make it advisable. We suggest to our member banks that they begin at once to complete their credit files to conform to the change in practice outlined in this circular, for we will require on and after Oct. 1 1932 that statements be given us with paper offered in accordance with the terms specified herein.

In the case of manufacturing or mercantile business, covered by our forms CR-9 and CR-10, it is especially important that the condensed profit and loss account be properly filled in.

Senate Committee Adopts Favorable Report on Pittman Bill Authorizing Purchase by the Government of 5,000,000 Ounces of Silver a Month—Payment Would Be Made Through Issue of Silver Certificates.

The bill of Senator Pittman, (S. 3606), which would authorize the purchase by the American Government of American produced silver and provide for the issuance of silver certificates in payment for such silver, was ordered

favorably reported in amended form to the Senate, June 20, by its Committee on Banking and Currency, according to an oral announcement following the meeting by Senator Norbeck (Rep.), of South Dakota, Chairman. The "United States Daily" of June 21, indicating this, said:

The bill, presented by Senator Pittman (Dem.), of Nevada, would direct the Director of the Mint to purchase all American produced silver up to 5,000,000 ounces per month at the market price, and to pay for it by newly issued silver certificates. The silver so acquired would be coined into silver dollars and subsidiary silver coins to meet any demand for redemption of the certificates.

According to Washington accounts June 20 to the New York "Times" the committee vote in favor of the bill was 6 to 4. From the same dispatch we take the following:

While there is little prospect of a vote this session in the House on an identical bill introduced by Representative McKeown of Oklahoma at the request of Senator Pittman, the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures is reported as favoring the measure and quick action on it soon after Congress convenes in December.

Silver is now quoted at 23 cents an ounce and sponsors of the Pittman bill believe that its operation would raise the price to about 50 cents, which is said to be a fair return to producers.

Arguments for the Measure.

The report on the bill contains eight specific arguments in favor of it, including the contention that its operation would not encourage over-production of silver, which is produced principally as a by-product of copper, lead and zinc.

Its proponents, led by Senator Pittman, argue that the bill would provide for the purchase of virtually all silver produced in the United States at this time and relieve a surplus that now bears heavily on the money of the countries of the Far East where trade has been almost ruined by the depreciation of silver.

Senator Pittman agreed to amendment of his bill to limit its operation to July 1 1939, as he himself terms it only an expedient until a world conference is called to work out the whole silver question.

"Commodity" Issue With Mills.

According to correspondence between Senator Pittman and Secretary Mills, the bill does not have the support of the Treasury Department, but the Secretary's objection is interpreted as being rather passive and based on opposition to the stabilization of silver as a commodity.

Supporters of the bill reply that while silver is a commodity in one sense, it has a more vital importance than other commodities because about 80% of the world production is used in money as a measure of value.

Two other amendments were inserted by the Committee and accepted by Senator Pittman. One limits the price that would be paid at any given time for silver to not more than 10 cents an ounce above the average price for the preceding three months, and the other stipulates that silver purchased under the act "shall not be counted as part of the silver bullion authorized or required to be purchased and coined under the provisions of existing law."

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

A new issue of 91-day Treasury bills, to the amount of \$100,000,000 or thereabouts, was announced on June 22 by Secretary of the Treasury Mills. The new issue, it is stated, is intended to refinance maturing bills. Tenders for the new bills will be received at the Federal Reserve banks and their branches up to 2 p. m. Eastern standard time on Monday, June 27. The bills will be dated June 29 1932, and will mature on Sept. 28 1932, and on the maturity date the face amount will be payable without interest. They will be issued in bearer form only, and in amounts or denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000 (maturity value). The Treasury Department's notice also says in part:

No tender for an amount less than \$1,000 will be considered. Each tender must be in multiples of \$1,000. The price offered must be expressed on the basis of 100, with not more than three decimal places, e. g., 99.125. Fractions must not be used.

Tenders will be accepted without cash deposit from incorporated banks and trust companies and from responsible and recognized dealers in investment securities. Tenders from others must be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the face amount of Treasury bills applied for, unless the tenders are accompanied by an express guaranty of payment by an incorporated bank or trust company.

The Treasury bills will be exempt, as to principal and interest, and any gain from the sale or other disposition thereof will also be exempt, from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes. No loss from the sale or other disposition of the Treasury bills shall be allowed as a deduction, or otherwise recognized, for the purposes of any tax now or hereafter imposed by the United States or any of its possessions.

House Amends Revenue Act of 1932 to Correct Tax on Oil and Gas—Measure Approved by Treasury Would Prevent Possible Evasion of Levies in New Act—Permits Collection of About \$32,000,000—Proposes Tax on Sale of Gasoline and Oil Now Owned and Held in Storage in Large Quantities.

By unanimous consent the House on June 16 adopted and sent to the Senate a resolution (H. J. Res. 435) amending the 1932 Revenue Act so as to permit the collection of about \$32,000,000 which otherwise would be lost and to avoid "serious discriminations" within the oil industry which would result from the law in its present form. The "United States Daily" of June 17 further reported:

Distributors who have title to more than 25,000 gallons of gasoline on June 21 would be required to pay the new 1-cent tax on the sale thereof, it was explained. The law also would be amended to impose the tax on

lubricating oil, in the case of those distributors having more than 1,000 gallons on hand when the new Revenue Act takes effect.

Approved by Treasury.

The measure, which has the approval of the Treasury Department, is a corrective one proposed to close up a loop-hole which was overlooked when the tax bill was passed, it was explained and is designed to prevent the evasion of tax payment on quantities of gasoline and oil stocks in the hands of producers by their transferring those stocks to selling and distributing companies between the date of enactment of the tax law and June 21.

The resolution was given the unanimous approval of the House Committee on Ways and Means earlier in the day, and was rushed through the House in order that Senate and White House action could be made possible within a few days.

Text of Resolution.

The resolution follows in full text:

House Joint Resolution 435.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 617 of the Revenue Act of 1932 is amended by adding at the end thereof a subsection to read as follows:

"(d) There is hereby imposed on gasoline sold by the person (other than the importer thereof or a producer of gasoline) having title to such gasoline on June 21 1932 (if such person had title on that date to 25,000 or more gallons of gasoline), a tax of 1 cent a gallon, except that under regulations prescribed by the Commissioner with the approval of the Secretary, the tax shall not apply in the case of sales to a producer of gasoline."

Section 2. Section 601 of the Revenue Act of 1932 is amended by adding at the end thereof a subsection to read as follows:

"(d) There is hereby imposed upon lubricating oils sold in the United States by the person (other than the manufacturer or producer thereof) having title to such lubricating oils on June 21 1932 (if such person had title on that date to 1,000 or more gallons of lubricating oil) a tax at the rate of 4 cents a gallon, to be paid by such person."

Section 3. Section 620 of the Revenue Act of 1932 is amended by inserting after 'tube,' the following:

"For lubricating oils taxable under Section 601 (c) (1)."

Letter from Treasury.

The Treasury letter approving the resolution follows in full text:

Dear Sir: In accordance with our telephone conversation, I am writing you regarding the situation that has come to our attention affecting the gasoline tax and the tax on lubricating oils imposed by the Revenue Act of 1932.

It appears that during the 15 days between the enactment of the law and its effective date a very large portion of gasoline stocks in the hand of producers will be transferred to selling and distributing companies to avoid the tax. Some of the largest producing companies have affiliated sales companies, and can do this through their affiliates in the usual course of business. Other large companies, where the producing company is also the company that sells at retail, will find themselves at a serious disadvantage in competition with the companies having affiliates, unless they organize sales companies, transfer their existing stocks of gasoline, and so avoid the tax in respect to such stocks.

We are informed that the problem relates to some 60,000,000 barrels of gasoline, and that under section 617 of the Revenue Act, as it stands, the Treasury may lose the tax on as much as 40,000,000 barrels. This would amount to a loss of approximately \$17,000,000.

Practically the same situation as outlined above appears to exist in the case of the tax imposed on lubricating oils by section 601 (c) 1 of the Revenue Act. The revenue looked for from the tax on lubricating oils is also threatened in another way. Upon careful study it appears likely that blenders and compounders of lubricating oils must be held to be manufacturers under the Act. We are advised that there are not less than 100,000 blenders and compounders, who would consequently be permitted to buy oils for blending and compounding tax-free, and there can be no doubt that there would be a great loss in revenue in being forced to collect a large part of the tax on lubricating oil from any such number of small taxpayers. The administrative difficulty of such collections is obvious.

Resolution Suggested.

We are advised by representatives of several of the leading oil companies that through transfer of existing stocks of lubricating oil from the producer to selling affiliates, and through the evasion resulting from the ability of blenders and compounders to purchase tax-free, the Treasury may lose as much as \$15,000,000 of revenue that might otherwise be collected during the coming year.

To remedy the situation that exists, we submit a form of joint resolution herewith. The adoption of the proposed resolution will result in the collection of many millions of dollars which would otherwise be lost to the Treasury. It will also avoid serious discriminations within the industry which will result from the law in its present form. Although we regard this matter as of the utmost importance, the Treasury can make no recommendation which might subject the gasoline tax, the tax on lubricating oil, or any other part of the Revenue Act to further controversy in Congress. The joint resolution is, therefore, submitted for your consideration with the recommendation of the Treasury that it be put through if, in your judgment, this can be accomplished with the expedition which marked the adoption of the recent joint resolution amending section 625 of the Revenue Act.

1932 Revenue Act Amended to Clarify Situation as to Sales Under Contracts Executed Before May 1—Deliveries Taxable After June 20, Where Title Had Not Previously Passed—Automobile Sales Among Those Affected.

Both the House and Senate adopted on June 13 a joint resolution amending the 1932 Revenue Act, recommended that day by the House Ways and Means Committee, permitting the collection of excise taxes on purchases of automobiles and other items contracted for but not delivered prior to June 21, when the new tax law becomes effective on those commodities. As adopted the resolution reads:

Resolved, &c., That Section 625 (a) of the Revenue Act of 1932 is amended by striking out the words "or with any person other than a dealer," and by adding at the end thereof a new sentence, as follows: "If any article has, under a contract of the character above described, been delivered prior to June 21 1932 to any person (other than a dealer or other than a person intending to use the article as material in the manufacture or production of another article, or to sell it on or in connection with, or with the sale of, another article), no tax shall be collected under this title."

Concerning the resolution, Senator Smoot, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, made the following explanation:

Section 625 of the Revenue Act, passed on June 6, contains a provision that if a contract for the sale, after the effective date of the Act, of any article does not permit the vendor to add the tax to the price, then the tax shall be borne by the vendee. An amendment adopted by the Senate provided that in case of such contracts with any person other than a dealer, no tax should be collected either from vendor or vendee.

At that time, and at the time of the conference, it was not appreciated that many large consumers have long-term contracts made before May 1, under which title will not pass till after June 21, the effective date of the Act. The joint resolution remedies this situation, and confines the exemption to cases where deliveries are made prior to June 21, under a contract made before May 1, but where title does not pass till after June 20.

Of course, if title has passed before June 21, no tax is imposed at all. The exemption does not apply in the case of dealers or manufacturers who have taken delivery prior to June 21, because they have opportunity to pass the tax on to their purchasers.

Under date of June 15 the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce issued the following:

Amendment to Revenue Bill Is Not a Floor Tax—Advertising Charges, Clocks, Radios Under Review by Treasury Department.

To Members:

News items regarding the joint resolution passed by Congress June 13, amending Section 625(a) of the Revenue Bill, gave the impression to some that it established a floor tax. This is not the case.

The provision simply clarifies the situation with respect to contracts executed before May 1 by making taxable all deliveries after June 20 1932, where title had not previously passed.

Under the bill as passed, certain long-term contracts between manufacturers and consumers (primarily for tires and tubes) made no provision for collection of a tax on goods delivered under these contracts; hence they would have been untaxed.

Parts Billing May Include Tax.

Dealers should make a spot inventory of parts on hand as of June 20, for their own protection against charging tax on such goods.

Selling price of parts may include tax, with liability for tax determined on actual sales price less tax and other exempt charges. This also applies to the billing of cars and trucks.

Radios, Clocks, Advertising, Under Review.

The Treasury will probably hold that automobile clocks and radios may be bought tax-free by the manufacturer as automobile accessories, with the 3% rate applying to the complete vehicle.

Deduction of dealer allowance for local advertising before application of tax will probably be permitted, but national advertising charges cannot be deducted.

Trailers and semi-trailers are not taxed.

Before the House on June 13 Representative Crisp, Acting Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, had the following to say regarding the amendment:

I regret the necessity of having to offer this resolution to correct a mistake in the tax bill. I am not offering any alibi for myself or the other conferees. The conferees when they met realized the importance to the country of reaching a speedy agreement. We worked from morning until late at night and did accomplish that. In that haste we overlooked this matter. It was called to my attention by the Treasury Department a few days after the bill was passed and by some of the business men whose interests were affected by it. In conference, neither the Senate conferees, the House conferees, the Senate, the House, nor the drafting boards of the Treasury detected it.

Here is all the resolution does:

In all the tax bills there has been a provision that where a contract is made for future delivery and the contract does not specify who is to pay the taxes, if taxes are levied, the vendee has to pay them. If the contract specified that the vendor was to pay them, the vendor would pay them.

When this bill was up on the floor of the Senate the Senator from Florida [Mr. Trammell] offered an amendment in which he sought to care for automobiles bought on the installment plan. When automobiles are bought on the installment plan, of course, the title does not pass until they are paid for. So Senator Trammell offered this amendment intended to provide that taxes on automobiles, radios, electric refrigerators, and other things sold on the installment plan were not to be paid where the contract was made before May 1, and the vendee, not being a dealer, would have no opportunity to add the tax to his sales price.

The unexpected effect of this amendment being adopted is that the large companies—the steel companies, the American Bell Telephone Co., the Ford Co., the large taxicab companies, and the big industries that make contracts for two or three or four years in advance—would be relieved from paying the taxes that the bill specified should be paid on tires, tubes, gasoline, oil, or any other of the commodities that they bought that are taxable under the bill, a result not intended by Senator Trammell nor the Senate or House conferees. The effect of the bill as it stands now is to require the small dealers, who have to pay more for their purchases than these big dealers, who buy in large quantities, to be put at a disadvantage. The big concerns, with contracts running three or four years, would not have to pay the excise taxes levied in the bill, while the small dealer would have to pay them. It is inequitable, it is unjust to the small dealers, and the Treasury will lose from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 that was contemplated the Treasury would receive under the tax bill as it passed.

This matter has been called to the attention of the Senate, and I am just advised that the Senator from Wisconsin, Senator La Follette, obtained a unanimous-consent agreement in the Senate to-day that if the resolution correcting this error came over there, no amendment could be offered to it affecting any other provision of the bill, and the only amendments that could be offered would be germane amendments dealing with this subject matter.

Tentative Advice on Administration of the Federal Motor Taxes Issued by National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

The following notice was issued June 11 by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce:

The effective date of the excise taxes on automobiles, trucks, tires, tubes and accessories is 12:01 a. m. Standard Time, June 21 1932.

The test of whether any of these articles have been sold is whether the title has passed to the purchaser before the effective date.

Taxes to Be Paid to the Government by Car and Truck Manufacturer.

1. Items taxable under the Act are automobiles, chassis, and bodies 3%. Where a car manufacturer buys bodies for further manufacture he is permitted to do so tax exempt.

2. The same provision applies to trucks and truck bodies except that the rate is 2%.

3. Parts and accessories other than tires and tubes are taxable at 2%.

For the purpose of the Act, spark plugs, storage batteries, leaf springs, coils, timers and tire chains are specifically named as parts or accessories, whether or not primarily adapted for motor vehicle use. Where such parts are purchased by motor vehicle manufacturer for further manufacture they are tax exempt.

Taxes to Be Paid by Car Manufacturers to Tire Manufacturers.

The law imposes a tax of 4c. a pound on inner tubes and 2½c. a pound on the tire casings. Where the tire is attached to a metal rim, or the base, the weight of the rim is exempt from the tax.

This tax is paid by the tire manufacturer to the Government. In turn, the tire manufacturer will bill it to the car manufacturer.

Tires held in stock by motor vehicle manufacturers on effective date of the Act are tax exempt if title thereto has passed. Where the car manufacturer uses tax-paid tires on or in connection with the manufacture of a motor vehicle he is entitled to a credit amounting to the rate of tax on the finished vehicle applied to the cost of the tires and tubes.

As an illustration an automobile may sell at \$500. The tax at 3% would be \$15. The cost to the automobile manufacturer of the tires and tubes that on the car would be say \$20. The manufacturer would be permitted to take credit against the \$15 tax of 3% of \$20, or 60c., making the net tax \$14.40.

In other words, the weight tax amounts to say 10% ad valorem of the price of the tire. The car manufacturer, however, is entitled only to a 3% credit against cost of the tire and the truck manufacturer to a 2% credit. This credit is to be taken from the taxes paid by the car or truck manufacturer to the Government.

Where a car or truck manufacturer buys the equipment for replacement purposes or as a part of equipment used in his own business, then he cannot take any credit.

In the definition of original equipment, the present view is that a fifth tire sold on or in connection with the vehicle is subject to the vehicle tax and consequently the manufacturer is entitled to a credit refund against the tire tax.

The question of weights of tires and the weights of metal rims is one for determination by the tire manufacturer, who probably will separate these two items on his invoice to the motor vehicle manufacturer.

Average weights probably will be determined for each size of tire by the Bureau of Internal Revenue in consultation with the tire manufacturers.

General Administrative Provisions.

Vehicles or tires sold for export are not subject to tax under the Constitution. However, the question of fact involved in determining whether an article so sold is to be used for export purposes presents a difficult administrative problem. The likelihood is that the Treasury Department, following the course of decisions under the Revenue Act of 1926, will attempt to work out regulations which while not earmarking the specific article will provide for exemption of vehicles and tires exported by the several companies.

Where a motor vehicle manufacturer is able to forecast his export requirements he probably will be permitted to make tax exempt purchases, making adjustments later according to the actual sales from month to month. In order to secure such equipment free of tax the manufacturer will need to specify in his orders the number of tires which he expects to use for export equipment.

These taxes will be collected monthly by the United States Government. The taxpayer is given until the last day of the month following the month in which the sale is made to make a return. Under the present regulations of the Treasury the return must be in the hands of the Collector of Internal Revenue not later than the last day of the month mentioned. Postmarks as of that date will not be sufficient. These returns should be filed on form 728, which will be furnished by the Collector of Internal Revenue.

In general the regulations will follow the regulations which applied under the Revenue Act of 1926, except where modifications in the language of the present Act make changes necessary.

Treasury Department regulations will specify the form of exemptions certificate which will be used by motor vehicle manufacturers for filing with vendors supplying bodies, accessories or parts. Pending issuance of the Treasury Department regulations the form of certificate used under the 1926 Act should be supplied by car manufacturers to their vendors to obtain tax exempt purchases.

Where there is any doubt as to the taxability of an accessory or part the manufacturer should apply to the Treasury Department submitting catalogue for rulings upon specific items.

Direct Sale to States.

Direct sales by manufacturers to the States or subdivisions thereof are non-taxable if the articles so purchased are for governmental use. Sales to the United States Government are taxable except that in the case of contracts entered into prior to May 1 1932 the article is not taxable.

Direct shipments made to a dealer operating in a territory which is under exclusive contract to a distributor are taxable at the price applicable to the distributor.

The question of whether conditional sales made prior to enactment of the Act are taxable for the unpaid portion of the contract is under review by the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Where a manufacturer acts as trustee for his dealers in holding funds for purely local advertising if billed separately the dealer's contribution at least would appear to be non-taxable. Procedure followed by car manufacturers should be submitted in briefs to the Treasury Department for rulings on individual cases.

Billing.

Under the law the manufacturer is entitled to list the tax separately on his invoice or to include it if he prefers in his selling price. If he lists it separately he must state the exact amount of tax to be paid. No estimates will be allowed.

Sale Price.

In determining the price for which an article is sold there shall be included any charge for coverings and containers of whatever nature and any charge incident to placing the article in condition packed ready for shipment. Transportation, delivery, insurance, installation or other charges shall be excluded from the price only if the amount thereof is established to the satisfaction of the Commissioner. The amount of the tax imposed should be computed after such deductions.

Where leases or contracts are entered into for the sale of an article wherein it is provided that the price shall be paid by installment and

title to the article sold does not pass until a future date, notwithstanding partial payment by installments or a conditional sale, there shall be paid upon each payment with respect to the article that portion of the total tax which is proportionate to the portion of the total amount to be paid represented by such payment.

Refunds.

Any person who has paid these taxes is entitled to a refund when the price on which the tax was based is readjusted by reason of return or repossession of the article, or a covering or container or by a bonafide discount, rebate or allowance on the amount of that part of the tax proportionate to the part of the price which is refunded or credited.

Floor Tax Refund.

All automotive taxes expire July 31 1934.

Any article on which the tax has been paid, which on Aug. 1 1934 is held by a dealer and intended for sale is subject to a floor tax refund in the amount of the tax paid.

Applicability of Administrative Provisions.

All provisions of law (including penalty) applicable in respect of the taxes imposed by Section 600 of the Revenue Act of 1926 shall insofar as applicable and not inconsistent with this Act be applicable in respect of the taxes imposed under this Act.

Manufacturers' Tax.

It should be noted that all of the automotive taxes are levied against the manufacturer. Consequently, any motor vehicles, accessories, parts, tires, or tubes held by distributors, jobbers, dealers or others engaged in the distribution of these goods are not taxable if the title to them has passed from the manufacturer before the effective date of the Act.

Regulation 46, embracing automotive taxes, is being prepared and in all probability will be available at the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue prior to the effective date.

Platform Adopted by Republican Party in National Convention at Chicago—Correction in Plank Bearing on Veterans.

Since we gave, in our issue of June 18, pages 4423-4428, the platform adopted at the Republican National Convention, as contained in telegraphic advices from Chicago to the New York "Times," we quote from the same paper the following from Chicago, June 17:

Some words inadvertently were dropped out of a paragraph of the veterans' plank of the Republican platform as published in the New York "Times" of June 16. Corrected, the paragraph reads:

"We believe that every veteran incapacitated in any degree by reason of illness or injury attributable to service in defense of his country should be cared for and compensated, so far as compensation is possible, by a grateful nation, and that the dependents of those who lost their lives in war or whose death since the war in which service was rendered is traceable to service causes, should be provided for adequately. Legislation should be in accord with this principle."

The veterans' plank as reported in the earlier accounts appeared on page 4426 of our issue of a week ago.

Inclusion of Provision in Plank of Republican Platform Authorizing Government to Participate in International Conference Under Kellogg-Briand Pact Reported As Surprise to Washington—Plea for Authority on Anti-War Conferences Viewed As Spur to Congress.

The inclusion in the Republican platform at Chicago of a plan for "enactment by Congress of a measure that will authorize our Government to call or participate in an international conference in case of any threat of non-fulfillment of Article 2 of the Treaty of Paris (Kellogg-Briand Pact)" came as a surprise to officials in Washington, said a dispatch from there, June 16, to the New York "Times," which also had the following to say:

The contemplated legislation could be recommended directly by the White House to Congress, and reference to it in the party platform presented something of a mystery here. The general opinion in official circles was that several Republicans in the Senate wanted such a declaration, perhaps to facilitate passage of the legislation when it is submitted to Congress. Officials were satisfied that it was inserted in the platform at the eleventh hour.

All that it contemplates, as explained here, is that Congress "authorize" the President to call or attend a conference of governments that are parties to the treaty when there is a threat of its violation. It means, it was added, only an endorsement by Congress of measures similar to those recently taken by the President under his general authority of conducting foreign affairs through the consultations and exchanges with foreign powers under the Kellogg Pact in connection with the Chino-Japanese crisis over Manchuria.

Precedent for similar action in the future now exists in the diplomatic measures taken since last September, but it is felt there would be value in an explicit authorization by Congress for Presidents to follow such a course in event of other emergencies involving the anti-war treaty.

In a sense it would constitute implementing the pact by providing formally for consultations, but it would fall short of an amendment of the pact to that effect, and there would be no international commitment for the United States to follow such a course.

Rejection by Senate of Bill Calling for Cash Payment of Soldier Bonus—Movement for Return to Homes of Veterans Who Had Thronged Washington to Seek Legislation.

Late in the day June 17 (8:20 p. m.) the Senate, by a vote of 62 in opposition to 18 in favor, rejected the bill to provide for the immediate payment of \$2,400,000,000 to

World War veterans, the face value of their adjusted service certificates. The bill—the so-called "soldier bonus" legislation, had passed the House on June 15 (as noted in these columns June 18, page 4430) by a vote of 211 to 176, but on June 16 the Senate Finance Committee reported the bill adversely. Following the defeat of the bill by the Senate on June 17 Senators Bankhead and Thomas of Oklahoma made efforts to have the vote reconsidered and change the bill so as to pay the former soldiers the amount of their bonus certificates on their present surrender value. The Washington correspondent of the New York "Times," indicating this under date of June 17, said:

These steps were looked upon as hopeless, even though Senators Bankhead and Thomas went so far as to change their original votes for the bonus bill to "no" in order to seek such a reconsideration.

The vote came at the close of the tensesst day Washington has known since the war and in the midst of a scene never before enacted in the Capitol grounds. There had been no situation resembling it since the siege of Congress by the unpaid Continental soldiers in Philadelphia at the close of the Revolution.

The Bankhead motion for reconsideration was beaten by a vote of 44 to 26. When the bonus forces seemed unwilling to push the reconsideration vote immediately, Senator Reed, a bonus enemy, made the necessary motion. Senator Moses, another opponent, moved to table the Reed motion. The Moses motion was carried, 44 to 26.

The motion to reconsider is now lying on the table, but it will require a majority vote to take it up. This is unlikely in view of the overwhelming ballot against the bonus.

Leaders Keep Control.

Washington in general and the Capital in particular never has been as nervous as to-day. When the vote was announced to the thousands of veterans in front of the Capitol, the bonus army seemed for the first time about to get out of hand. Commander Waters and other leaders appealed to them to return to their encampments in military formation and bugles sounded appealingly to the men to rally.

The veterans were silent for a second after they heard the news of their defeat and then showed their disappointment in a murmur which 10,000 voices multiplied almost into a shout. They seemed reluctant to move.

This was due partly to the belief of some of them that they were being told to go back to their homes.

"We are not telling you to go home," Commander Waters shouted to them and a resonant cheer arose. "Go back to your camps. We are going to stay in Washington until we get the bonus, no matter how long it takes. And we are 100 times as good Americans as those men who voted against it. We are just asking you to obey the law and not antagonize the authorities. There is no more to be done to-night."

Then the veterans began marching back to their quarters in individual units, though hundreds still tarried on the Capitol steps. A few collapsed and were taken away in ambulances.

Determined to Slay On.

The veterans immediately began planning their next steps which will include bringing pressure on the Democratic National Convention to declare for the bonus payment and campaigning actively in each State and Congressional district against the Congressmen who voted against the bonus.

Leaders and rank and file alike declared that the army would not return home now, as officials have been hoping, but that it would stay here until the bonus is paid—"until 1945" if necessary.

"We do not regard this as a defeat," said W. W. Waters, commander of the veterans. "It simply is a setback."

The Senate votes in favor of the bill were those of 10 Democrats, seven Republicans, and one Farmer-Laborite. The 62 votes in opposition to the measure were cast by 35 Republicans and 27 Democrats. According to a Washington dispatch June 21 to the "Times," General Pelham D. Glassford, Superintendent of Police in Washington began negotiating with railroads that day for the return of the bonus marchers to their home States and said arrangements would be completed to-morrow. The dispatch also said:

His negotiations were based on a provision of the Inter-State Commerce Act providing for the transportation of groups of indigents at nominal fare in emergencies, which was called to his attention by Representative Baldrige of Nebraska.

General Glassford said he believed that thousands of the ex-service men now encamped here would avail themselves of such an offer.

Representative Black of New York and Representative Rainey, the majority leader, said to-day they would not press for the passage of Mr. Black's bill for the appropriation of \$125,000 for the maintenance of the bonus army, which Mr. Black had expected to have used to provide home-bound trains.

General Glassford said the force had reached its peak and was now subsiding, and Captain W. G. Stott said that defections were now exceeding new arrivals. Captain Stott declared that 1,500 had departed since Friday.

Yesterday (June 24) Associated Press advices from Washington stated:

A new urgent request by authorities that the bonus-seeking veterans' army be disbanded and started home was met to-day by leaders with a declaration they would not budge but would seek to force an extra session of Congress.

Shrinkage of supplies and contributions for the support of the encamped men inspired Police Superintendent Glassford to issue a statement asserting the bonus-seekers could achieve nothing here and would be best advised to make their fight at the polls at home. W. W. Waters of Portland, Ore., commander-in-chief of the veterans, retorted: "We are digging in."

He appealed to the men not to leave and issued an order requiring them to obtain passes from their headquarters before departing. A good many, however, were leaving anyway but others continued to take their places.

Senate Passes Wagner Relief Bill Appropriating \$2,300,000,000—Differences Between Wagner and House (Garner) Bill to Be Adjusted in Conference.

Without a record vote the Senate on June 23 passed the Wagner bill appropriating \$2,300,000,000 for general relief

purposes. Before the final action by the Senate on June 23, according to the "United States Daily," several efforts were made to effect changes in the form of the Senate measure but all were futile, and the measure goes back to the House for its consideration carrying an amendment to provide \$300,000,000 in loans to States, a proposition once passed separately by the Senate but upon which no action has been had in the House.

The \$300,000,000 Wagner unemployment relief measure had passed the Senate on June 10, and an item with reference thereto appeared in our issue of June 18, page 4431.

As to the Senate measure passed June 23, the New York "Times" said:

As the Wagner bill emerged from the Senate it included :
\$300,000,000 for loans to the States for direct relief of the unemployed.
\$500,000,000 for Federal construction projects.
\$1,460,000,000 for loans to States and political subdivisions and to private corporation for public self-liquidating enterprises, such as toll bridges, tunnels, water-works and canals.
\$40,000,000 for financing agricultural exports.

From the "United States Daily" of June 24 we take the following:

The Wagner bill was substituted for the text of the Garner-Rainey bill (H. R. 12445) by the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency as a means of expediting settlement of the relief policy on which the two Houses differed.

The Garner-Rainey bill carried the same total, but apportioned the funds on a different basis, allocating \$1,200,000,000 for public works, \$100,000,000 for direct relief to be made available by the President, and an increase in the capital of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of \$1,000,000,000, presupposing loans to private, public and quasi-public corporations to encourage employment.

Provides for Bond Issue.

Predictions were made in the Senate in the final hours of discussion which had consumed more than four days, that the measure would meet a presidential veto in event it were accepted by the House in its present form. President Hoover was stated to be opposed to the use of the bond issue in financing the public works projects, and his rejection of the bill on that basis was suggested as likely.

Immediately after passage of the bill, Senator Norbeck (Rep.) of South Dakota, laid the ground work for an early conference between the Houses in event the House refuses to accept the bill as it stands.

He entered a motion which was at once agreed to that the Senate insist on its amendments to the House bill and that it agree to a conference which the House would ask in event of its refusal to agree. Conferees were named as follows: Senator Norbeck, Brookhart (Rep.) of Iowa, and Wagner (Dem.) of New York, the titular author of the measure.

Opposes \$500,000,000 Fund.

After the vote on the bill was taken, Senator Moses (Rep.) of New Hampshire, took exception to the provision in the measure providing a \$500,000,000 construction fund.

"The Senate without a record vote has passed one of the most complicated pieces of legislation that it has ever been my fortune to contemplate," declared the New Hampshire Senator. He pointed out that the bill creates a construction fund and an authorization for the Treasury to borrow \$500,000,000.

This provision, he explained, "automatically unbalances the budget by \$307,000,000 this year, and we will be called on to extend this precedent in the next Congress." He asserted that the total number of men to be employed by the amount of \$307,000,000 by which the budget would be unbalanced, would be only 85,850.

This special construction fund not only unbalances the budget but "resorts to the unsound device of a special fund or an extraordinary budget," Senator Moses said. He maintained that it breaks precedent and creates apprehension among the holders of Government bonds.

Upon renewing its consideration of the Harrison amendment, placed before the Senate at a night session June 22, the Senate refused to agree to the proposal, rejecting it by a vote of 57 to 15. The amendment would have permitted the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make loans to States on their bonds as security for education and hospitalization purposes, the total of such loans not to exceed \$200,000,000.

Senator Harrison (Dem.) of Mississippi, sponsor of the amendment, explained that there are States which cannot sell their bonds and a provision to permit use of these bonds as security with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would serve to aid those States.

The Senate agreed to an amendment by Senator Norris (Rep.) of Nebraska, directing the Secretary of Agriculture to report to the Senate and the House on Dec 1 1932, and every month thereafter any action taken by his Department in regard to the \$40,000,000 fund provided for financing sales of agricultural products abroad.

Without a record vote and without debate the Senate agreed to the inclusion of \$300,000,000 in the bill for loans to States for relief to the needy and distressed. This action was taken, Senator Wagner (Dem.) of New York, sponsor of the amendment, explained, to get the proposal to conference between the two Houses. The Senate earlier passed as a separate bill the \$300,000,000 relief proposal, but the measure has not yet received a vote in the House.

An attempt by Senator Copeland (Dem.) of New York, to allocate \$1,000,000 to the Secretary of Commerce to be used for credit in sales of manufactured products in export markets failed of approval.

Industrial Commission Provision Eliminated.

Reconsideration of the section providing for creation of an industrial commission, and which had theretofore been eliminated, failed to change the bill in this respect. When the section was stricken out on a motion by Senator Ashurst (Dem.) of Arizona, he stated to the Senate he would not oppose a motion to reconsider which, he understood, Senator Gore (Dem.) of Oklahoma would make.

The Senate, therefore, reconsidered its vote. Senator Ashurst renewed his motion to eliminate. The motion was agreed to without a record vote. . . Senator Bingham (Rep.) of Connecticut, who has sought a different method of distribution of public moneys in road building than is prescribed by the Federal Highway Act, renewed his opposition to that provision in the present relief measure, but again suffered defeat. He declared that the basis of distribution should be consonant with the unemployed population, and asserted that as the provision is carried in the bill, the 10 States paying the largest amount of taxation will gain "very little return from their contribution to the Federal Treasury."

The amendment was rejected on a roll call, 22 to 55.

A futile attempt was made by Senator Moses (Rep.) of New Hampshire, to provide for the use of discretionary power by the President in designating the places where work is to start, when it shall be begun and other supervisory control.

A record vote was demanded, and the Moses amendment was defeated 20 to 50.

The Senate accepted an amendment by Senator Brookhart (Rep.) of Iowa, which permits the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make loans to limited dividend corporations engaged in development of forest trails and highways. Senator Wagner stated prior to the vote that he had no objection to it.

Amendment Adopted Regarding Road Funds.

An amendment by Senator Wagner (Dem.) of New York, to make available funds for Federal-aid highway work for roads through city parks that are a part of the system, was agreed to.

The Senate rejected an amendment by Senator Bankhead (Dem.) of Alabama, designed to permit former farmers who are now unemployed to obtain loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to go back to the farm to sustain themselves and their families. He said that this offered "permanent relief," whereas the provisions of the bill would give relief only temporarily.

Because he said, the bill seems to permit any other group to borrow from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Senator Thomas (Rep.) of Idaho, offered an amendment to permit the Federal Farm Board to obtain loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, but the Senate defeated the amendment.

Senator Thomas (Dem.) of Oklahoma, offered an amendment which would give the Secretary of the Treasury power to issue bonds for the \$500,000,000 to be used on the public works program under the bill at a rate of 2% instead of 4½% as the bill directs. The amendment was defeated.

The Senate then rejected an amendment by Senator Jones (Rep.) of Washington, for the improvement of roads in agricultural sections of the country not a part of the Federal-aid highway system.

In urging the adoption at a night session June 22 of his amendment for a \$5,500,000,000 bond issue, which the Senate rejected 56 to 12, Senator La Follette pointed out that "the theory of expanding public works in times of depression to provide employment, to recreate purchasing power, and to stimulate a partial industrial recovery, has been advocated by economists for a great number of years."

The amendment of Senator Trammell (Dem.) of Florida, to provide payment up to 75% of the adjusted service certificates of World War veterans, was rejected viva voce.

Rejection also was made of an amendment by Senator Lewis (Dem.) of Illinois, which would permit the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to extend loans to States to be extended in turn to municipalities to pay employees.

The New York "Times," in its account from Washington June 23 said:

The closing hours of discussion saw the bombardment of amendments continued. Among those unsuccessfully offered were:

By Senator Bankhead—To authorize loans for back-to-the-farm movements.

By Senator Thomas (Idaho)—Loans to the Farm Board.

By Senator Thomas (Oklahoma)—To authorize the Treasury to finance the public-works program with 2% consols, which banks, might use as currency collateral.

By Senator Jones—To bring R. F. D. roads under the highway act.

As a last effort, Senator King sought to strike out the loans to private corporations, but his motion, too, was defeated.

The Wagner bill's chief feature provides that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation may issue bonds of \$1,460,000,000 for loans to States, political subdivisions, boards and commissions, to finance authorized projects authorized by law, under Government regulation, and self-liquidating in character. The Corporation may also contract with the States and subdivisions to purchase their securities.

Loans also may be made to limit-profit housing corporations; to private corporations for constructing bridges, tunnels, docks, viaducts, water-works and canals devoted to public use and self-liquidating, and for bridges paid for in part by taxation. The Corporation is authorized to set up in any Federal land bank district a regional agricultural credit corporation with a paid-up capital of not less than \$3,000,000.

Aid for Farm Exports Provided.

The Corporation is to advance an additional \$40,000,000 to the Secretary of Agriculture to finance the export of farm commodities, presumably those now held by the Federal Farm Board.

The public works section of the bill creates an "emergency construction fund" of \$500,000,000 to be raised through the sale of Government bonds; the bonds first to be offered as a popular loan and to bear interest of not more than 4¼%.

Projects are to be selected from those already authorized and on which work can be started immediately. Approximately \$200,000,000 of the work is now carried in the annual appropriation bills. The total expenditure is to be divided as follows:

Federal highways, \$120,000,000.

Forest and park roads, \$16,000,000.

River and harbor projects, \$30,000,000.

Flood control, \$15,500,000.

Boulder dam, \$10,000,000.

Air navigation, \$500,000.

Lighthouse service and navigation, \$3,810,000.

Coast and geodetic survey, \$1,250,000.

Navy Department yards and docks, \$10,000,000.

Public buildings, \$100,000,000.

Army housing, \$15,335,000.

The remainder of the \$500,000,000 is to be spent under the direction of the President.

The following from Washington is from the "Wall Street Journal" of last night (June 24):

Representative Snell, minority floor leader, refused to accept Speaker Garner's appointment of him as a conferee with the Senate on unemployment relief legislation, and the Speaker named a new group of conferees. They will be Representatives Collier (Dem.) Mississippi, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee; Crisp (Dem.) Georgia; Treadway (Rep.) Massachusetts, and Bachrach (Rep.), New Jersey.

Previously Speaker Garner had named himself, Representative Snell and Majority Floor Leader Rainey as the conferees.

Representative Rainey (Dem.) of Illinois, was retained as the fifth conferee.

The second group named are the ranking members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Issues \$250,000,000 Additional Notes.

The issuance by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of \$250,000,000 additional notes, to be subscribed by the Treasury, was announced on June 17. The new issue, running for six months, will mature Oct. 27 1932 and will bear interest at 3½% annually. The Corporation's announcement said "the notes will be purchased by the Secretary of Treasury as the funds are required by the Corporation." Indicating that the new issue will bring the total subscribed by the Treasury to \$1,000,000,000, Washington advices June 17 to the New York "Times" said:

The Treasury made a first subscription of \$500,000,000 to the Corporation's capitalization, the full amount originally authorized by Congress. Issuance of the first series of notes aggregating \$250,000,000 was announced by the Corporation a month ago and were also taken over by the Treasury. The Corporation is still able, if demand requires, to issue an additional \$1,000,000,000 of the notes under the provision of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act authorizing it to issue debentures up to three times the amount of its capitalization.

On June 15 the Treasury had paid out \$633,833,937 in loans approved by the finance body and of the total, \$111,008,991 was advanced during the present month.

Gardner Cowles Sr. Named To Board of Reconstruction Finance Corporation Succeeding Charles G. Dawes Resigned—Senate Committee Favorably Reports Nomination.

On June 23 President Hoover appointed Gardner Cowles Sr., publisher of the Des Moines, Iowa, Register, to be a member of the board of directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Mr. Cowles will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Charles G. Dawes. According to the Associated Press, it was said at the White House on June 23 that the Presidency of the Corporation, also vacated by Mr. Dawes, will not be filled until later. Mr. Cowles is listed as an independent Republican.

The Senate Banking and Currency Committee voted yesterday (June 24) to favorably report the nomination. The resignation of Mr. Dawes was noted in our issue of June 11, page 4263.

Senate Sidetracks Steagall Bill for Guarantee of Bank Deposits.

In a Washington dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" of June 20 it was stated that the Senate Banking and Currency Committee sidetracked the Steagall Bill to guarantee bank deposits by turning it over to a subcommittee of five members, which is to study the measure and report back to the full committee at some future date.

It was added that this action will make it impossible for the Banking Committee to make a report to the Senate at this session.

Gen. Charles G. Dawes, Retiring President of Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Says Country Has Reached "Turning Point in Depression"—Taxes Must Come Down.

With his return to Chicago on June 18, following his resignation as President of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Charles G. Dawes expressed the belief that "we have reached the turning point in the depression." "In the general interest," said Gen. Dawes, "there must now be in Government, State and municipal administration the same liquidation in expenditures which individuals and private business enterprise have already effected. Taxes must come down, and this must result, primarily, from reduced Governmental expenditures, national, State and municipal. That is essential to the full recovery of business." Gen. Dawes, statement in full follows:

Coming from my work at Washington on the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, where one gets in fair perspective of the general business situation in the country, I believe that we have reached the turning point in the depression. It is the smaller business enterprises with low overhead expenses which seem to be showing improvement; but in time the larger ones must necessarily follow. The recovery in the depression will start from the bottom up, not from the top down. That is what past experience shows.

For the real evidence of reaction we must look to the mass attitudes of our people and not to the shifting opinions of certain sections of it. For instance, I would attribute much more importance to the increase of electric power consumption in the country during the last two weeks than to stock or bond quotations. It is the average man and the average man's business which is the main factor in the situation. His business in the aggregate is enormous.

With the forced economies and reduced inventories in both our large and small enterprises which have been effected the last year, we need for profitable business in many lines no return to the prices of a few years ago, but only a moderate increase. The oil industry, for instance, now is demonstrating this.

In the general interest there must now be in Government, State and municipal administration the same liquidation in expenditures which individuals and private business enterprise have already effected. Taxes must come down and this must result primarily from reduced Governmental

expenditures, national, State, and municipal. That is essential to the full recovery of business.

The President pointed out the other day that in the 10 years ended with 1930 the Federal Government decreased its indebtedness by nearly 31% whereas the municipalities increased their indebtedness by nearly 60%. We must remember that municipalities present the greatest tax problem—great as the others are—and that work for tax reduction will be effective largely in proportion as it has specific and local objectives.

The press of Chicago is stating our own tax problem aggressively and clearly. Nothing will more contribute to business recovery here than its solution.

From the Chicago "Tribune" of June 19 we also take the following:

Equally interesting, especially to Chicagoans, were Gen. Dawes' views on various proposals for Government loans for local relief purposes. He explained what has been done and what may still be done, but he didn't hold out much hope that States and cities will get all the money they want.

Congress Must Decide.

"The question of lending money to States and municipalities is a matter that must be decided by Congress," he said. "It would be impossible to satisfy the demands of municipalities for loans for general purposes. Relief legislation before Congress provides for lending money to States, with the States becoming responsible to the Government for repayment and the States directing the work for relief.

"Of course, other propositions are being considered in the matter of loans to States and municipalities for self-liquidating projects. In order to increase employment, these matters must be covered by legislation before the Reconstruction Finance Corporation can act. Other loans are being considered for private corporations, but nothing has been done so far."

F. J. Lisman Sees Major Benefits in Bond Market if Reconstruction Finance Corporation Is Authorized to Make Loans to Railroads for Purchase of Their Own Bonds.

Referring to the legislation now being discussed in Senate committee to authorize the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to lend money to the railroads with which to buy their own bonds near prevailing market prices, F. J. Lisman pointed out on June 20 that there is much to be said which would clarify and amplify the Washington dispatches. Mr. Lisman stated:

Probably no step would be as constructive towards reviving business as the enactment of such legislation to which there would be no opposition if its purport and repercussions were fully understood.

We never yet had a revival in business after any panic until we have had a good bond market. The bond market is, as everybody knows, extremely narrow, owing to the general panicky or fear-bound condition of the public. The suggested legislation would accomplish the following:

1. It would strengthen the bond market which would mean that many banks and insurance companies whose capital is impaired at the prevailing price levels would be relieved of anxiety.
2. This would be followed by a re-opening of many banks.
3. A forward movement in the bond market would encourage many investors to feel that they are not about to become penniless and would cause them to spend money more freely.
4. It would make the financing of other enterprises possible.
5. It would enable the railroad companies to spend money to make up deferred maintenance and for betterments.

The criticism that if it were announced that such loans were to be made, the bond market would go up automatically and bonds would not be obtainable, may be justified, but if bonds were to go up without the Reconstruction Finance Corporation buying them, the result above mentioned would be accomplished anyhow.

Milton W. Harrison of Security Owners Association Denies Latter Refused to Sponsor Legislation to Enable Reconstruction Finance Corporation to Lend to Railroads for Purchase of Their Own Bonds.

Milton W. Harrison, President of the Security Owners Association, on June 23 issued the following statement, with the authority of the executive committee:

The Security Owners Association denies that it has refused to sponsor legislation for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to lend funds to railroads with which to purchase their own bonds, as reported in this morning's press. Any such meritorious expedient in the reduction of fixed charges in these times, properly safeguarded as such loans would be under the direction of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and with the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, should have wide public support and the approbation of Congress, as well as the active interest and support of every investor in railroad securities.

Benefits Seen By Bankers in Proposal for Purchase By Railroads of Their Own Securities—Some Carriers Dissent—Opposing Group Contends Prices Would Rise and Offset Advantages Sought—Loans Proposed Through Federal Reserve System.

Proposals that the Reconstruction Finance Corp. engineer a scheme whereby railroad bonds would be bought at current low levels, thereby stabilizing a class of investment constituting large holdings by savings banks and life insurance companies have been discussed favorably in Federal Reserve and other banking circles according to the New York "Times" of June 19, which further stated:

Because it is contended that the plan would result in substantial reductions in the fixed charges of the roads, the project was praised by one railroad official who is familiar with the credit not only of his own company but of the transportation field generally.

The bond-buying project has evolved as a result of the large discount at which even gilt-edge railroad bonds are currently selling. It has been discussed informally for nearly two months, but officials of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. have made no public comment upon it. A large increase in the funds of the corporation and adroitness in using the funds thus provided in the bond market would be necessary, it is pointed out.

Although the approval given the plan informally in Wall Street indicates that it originated there, no recognized spokesman for banking interests has as yet taken credit for its inception. It is understood that the plan is receiving study in Washington.

Comment by C. M. Woolley.

The most authoritative public comment made on the proposal came from Clarence M. Woolley, Chairman of the American Radiator Co., in testimony before the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency last week. Mr. Woolley is a member of the group of financiers known as the Young Committee, who are engaged in determining means for bringing the country out of its present depression. After discussing the position of the railroads, Mr. Woolley said:

"In the light of all these facts it appears to me most important that a means be found promptly for bettering the financial position of the railroads. The plan which has appealed to me most of those which I have heard is that the Reconstruction Finance Corp. should be authorized to lend money to the railroads, which they might use for the purchase of their own bonds at present depreciated prices.

"In this way the railroads could bring about a substantial reduction in their annual interest charges and so effect an important improvement in their financial position. Moreover, the purchase of these bonds in the market would be most beneficial to the banks, insurance companies and other institutions holding railroad obligations, and would bring nearer the time when the general bond market would be able to resume its function of financing the new business undertakings which are so necessary to normal business activity and a larger measure of employment."

For Federal Reserve Loans.

As understood in railroad circles, the plan contemplates that the Reconstruction Finance Corp. should not lend money directly to the railroads for the purchase of their bonds, but should make this assistance available through the Federal Reserve System. The members of the Reserve would then advance the funds to the railroads receiving as collateral the bonds acquired by this means.

The advantage to the railroads from such transactions, it is argued, is that by obtaining Government loans at 6%, for example, they could extinguish a large proportion of their funded debt with a resultant net reduction in interest charges. The most important result of this reduction in interest charges would be to reduce or eliminate the new loss after charges at which some of even the best-managed railroads have operated in recent months. It is also thought possible that it might enable the railroads to provide more employment by releasing sums for repairs and maintenance now deferred. It is not thought likely, however, that it would stimulate equivalent buying, the railroads now having surplus equipment.

Opinion as to the advisability of the bond-buying movement is not unanimous in the railroad field. One official expressed the doubt that the movement could be started without causing bond prices to rise to levels where the advantage in their acquisition to the railroads would not be marked. It is also argued that the bonds to be bought under the plan would have to be those of the better grade, which, of course, have not declined as much as second and third-class railroad bonds.

The railroad official who expressed himself as favorable to the plan said he believed it would prove of even more benefit to savings banks and life insurance companies than to the railroads, for the reason that these institutions now find themselves faced with substantial investment losses as a result of the declines in issues on the "legal list" of securities available under the law for their purchase. This was taken to mean that the program would be largely confined to the purchase of bonds, which in normal times would be considered fit for investment by fiduciary institutions, rather than embracing the indiscriminate purchasing of railroad securities generally.

It is generally agreed that the plan could not be put into effect without Government aid. Bankers familiar with railroad financing do not appear cordial to the suggestion that they should provide capital in furtherance of the plan. Neither bankers nor railroad managements feel disposed to make further inroads on their own resources to back the proposal, notwithstanding its generally expected advantages.

Should a railroad buy its own bonds under the plan and pledge them for collateral, subsequently finding itself unable to pay interest on the loan through receivership or other embarrassment, the holder of the loan would be free to liquidate the collateral; but, it is explained, such liquidation might not prove a satisfactory transaction to private interests under present circumstances.

Additional Loans Aggregating \$22,782,319 to Five Roads From Reconstruction Finance Corporation Approved, Including \$10,000,000 Advance to Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Additional Applications Filed, Including \$4,390,086 Supplementary Request by St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.

Additional loans aggregating \$22,782,319 to five railroads from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation have been approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, viz.: Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry., a loan of \$10,000,000; Cincinnati Union Terminal Co., a loan of \$10,398,925; Union-Carolina RR., a loan of \$53,960; an additional loan of \$2,264,000 to the Western Pacific RR., and the Fort Smith & Western Ry., an additional loan of \$65,434. This brings the total approved to date to \$200,156,885 to 45 roads. On March 11 last the Commission approved a loan of \$162,000 to the Fort Smith & Western Ry., making the total advances to this company \$227,434. The Commission previously approved loans of \$1,303,000 and \$799,000 for terms of one year and three years, respectively, to the Western Pacific, making the total loans approved to this company \$4,366,000. In this connection it is stated that the Railroad Credit Corporation intends to take over the loan of \$1,303,000.

The Commission for the second time denied the application of the Arlington & Fairfax Ry. for a loan of \$18,000, for

the same reason that it denied the former application for a \$25,000 loan, viz.: "that the prospective earning power of the applicant and the security offered for the proposed loan are not such as to afford reasonable assurance of its ability to repay the loan."

Applications have been filed by four additional roads for loans aggregating \$1,938,761, while the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. filed a supplementary application for a loan of \$4,390,086. This brings the total amount sought by the railroads to date to approximately \$388,000,000, allowing for amended applications and withdrawals.

Details regarding the additional loans approved are as follows:

The Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co.

The Application.

The applicant requests a loan of \$10,000,000 for a term of three years from the respective dates of the several advances thereon.

The purposes of the loan and the dates upon which funds are required were stated to be as follows:

(a) To meet the payment of interest due on the obligations and on the dates shown below-----	\$4,621,519.50
May 1 1932—	
Applicant's 4½% convertible gold bonds-----	\$725,130.00
Choctaw Oklahoma & Gulf RR., 5% consolidated mortgage bonds-----	135,275.00
Applicant's short-term bank loans-----	40,000.00
	\$900,405.00
June 1 1932—	
Applicant's 5% series L, equipment trust notes-----	92,625.00
Applicant's 4½% series Q, equipment trust notes-----	284,310.00
Applicant's short-term bank loans-----	40,000.00
	\$416,935.00
July 1 1932—	
Applicant's 4% general mortgage gold bonds-----	1,231,620.00
Applicant's 4½% series O, equipment trust notes-----	162,112.50
Choctaw & Memphis RR., 5% first mortgage bonds-----	88,100.00
Little Rock & Hot Springs Western RR., 4% first mortgage bonds-----	9,072.00
White & Black River Valley Ry., 5% first mortgage bonds-----	15,000.00
Applicant's 6% series I, equipment trust notes, due July 15-----	48,600.00
Applicant's short-term bank loans-----	40,000.00
	\$1,594,504.50
Aug. 1 1932—	
Applicant's 4½% series N, equipment trust notes-----	72,900.00
Applicant's 4½% series P, equipment trust notes-----	184,275.00
St. Paul & Kansas City Short Line RR., 4½% first mortgage bonds-----	225,000.00
Applicant's short-term bank loans-----	40,000.00
	\$522,175.00
Sept. 1 1932—	
Applicant's 4½% series A, secured gold bonds-----	\$900,000.00
Rock Island Arkansas & Louisiana RR., 4½% first mortgage bonds-----	247,500.00
Applicant's short-term bank loans-----	40,000.00
	\$1,187,500.00
(b) To meet one-half of the principal of the following bank loans on the due dates thereof-----	\$4,375,000.00
May 19 1932—	
First National Bank of Chicago-----	\$500,000.00
Aug. 1 1932—	
Chase National Bank, New York-----	\$4,000,000.00
New York Trust Co., New York-----	1,000,000.00
Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago-----	2,500,000.00
Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago-----	500,000.00
Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo.-----	250,000.00
	\$8,750,000.00
(c) To meet, in part, principal of equipment trust obligations maturing on various dates as indicated-----	\$1,003,480.50
June 1 1932—	
Series L-----	\$285,000.00
Series Q-----	468,000.00
	\$753,000.00
July 1 1932—	
Series O-----	\$655,000.00
Aug. 1 1932—	
Series N-----	\$360,000.00
Series P-----	\$630,000.00
	\$990,000.00
Total loan-----	\$10,000,000.00

One-half of the note due to the First National Bank of Chicago on May 19 has now been renewed to mature on Aug. 1. The remainder of this note was discharged by the applicant at maturity. That part of the loan for 50% of the note so paid and the interest maturities in May is desired to replenish treasury cash expended for these purposes. Subsequent to the filing of the application the applicant advised that it would require at least \$3,500,000 on or before July 1, instead of the amount shown in its original application.

If the proceeds of that part of the proposed loan to meet the principal of equipment-trust obligations be applied to such of those maturities as fall due in July and in August, a recapitulation of the applicant's requirements, assembled by dates, is as follows:

May 1 Interest-----	\$900,405
May 19 Bank loan-----	250,000
June 1 Interest-----	416,935
July 1 Interest-----	\$1,594,504.50
Equipment notes-----	338,155.50
	1,932,660
Aug. 1 Interest-----	\$522,175.00
Ban loans-----	4,125,000.00
Equipment notes-----	665,325.00
	5,312,500
Sept. 1 Interest-----	1,187,500
Total-----	\$10,000,000

The applicant states it is unable to secure the needed funds, in whole or in part, from any banking source on account of the decline in the price of the applicant's securities which might be pledged therefor. It is our view that the question of the applicant's ability to procure funds through banking channels or from the general public is one committed by Section 5

of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act primarily to the Corporation.

The applicant shows that in the period of the last year it has borrowed upon its treasury collateral \$8,750,000, and thereby reduced its collateral resources having established market value to a relatively small amount, but that it does have a considerable quantity of other securities which are valuable. The applicant is eligible to borrow from the Railroad Credit Corporation, an organization created to carry out the purposes of our decisions in Fifteen Per Cent Case, 1931, 178 I.C.C. 539, 179 I.C.C. 215, under its "Marshalling and Distributing Plan, 1931," but there is no other source of credit available to it.

The applicant has filed with the Railroad Credit Corporation an application for a loan of \$4,621,519.50 to enable it to meet the fixed interest obligations due from May 1 to Sept. 1 1932, covered by the application here under consideration, and intends to apply for other loans to meet other interest maturities after Sept. 1 if conditions should require. The applicant is not inclined to press that application and no loan by the Corporation has been approved. While, to the extent that loans from that source may be obtained, the amount required of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will be less, it is our view that we must now consider the application before us with a view to the possibility that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will be the only source to which the applicant may look for substantial assistance during the remainder of the current year.

Necessities of the Applicant.

Of the interest maturities to be met by the applicant, those of the Choctaw which occurred in May were assumed by the applicant under the terms of a lease dated March 24 1904, by virtue of which the Choctaw became a part of the Rock Island System; those of the Choctaw & Memphis RR. had previously become an obligation of the Choctaw, which is guarantor of the interest under a lease of the former; those of the Little Rock & Hot Springs Western represent the interest upon \$453,600 of the bonds under a mortgage subject to which the applicant purchased 25.81 miles of the railroad of the latter. The total issue of these last named bonds outstanding is \$1,140,000, the remaining \$686,400 of the issue being guaranteed by the Missouri Pacific RR. The interest on the mortgage of the White & Black River Valley Ry. also is guaranteed by the Choctaw under a lease dated July 1 1900, and guaranteed by the applicant under its lease of the Choctaw of 1904. The interest on the mortgage of the Short Line is guaranteed unconditionally by the applicant as to principal and interest under the terms of a lease of the property of the Short Line by the applicant effective Nov. 1 1913. The interest on the mortgage of the Louisiana also is guaranteed unconditionally under a lease to the applicant by the Louisiana of its property dated June 1 1906. The remaining maturities for which the loan is desired are the direct obligations of the applicant. The interest on short-term bank loans is a monthly obligation. The monthly interest fluctuates over or under \$40,000 per month, but that is substantially the monthly amount of such obligation over a period of months.

The applicant estimated it would have a cash balance on June 1 of \$1,597,000, although for a carrier with such extensive operations the balance is comparatively small. During June the applicant estimates that its necessary expenditures will so exceed its receipts as to cause a deficit in cash by the end of that month of \$1,241,866. In the first part of July, however, there will exist a large demand for cash from sources other than operations, although revenues during the remainder of that month are expected nearly to offset the early payments. From August until the end of 1932 the applicant's deficit in cash is shown to be cumulative. The cumulative effect of the demand for cash in excess of expected cash receipts, estimated according to the trend of recent traffic statistics, will more than consume the cash which was on hand at the close of May, together with the proceeds of the proposed loan, by the end of October. During October, November and December other maturities of interest, equipment obligations and other debts will occur which, even with the aid of the loan sought, would, as now estimated, leave the carrier a cash deficit of \$5,469,000 at the end of December. The need for the loan sought is clearly shown.

Conclusions.

Upon investigation of the application, we conclude:
1. That we should approve a loan of \$10,000,000 to The Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a term to expire not later than March 1 1934, to be advanced in installments as follows:

On or before June 15 1932.....	\$1,500,000
On or before July 1 1932.....	2,000,000
On or before Aug. 1 1932.....	5,312,500
On or before Sept. 1 1932.....	1,187,500

the proceeds of such loan to be devoted to the purposes indicated in this report;

2. That the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will be adequately secured by the pledge of the following securities:

- (a) Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry., first and refunding mortgage 4% bonds of 1934.....\$6,435,000.00
- (b) St. Paul & Kansas City Short Line RR., first mortgage 4 1/2% bonds of 1941.....9,154,000.00
- (c) Chicago Rock Island & Gulf Ry., extension first mortgage 5% bonds of 1960.....6,927,000.00
- (d) Chicago Rock Island & Gulf Ry., Carrollton branch, first mortgage 6% bonds of 1937.....331,000.00
- (e) Kankakee & Seneca RR., general mortgage, series A, 4 1/2% bonds of 2020.....352,000.00
- (f) Rock Island & Dardanelle Ry., first mortgage 5% bonds of 1934.....100,000.00
- (g) Rock Island Memphis Terminal Ry., depot first mortgage 5% bonds.....900,000.00
- (h) Rock Island Memphis Terminal Ry., Terminal first mortgage 5% bonds.....400,000.00
- (i) Rock Island Omaha Terminal Ry., first mortgage 5% bonds.....600,000.00
- (j) Rock Island Improvement Co., Blue Island Shops, mortgage bonds.....199,000.00
- (k) Rock Island Improvement Co., Cedar Rapids Terminal, mortgage bonds.....369,732.99
- (l) Rock Island Improvement Co., Little Rock, mortgage 5% bonds.....278,492.49
- (m) Rock Island Improvement Co., Peoria Terminal, mortgage 5% bonds.....290,247.86

3. That, before any advance upon the loan is made, the applicant should deposit with the Corporation an agreement of the holders of those obligations, or other evidence satisfactory to the Corporation, that 50% of the bank loans herein described will be extended to a maturity date not earlier than the maturity date of the loan herein conditionally approved.

Fort Smith & Western Ry. Co.

On March 11 1932 we approved a loan of \$162,000 to the applicant for specified purposes, viz.: \$64,332 to pay overdue joint facility rents and indebtedness to the Fort Smith & Western Employees' Hospital Association; \$42,668 to pay taxes in the State of Oklahoma for 1930, and \$55,000 to pay bank loans which matured on or prior to Feb. 4 1932. As a condition of our approval we required the applicant to pledge with the Cor-

poration \$162,000 of receiver's certificates. We deferred consideration of the request for a loan of \$36,500 to pay taxes levied in 1931 and of \$51,633.92 for operating deficits during 1932 pending the results of operation during the earlier months of the year. Pursuant to a condition prescribed, the applicant has filed a preliminary report of the expenditures made from the proceeds of the first advance for the specific purposes for which it was authorized.

Supplemental Request of Applicant.

The receiver requests an additional advance of \$65,434.51 under the application, to be made available on or before June 15 1932. Such further loan is proposed to be applied to paying:

Bills for materials and supplies.....	\$3,086.98
Joint facility rents and operating expenses connected therewith.....	15,558.31
Bills for car repairs.....	6,144.45
General taxes for 1931 in the State of Arkansas.....	3,019.69
General taxes for 1931 in the State of Oklahoma.....	33,935.28
Balance due on fire insurance premium for 1932.....	3,689.80
Total.....	\$65,434.51

The two items for taxes correspond to the applicant's original request for \$36,500 for those purposes. The remainder of the items, in total amount of \$28,479.54, correspond to the original request for \$51,633.92 to cover operating deficits during 1932.

In support of its further request, the applicant has submitted schedules showing the details of each class of indebtedness listed above. The bills for materials and supplies cover the period January to April 1932, and represent purchase of repair parts, ties, &c., from nine concerns. The bills for joint facility rents cover the period November 1931 to April 1932, and are due principally to the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry., The Kansas City Southern Ry. and the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. The loan heretofore approved provided for similar payments during a prior period. The bills for car repairs cover the period January to April 1932, and comprise a large number of individual accounts with numerous railroad companies and private car lines. Such bills against the receiver aggregate \$8,559.85, but \$2,415.40 is deducted for amounts due to the receiver, leaving a net indebtedness of \$6,144.45. With respect to the tax payments, for which a further loan is requested, the amount \$3,019.69 was payable on April 10 1932 in Sebastian County, Ark., \$17,313.89 was payable in nine counties of Oklahoma on April 15 1932, and \$16,621.39 will be payable in the same counties on June 15 1932. The receiver's fire insurance schedule for the current year calls for a total premium payment of \$5,689.80. On Feb. 15 the receiver paid \$2,000 on this account, leaving \$3,689.80 now due.

Security.

As collateral security for the additional advance requested, the applicant offers to pledge a like amount of receiver's certificates payable to the Corporation, maturing in three years, with interest at 6% per annum. Such certificates would constitute a first lien on the property, paramount to the mortgages executed by the railway company, to all interest on outstanding bonds, and to all other liabilities and obligations of every nature. Together with the certificates now pledged with the Corporation as security for the first advance authorized, the total face amount of certificates issued by the receiver, all pledged with the Corporation, will be \$227,434.

Conclusions.

Upon further consideration of the application and supporting data, and after investigation thereof, we conclude:

- 1. That we should approve a further loan to the receiver of the Fort Smith & Western Ry. by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, for a term not exceeding three years, for the purpose of providing funds to pay bills for materials, supplies and car repairs, joint facility rents, general taxes for 1931 in Arkansas and Oklahoma, and balance due for premium on fire insurance during 1932, as set forth in the supplemental request filed May 31 1932, and in this report, in an amount not exceeding \$65,434;
- 2. That the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will be adequately secured by the pledge of an equal amount of receiver's certificates duly authorized by the court of jurisdiction, having an equal rank with the certificates now pledged for the loan heretofore approved by us, or by the acceptance of such receiver's certificates as direct evidence of the receiver's indebtedness to the Corporation.

Cincinnati Union Terminal Company.

The Application.

The applicant requests a loan of \$11,400,000 for the purpose of providing funds with which to complete the construction of a union passenger station and passenger equipment terminal. The loan is desired in installments, \$2,000,000 to be available immediately, \$2,000,000 on July 1, \$1,000,000 on the first of each succeeding month to and including February, 1933, and \$400,000 on March 1 1933.

The applicant has conducted negotiations for the sale of bonds to provide funds, and for borrowing money temporarily on the security of such bonds, for the purposes mentioned, but has been unable to obtain any definite offer to purchase the bonds or assurance of advances in any substantial amount on demand or short-term notes secured thereby. It is our view that the ability of the applicant to obtain funds on reasonable terms through banking channels or from the general public is a question committed by Section 5 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act primarily to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

All the common stock of the applicant is held in equal shares by the Baltimore & Ohio RR., Chesapeake & Ohio RR., Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific Ry., Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry. (Big Four), Louisville & Nashville RR., Norfolk & Western Ry. and Pennsylvania RR. These seven carriers therefore have control of the applicant corporation. Seven of the 10 members of the applicant's board of directors are elected by the proprietary carriers. Certain of the controlling carriers have applied for and secured loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The total of such loans to these carriers, together with the loan now sought by the applicant, will aggregate less than \$100,000,000. No objection to the granting of this loan by any of the proprietary companies or other affiliates of the applicant has been brought to our attention.

Transportation Properties and Operations.

The applicant is engaged in the construction of a union depot passenger station and equipment terminal, with connecting tracks and appurtenant facilities, in the City of Cincinnati, to be used by all of the railroads entering that city, including the seven proprietary carriers. The owned track-age under construction embraces 22 miles of main line and 26 miles of yard tracks. The proprietary carriers are obligated by contract to use the terminal for all passenger trains, except suburban trains, and to divide all expenses. Annual earnings from miscellaneous rentals and concessions in the terminal area when construction is complete are estimated at \$256,700.

The work has thus far been financed through advances and subscriptions for the common stock by the proprietary trunk lines and by the sale of preferred stock and bonds to the public, with temporary financing by bank loans. Expenditures to April 30 1932 are detailed below:

Real estate, including taxes and expense of acquisition	\$11,061,348
Interest during construction, including interest on proceeds from sale of preferred stock	1,931,416
Engineering—On superseded plan	\$648,128
On adopted plan	1,121,520
	1,769,648
General overhead	225,665
Construction—Moving property of others	\$3,723,961
Grading	1,920,169
Bridges, trestles and culverts	903,408
Track accounts	130,042
Crossings and signs	1,871,453
Station and office buildings	5,459,639
Unapplied material	436,060
Other roadway accounts	123,892
Unadjusted debits	554,732
	\$15,124,256
Less retained percentages due contractors	514,732
	14,609,524
Discount on funded debt	597,740
	\$30,195,341

Investments in road and equipment are shown by the balance sheet of April 30 1932 as \$29,492,080, and total assets as \$31,946,323, including \$500,476 spent on freight-house facilities outside the terminal area and charged as an unadjusted debit. Revenues and expenses during construction amount to a net credit of \$204,323.

A statement of cash receipts and the sources thereof, and of the cash condition on April 30 1932, shows the following:

Common stock	\$35,000
Preferred stock	3,000,000
Bonds	24,000,000
Advances	3,465,000
Interest accrued, not paid (on advances)	810,500
Accounts unpaid	120,510
	\$31,431,010
Gross receipts	\$31,431,010
Less—Cash on hand	\$1,103,553
Accounts receivable	35,658
Percentage retained by city for viaduct construction	96,458
	\$1,235,669
Total expenditures	\$30,195,341

The estimated cost to complete all facilities according to present plans is \$13,795,511 (this amount including unapplied material already purchased) in addition to the above stated expenditures to April 30 1932. This amount includes \$2,909,575 for interest and \$479,173 for engineering and general overhead. On the basis of the work being completed April 1 1933, as now intended, interest appears to be stated in an amount sufficient to reimburse the proprietary carriers for all past accruals on advances. The total represents the following work remaining to be done:

Southeast connecting line for Chesapeake & Ohio and Louisville & Nashville	\$1,133,890
Southwest connecting line for Baltimore & Ohio and Big Four	1,124,377
Passenger station yard	797,135
Passenger station concourse and approaches	4,284,454
Mail facilities	957,763
Express facilities	628,826
Locomotive terminal	716,924
Coach yard	571,273
Power house	747,701
Signals and interlocking	1,432,713
Other items	905,723
Retained percentage due contractor	514,732
	\$13,795,511
Cost to complete	\$13,795,511
Less—Unapplied materials	\$443,535
Cash available	1,115,160
Amounts due company	712,856
	2,271,551

Money required to complete \$11,523,960

Of the work remaining to be done on April 30, requiring outlays totaling \$13,795,511, the applicant was already committed on that date for expenditures of \$6,912,056, or about one-half of the total, as follows:

Retained percentages due contractors	\$514,732
Unapplied materials	443,535
To complete contracts entered into prior to April 30	5,953,789
	\$6,912,056

Of the contracts entered into prior to April 30, all except the one for constructing the station building were complete or up to the contract schedule. The station contract on which work was started May 5 1931 was 64% complete on April 30 1932, but about 15% behind schedule. This contract calls for a total expenditure of \$5,744,938. In addition thereto, the contract cost to complete the station concourse and approaches will apparently be about \$1,100,000.

Up to April 30 1932 the applicant had made total direct expenditures for land amounting to \$11,567,975. Of this amount it has spent:

For taxes	\$93,950
For cost of acquisition	263,308
For cost of land	11,415,040
Rents, received from land	Cr.204,323
	\$11,567,975
Spent for land outside of the terminal area	2,482,314

Inside the terminal area \$9,085,661

There remains to be spent for land all inside of the terminal area \$495,715. The applicant expects to receive from property salvaged \$426,000, leaving a net prospective expenditure of \$69,715. Deducting property salvage, the final net cost of land outside the terminal area will thus be \$2,056,314. Due to depreciated land values, this property is estimated to be presently worth \$1,700,000, the expected loss being \$356,314. Much of this property outside of the terminal area is potential industrial property and in normal times would have a ready sale value.

Necessities of the Applicant.

At the close of business on May 31 1932, cash in banks, less payroll drafts and vouchers outstanding, had been reduced to \$435,860, this balance being the result of demand loans from the same banks aggregating \$450,000. Unpaid vouchers on June 9 1932 totaled \$697,706, virtually all of which represented expenses vouchered during the preceding 10 days. The construction program calls for completing the entire project by April 1 1933, requiring average monthly expenditures of about \$1,000,000. June and July will exceed the average, however, requiring together about \$3,969,100. Early completion of the work is imperative because of mounting interest charges on presently unproductive investments. Moreover, dividends are currently paid on the preferred stock amounting to \$150,000 annually.

Under date of June 15 1932 the Baltimore & Ohio paid the applicant \$400,000 on account of real estate at Cincinnati.

Security.

The security offered for the loan consists of the applicant's first mortgage 5% series O bonds of 1957. On April 29 1932 the applicant filed an application with us for authority to issue and sell these bonds in the aggregate

amount of \$12,000,000. Authority was granted the applicant to procure authentication and delivery of the bonds mentioned on June 16 1932, in Finance Docket No. 9374. Under the terms of the mortgage the applicant can draw down these bonds only as construction progresses. On the date of filing the loan application, the applicant represents, it was entitled to draw down over \$3,000,000 of the bonds and is prepared to pledge that amount of bonds to secure the first advance of \$2,000,000. As the construction proceeds, additional bonds will become available, and the applicant proposes to pledge these bonds in that manner, maintaining a margin of approximately \$1,000,000 in principal amount of bonds pledged over the total sum borrowed at any time.

Conclusions.

Upon consideration of the application and after investigation thereof, we conclude:

1. That we should approve a loan to the applicant of \$10,398,925 by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a term not to exceed three years for the purpose of providing funds to continue construction of the applicant's Cincinnati union passenger station and passenger equipment terminal;
2. That as security for the loan the applicant should from time to time pledge with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation its first mortgage series O 5% bonds of 1957 in such amounts that the total principal amount of the bonds pledged shall at all times exceed the total advances to it by not less than \$1,000,000;
3. That the applicant should be required to report to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and to us within 40 days from the making of each advance upon the loan of the disposition made of the proceeds thereof;
4. That no funds should be provided from this loan to pay interest in the amount of \$1,001,075 accrued and to accrue on advances by the proprietary companies.

Buffalo, Union-Carolina RR.

The Application.

The applicant requests a loan of \$100,000, to mature not later than Feb. 1 1935. The purpose for which the proceeds of the loan are desired is the payment of overdue short-term indebtedness to the Union Manufacturing & Power Co. and the purchase of material and supplies for current maintenance.

The applicant has become a party to the "Marshalling and Distributing Plan, 1931." It has remitted \$62.23 to the Railroad Credit Corporation, representing collections for the month of January, 1932, due to increased rates permitted by us in that case. No application for a loan has been or will be made by the applicant to the Railroad Credit Corporation.

Transportation Properties and Operations.

As of Dec. 31 1931 the applicant owned and operated a single-track, standard-gauge railroad located in the northwestern part of South Carolina. The main line extends from Pride to Buffalo, a distance of 19,356 miles. It also owned and operated 2,646 miles of yard tracks and sidings, or a total of 22,002 miles of all tracks.

Necessities of the Applicant.

The applicant's 1931 annual report shows non-negotiable debt to affiliated companies, payable on demand, in the amount of \$92,068. This entire indebtedness is due the Union Manufacturing & Power Co. for unpaid advances, plus interest. These advances, according to statements in the application, were made to enable the applicant to meet the expense of rehabilitating its property following a flood in July, 1916, and the expense of filling trestles in 1920, at the direction of the South Carolina Railroad Commission.

The balance of the loan, \$7,932, is to be used in purchasing material and supplies for current maintenance purposes.

By reason of the fact that the applicant is privately owned or controlled, the question has been presented as to whether the transportation needs of the particular section of the country served by its railroad require that it be continued as an efficient operating entity. In a tentative valuation report issued by us covering the properties of the Union & Glenn Springs RR., we described the property as an "industrial railroad." The carrier objects to this designation and evidence was adduced at the hearing for the purpose of showing that during the three-year period ended Dec. 31 1925 only 53.17% of its total revenue was obtained from the traffic of the proprietary company, Union-Buffalo Mills Co. Testimony was also offered to show that about 10,000 passengers were carried during this three-year period. Upon the basis of that record we reached the conclusion in Union & Glenn Springs RR. supra: "that this carrier is not of the type usually characterized as an industrial road and its designation as such in the tentative report will be eliminated."

The applicant represents that it has been unable to obtain the funds required to meet the obligations recited in the application upon reasonable terms through banking channels or other sources. It is our view that this is a question which is committed by Section 5 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act primarily to the corporation.

Conclusions.

Upon consideration of the application and after investigation thereof, we conclude:

1. That we should approve a loan to the Buffalo, Union-Carolina RR. by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, in the amount of \$53,960, for a period to expire not later than Feb. 1 1935, for the following purposes:

For application to the payment of overdue short-term indebtedness to the Union Manufacturing & Power Co.	\$46,028
For purchase of material and supplies for current maintenance purposes	7,932
Total	\$53,960

2. That the applicant shall pledge with said Corporation \$400,000 principal amount of its first mortgage 30-year 6% bonds, due Feb. 1 1935;

3. That the loan should be further secured, as to both principal and interest, by the unrestricted endorsement and guaranty of the Union-Buffalo Mills Co.;

4. That before any advance upon the loan is made the applicant should deposit with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation binding commitments of the then holders thereof, or other proof satisfactory to the Corporation that the remainder of the short-term notes, aggregate principal amount of \$92,068, will be extended for a term not earlier than the term of the loan herein conditionally approved.

Western Pacific RR.

The Commission June 24 approved a further loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the Western Pacific RR. in the amount of \$2,264,000. The funds will be made available in five installments and devoted to the payment of fixed charges, construction costs of the northern California extension, additions, betterments and taxes.

The conclusions of the Commission are as follows: "That we should approve a further loan to the Western Pacific RR. Co. by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the amount of \$2,264,000

for a term not exceeding three years from the dates of the several advances thereon and for the purposes set forth in the report;

"That said loan should be initially secured by the pledge with the Corporation of the collateral approved by us as security for the loans heretofore made; and should be further secured, as and when the same are issued before the last advance upon the loan, by the pledge of \$5,000,000 principal amount of Western Pacific RR. general and refunding mortgage 5% bonds of 1957, or such part thereof as we may authorize to be issued;

"That no advance upon the loan herein approved should be made until the Railroad Credit Corporation shall have first reimbursed the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the sum of \$1,303,000 for the account of the applicant;

"That the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will be adequately secured under these conditions; and

"That the applicant should be required to report to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and to us, within 30 days from the making of the several advances of the loan, the expenditure of the proceeds thereof for the purposes for which the loan is approved."

Additional loans have been filed by the following roads bringing the total amount sought to date to approximately \$389,000,000, allowing for amended applications and withdrawals.

Frankfort & Cincinnati RR.....	\$22,285
Hoboken Manufacturers RR.....	200,000
Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington RR.....	60,000
Mound City & Eastern Ry.....	850,000
Missouri & North Arkansas Ry.....	\$575,000
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.....	\$4,390,086
Savannah & Atlanta Ry.....	\$23,761

* Amended, amount reduced from \$50,000.

a Supplementary application. Company originally sought \$17,998,450. Of this amount \$2,805,175 was approved. On April 1 in a supplementary application company asked for \$12,717,814 of which \$1,800,000 was approved on condition that company file a plan with the Commission prior to July 1 effecting substantial reduction in fixed interest charges. (V. 134, p. 3386). b Amended amount reduced from \$1,250,000.

Frankfort & Cincinnati RR.

The Frankfort & Cincinnati RR. has amended its request to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for approval of a \$50,000 Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan by reducing the amount requested to \$22,285. A first mortgage is offered for the loan, which would be used to aid temporary financing.

Hoboken Manufacturers RR.

The Hoboken Manufacturers RR. has asked the Commission's approval for a loan of \$200,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for three years. Advances would be secured by a mortgage on its properties and used to rearrange terminals and pay fixed charges of \$100,000.

Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington RR.

Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington RR. has asked Inter-State Commerce Commission or approval of a \$60,000 three-year loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to pay a long-standing debt and finance improvements and repairs to roadbeds and structures. The road offers its promissory note as security for the loan.

Missouri & North Arkansas Ry.

The Missouri & North Arkansas Ry. upon being advised that the Commission could not approve its request for a loan of \$1,250,000, amended its application by reducing the amount sought to \$575,000 for a one-year period. Receiver's certificates are offered as security for the funds, which would be used to pay taxes, wages interest, purchase of supplies and materials and retire receivers' certificates.

The Director of the Bureau of Finance in this connection suggested to the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. that it might be interested in purchasing the securities or properties of the Missouri & North Arkansas Ry., but the road's attorney advised that it was not interested in acquiring this property.

Mound City & Eastern Ry.

The Mound City and Eastern Ry. has asked the Commission to approve a three-year loan of \$850,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to pay existing indebtedness, to complete construction and to purchase equipment. The loan is to be secured by pledge of the carrier's first mortgage bonds.

Savannah & Atlanta Ry.

The receiver of the Savannah & Atlanta Ry. has asked the Commission to approve a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation totaling \$23,761 for three years. Receivers' certificates are offered as security for the loan.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.

The Frisco, June 23, filed with the Inter-State Commerce Commission a supplemental application for a loan of \$4,390,086 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to meet all requirements of the road on July 1 with the exception of the maturing bank loans of \$5,974,722, which the carrier proposes to have extended by the various institutions which advanced the credit.

Details regarding the supplementary request of the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. are given elsewhere in this issue.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Cuts Loan Application—Withdraws Request to Inter-State Commerce Commission for \$5,974,722 to Meet Bank Loans July 1—\$4,390,086 Still Sought—Receivership Inevitable if Loan is Not Granted.

Assuming the success of its plan for a reduction in its fixed interest charges as required recently by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., in a supplemental application filed with the Commission, June 23, reduced from \$9,364,808 to \$4,390,086, the amount it has requested be made available to it on or before July by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The reduction was effected by withdrawing a request for \$5,974,722 to meet maturing bank loans on July 1, which, under the Frisco's plan, are to be extended to a later date. In reporting the matter the New York "Times" further says:

It substituted in lieu of the amount for bank loans, however, \$1,000,000 for additional working capital and asserted that it was urgently required.

Making up the remainder of the \$4,390,086 for July 1 requirements were \$908,248 for taxes and \$2,481,838 for interest on the road's prior lien mortgage bonds.

The Frisco declared that unless it was granted the loan requested an immediate receivership would result.

The original application was for a loan of \$17,998,542, of which \$1,474,722 was for meeting bank loans payable on demand, and \$4,500,000 for others due July 1.

\$2,805,175 Previously Authorized.

The Commission at that time authorized an immediate loan of \$2,805,175 for meeting interest requirements on March 1, which loan was advanced by the Finance Corporation. It was later taken over by the Railroad Credit Corporation.

The remainder sought by the road was reduced, in an amended application, to \$12,717,814 to be supplied by the Corporation as follows:

May 1, \$1,620,777; May 15, \$400,000, July 1, \$9,364,808; Aug. 15, \$105,255, and Sept. 1, \$1,226,974.

The amounts sought in May were for payment of delinquent taxes and equipment trust obligations, and on this amended application the Commission approved a loan of \$1,800,000.

Holding that the Frisco was overcapitalized, the Commission made its approval of the loan conditional upon the road's agreement to submit, on or before July 1, a plan for a reduction of its fixed charges. The agreement was made and the loan advanced by the Finance Corporation.

This left the Frisco only in need of the funds required for July, August and September obligations. The July 1 needs of \$9,364,808 were reduced in to-day's supplemental application to \$4,390,086 by withdrawal of that part of the original application seeking \$5,974,722 for payment of bank loans, except to the extent of \$1,000,000 for additional working capital.

Assumes Interest Charges Are Cut.

Withdrawal of the request for \$5,974,722 for July 1 maturities of bank loans assumes the success of the plan required by the Commission for a reduction in the road's fixed interest charges.

In to-day's application the Frisco said it "has presented or is about to present, such plan for formal approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission."

"It is proposed," the road said, "that such plan be promulgated on or about July 1 1932. In connection with such plan, it is contemplated that the bank loans referred to will be extended to a date later than July 1 1932. Accordingly the applicant hereby withdraws its application for a loan of \$5,974,722 on July 1, for payment of said bank loans, except to the extent of \$1,000,000 for additional working capital, which the applicant urgently requires.

"Failure to obtain the loan applied for will make it impossible for the applicant to proceed to carry out such plan, and will necessarily result in an immediate receivership of the applicant."

The road further states that it was unable to obtain the needed funds in whole or part from the sale of its bonds, or by ordinary bank loans, and that due to the purposes of the loan sought and the lack of funds in the treasury of the Railroad Credit Corporation, it doubted its ability to secure assistance from that source.

Although officials of the road have declined to discuss the nature of the plan for reducing fixed charges, it was indicated in an offer to pledge with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, as additional security, \$4,390,000 of new prior mortgage bonds secured by a lien on the properties of the applicant.

John N. Willys, Who Retires As Ambassador to Poland, Regards Eighteenth Amendment As Having Definitely Failed.

John N. Willys, who is giving up his post as United States Ambassador to Poland, returned to this country on June 13 on the North German Lloyd liner Europa. His intention to retire as Ambassador was noted in our issue of May 7, page 3388. Mr. Willys will resume his duties as Chairman of the Board of the Willys-Overland Co. of Toledo, Ohio. In the New York "Times" of June 14 it was stated that, when asked for his opinion upon the prohibition issue, Mr. Willys said that he felt the Eighteenth Amendment had definitely failed in purpose and must be repealed. It could not stand up any longer, he continued, and would fall down just as a house built on sand. The "Times" further reported him as follows:

Sees Sentiment for Change.

"Congress should be guided," said the retiring Ambassador, "by the will of the people, which now points to modification of the dry law. I think the people of each individual State should be permitted to determine whether they want prohibition or not, and that the people of other States should not have a voice in the matter except as it concerns them.

"This country will go to wrack and ruin if it is not changed," he continued, "and changed soon. The United States has not a chance in the world to-day if this law is permitted to continue. We are spending \$500,000,000 to enforce a law that nobody will obey. If we had this money, with the city, State and central governments economizing, we would soon get somewhere."

Mr. Willys said that prohibition was undermining the structure of the Government and was promoting crime. "If we do not get rid of it, it will have a decidedly detrimental effect on the future of the country," he asserted. He was glad to hear of the statement made by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and said it was "100%."

While expressing confidence that better business conditions lay ahead, Mr. Willys held that good results could not come without hard work and that "we must get down to fundamentals and work our way out."

Death of Robert S. Lovett, Chairman of Board of Union Pacific RR.—Harriman's Chief Legal Adviser

Robert S. Lovett, Chairman of the board of the Union Pacific RR., administrator of the estate of Edward H. Harriman, and former head of all the Harriman railroad interests, died on June 19 in the Harkness Pavilion at the Medical Center in New York City. He would have been 72 years old on June 22.

Mr. Lovett went to the hospital last week from his Home, Candlelight, at Locust Valley, for an operation. From the New York "Sun" of June 20 we quote the following regarding Mr. Lovett's career:

For five years before Mr. Harriman's death, Mr. Lovett acted as his personal attorney and intimate business adviser. When he was brought to New York by Harriman in 1904, the railroad attorney was little known outside of Texas, his native State, but he developed rapidly and soon won an enviable reputation.

Born in Texas.

He was born at San Jacinto, Texas, June 22 1860. . . . As a boy Mr. Lovett worked on his father's farm and went to a country school. When he was 14 years old the construction crew of the Houston East & West Ry. reached the neighborhood in which he lived and he was employed digging stumps from the right of way.

Later he studied law in the office of Representative Charles Stewart at Houston. He was admitted to the bar in 1882 and began the practice of law at Cold Springs. He became one of the leading railroad lawyers of Texas. He came into contact with Edward H. Harriman through the large interest of the Southern Pacific RR. in that State, and Jan. 1 1904, he was made general counsel for all the Harriman lines in Texas and went to New York to live.

Prior to his election as Chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific System, Mr. Lovett was Vice-President and Acting President of the System. Although not an operating man, he long had been familiar with the Harriman plans of railroad management.

In railway and financial circles, where he was generally addressed as "Judge," although he never acted in a judicial capacity, he was said to exercise more influence over the organizer of the Harriman System than any other man.

Harriman's Chief Adviser.

Although the Harriman System employed many high-priced and eminent lawyers in the years it fought the suit of the Federal Government for separation of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific, it was always to Mr. Lovett that Mr. Harriman looked for guidance and understanding of the many briefs and arguments submitted by his other legal advisers. . . .

Mr. Lovett continued as the directing head of the Union Pacific System until Oct. 23 1923, when, acting upon the advice of his physician, he retired from active supervision of the operating and financial affairs of the System. He resigned as Chairman of the executive committee, a position he assumed upon the death of Mr. Harriman but continued as Chairman of the board. He also remained active in two other important fields—valuation of railroads by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the consolidation of railroads.

In July 1917, three months after the United States entered the World War, Mr. Lovett was called to Washington as a member of the War Industries Board. After he had organized the division of priorities, he was placed in charge of that branch of the board and thus participated in the first price-fixing of the war, which was done in the early autumn of 1917.

Mr. Lovett remained in charge of priorities until the Government took over the railroads in January 1918, when he went to the Railroad Administration as director of the Division of Capital Expenditures, resigning his connection with the War Industries Board, which soon was reorganized.

J. Stewart Baker Head of New York State Bankers' Association at Annual Convention Urges Regional Clearing House Organizations to Forestall Greater Bank Control by Banking Department—Would Have United States Co-operate with Other Nations to Solve Reparations and Debt Problems—Proposes that Corporations with Too Great Working Capital Reduce Same to Help Restore Normal Conditions.

In his address as President of the New York State Banking Association, at the opening session of its annual convention, June 13, J. Stewart Baker alluded to the public criticism of bankers, "and their manner of conducting their institutions," and said "it seems to me that we must face two possibilities—either the public will demand a banking department which not only supervises, but to a large extent controls and directs . . . or else the banks themselves will take steps to control and direct each other, so that unsound and unsafe practices will not be tolerated among them." Mr. Baker urged the members of the Association to throw their "support and influence with the men in the various parts of the State who are really attempting to do something constructive in building up regional organizations of the clearing house type from which . . . there should evolve a banking system which would inspire confidence in the minds of the people and would be a model for the whole country."

Mr. Baker also urged that bankers take the lead in crystallizing public opinion for the curtailment of governmental expenses and a cessation of the increase in governmental debt. He also proposed that the United States co-operate with other nations in solving the problems of German reparations and international debts providing all armaments are cut to the minimum.

Another suggestion by Mr. Baker was that "those corporations which have too much working capital for the business which they can reasonably expect in the near future, purchase their own securities and retire them. This recommendation was offered with a view to aiding in the restoration of normal financial conditions. Mr. Baker argued that if it was thought wise, when business was expanding so rapidly, to increase the working capital, it would seem

logical, now that business has contracted, to reduce this working capital by repurchasing the securities sold during more favorable times. The annual convention of the New York State Bankers' Association was held at the Westchester Country Club, at Rye, N. Y., June 13 to 15. Mr. Baker is Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co. of New York City.

Remarks of Joseph A. Broderick New York State Superintendent of Banks Before New York State Bankers' Convention—Says Times Call for Courage and Willingness to Face Facts Calmly

Joseph A. Broderick, New York State Superintendent of Banks, received a rousing reception when on June 13 at the request of President J. Stewart Baker he addressed a few words to the annual convention of the New York State Bankers Association at Rye, N. Y.

The New York "Evening Post" which reports this, also stated in a Rye dispatch June 13:

The evident enthusiasm of the support tendered Mr. Broderick, whose tasks all recognized have not been light in the past year or two and whose load has not been lightened by the necessity of defending himself in the long prosecution proceedings recently brought to conclusion with a complete vindication of him, could not be mistaken.

Mr. Broderick responded with a warm tribute to bankers, particularly those in up-State New York who in many instances, he said, had sacrificed their entire personal holdings to protect banks in which they had an interest. The times, he said, called for courage and willingness to face the facts calmly. Given this willingness, there was no question, he believed, but we should find a way out of the difficulties that now beset us.

"Of course we have made mistakes," Mr. Broderick continued. "Of course there are bankers who had forgotten the true function of banks, investors wild with the age-old dream of avarice and business men who lost sight of the canons of conservative conduct of their affairs."

But this, he added, is a time to look forward, not backward. The time will come when we shall have succeeded in correcting conditions and restoring normality, and when that time comes, Mr. Broderick said, "we must proceed with legislation necessary to prevent a recurrence of the abuses of the past."

Committee on Federal Legislation of New York State Bankers Association Opposes New Federal Measures.

William S. Irish, Executive Vice-President in charge of the Brooklyn division of the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co. and Chairman of the Committee on Federal Legislation of the New York State Bankers Association, reported on June 13 on the findings of the Committee at the convention held at the Westchester Country Club, Rye, New York. The Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" of June 14 reported

The Committee went on record as opposed to the following legislative measures:

- Home loan bank bills, increase in postal savings limits to \$10,000.
- Manner of collecting check tax (favoring stamps).
- Bank guaranty bills.
- Glass bill provision for abolition of securities affiliates.
- Glass provision for limitation of loans on securities in process of flotation.
- Glass bill elimination of State banking systems.
- Glass provision to create Washington committee to control open market operations and relations with foreign central banks.
- Senate plan to amend Section 5219 on taxation of National banks; if amendment is necessary prefers House bill.

The Committee took no action on the Glass bill to give National banks additional currency privileges. The Committee recommended separate bills for detailed further debate on branch banking and on Federal liquidating corporations.

H. H. Griswold Elected President New York State Bankers Association—Other Officers Elected—Resolution Adopted.

Herman H. Griswold, President of the First National Bank and Trust Co. of Elmira, N. Y., was elected President of the New York State Bankers Association to succeed J. Stewart Baker, Vice-Chairman of the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co. at the annual meeting of the Association at Rye, N. Y., on June 15. Other officers elected were Vice-President, George V. McLaughlin, President of the Brooklyn Trust Co. and former New York City Police Commissioner; and Treasurer, George E. Merrill, President of the Erie County Trust Co. of East Aurora, N. Y. A Rye dispatch June 15 to the New York "Times," said

Among the resolutions adopted was one placing the association on record as favoring the new Federal law imposing a tax on checks, but asserting the law, in its present form, is indefinite and confusing and "capable of such construction that a very large part of normal checking business may escape the tax." The resolution urged that the law be clarified and that the use of stamps be considered the most practical and economical method of collection.

\$150,000,000 Needed for Relief in New York State Between June 1932-1933 According to Chairman Hopkins of Gov. Roosevelt's Relief Administration.

The huge sum of \$150,000,000 will be needed for relief in New York State between June 1932 and June 1933, the

New York State Bankers convention was told by Harry L. Hopkins, Chairman of Governor Roosevelt's Temporary Emergency Relief Administration. Unemployment is increasing, Mr. Hopkins said before the convention at Rye, N. Y., June 14 and only public money obtained through direct taxation or bond issues can cope with the problem.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

Arrangements were made June 18 for the sale of a New York Stock Exchange membership at \$85,000, an advance of \$2,000 over the last previous sale, June 13.

Arrangements were made June 18 for sale of a New York Curb Exchange membership at \$17,500, a decline of \$2,000 from the last previous sale.

New York Cotton Exchange membership of Paul Appenzellar was sold June 23 to George A. Ellis, Jr., for another for \$9,500, a decrease of \$500 from the last previous sale.

A membership on the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange was sold June 18 by J. Altmark to P. H. Brandt for \$3,000, unchanged from the last previous sale, June 9.

The Board of Governors of the New York Hide Exchange has voted to close the Exchange on July 2, the Saturday preceding Independence Day, thereby establishing a three day holiday.

The petition of the New York Cotton Exchange requesting a vote of members on making Saturday, July 2, an exchange holiday was denied by the Board of Managers.

Philip DeRonde, President of Hibernia Trust Co., announced yesterday (June 24) that effective Monday, June 27, the name of the institution would be changed to Colonial Trust Co. No other corporate change is involved, nor is there to be any change in the present management of the institution. The proposal to change the name was referred to in our issue of June 18, page 4438.

Northrop Holbrook, Assistant Vice-President of Irving Trust Co., has been promoted to the position of Vice-President, according to an announcement made at the Company's headquarters at One Wall Street, June 22. The Bank at the same time also announced the following changes in its personnel: Joseph L. White to be Assistant Vice-President; Cecil W. Borton, Assistant Auditor, to be Auditor; Walter G. Vogel, Assistant Auditor, to be Assistant Secretary; Auberey C. Lambeth, John E. Lancaster, Kurt C. Lauter, Joseph S. Moss Jr., Warren G. Faries and Arthur N. Otis, to be Assistant Secretaries.

Announcing the adoption of an insured retirement program for employes of the Dry Dock Savings Institution of New York City, Andrew Mills, Jr., President, stated on June 2 that the bank's entire eligible personnel had subscribed to the plan, which is now effective through contract made with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The bank's announcement also said:

Administered by the insurance company on a contractual and cooperative basis, the retirement incomes, established through the purchase annually of annuities, will be guaranteed for life to retired employes. An employe, retiring after having been in the bank's service twenty years, provided he has then reached age 65, will receive a retirement income based on service rendered both before and after June 1 1932, the date the plan became effective.

The participating employes and the bank itself will subscribe jointly towards building up a fund to provide the retirement benefits based on service after June 1. The bank alone will defray the cost of past service annuities. The total retirement annuity of an employe will approximate 2% of his total salary after June 1 1932, plus 2% of his annual salary as of that date multiplied by years of service before the plan became effective.

While the normal retirement age is fixed at age 65, or the age nearest to that, after twenty years' service, earlier retirement, under certain conditions, may be permitted by the Institution. Later retirement may also be allowed, but with contributions ceasing after the normal retirement age, and with no extra credit established for additional service.

Upon withdrawing from the plan, an employe may receive in cash the full amount of his contributions; he may let them remain with the insurance company to produce a life income at the normal retirement age, or he may let the insurance company hold them and continue his contributions, so that, at the normal retirement age, he will receive a life income based on the total amount of his contributions.

All contributions made by an employe will be paid to his beneficiary in case of his death before retirement. Should the employe die after retirement, his beneficiary will receive any excess of the employe's contributions over the full amount of retirement benefits paid him.

Louis G. Kaufman has resigned as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Manufacturers Trust Company of New York, it was announced June 22. In his letter of resignation, tendered to Harvey D. Gibson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Manufacturers Trust Company, Mr. Kaufman stated that his continued absence from New York makes it impossible for him to serve on the Executive Committee. Mr. Kaufman will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Manufacturers Trust Company.

Frank K. Sturgis, former President of the New York Stock Exchange, died on June 15 of pneumonia. He was 84 years old. Mr. Sturgis retired in 1919, ending a Wall Street career of nearly half a century. He was associated with only one firm, Strong, Sturgis & Company and its predecessors, during that period. He was President of the Stock Exchange for two years, a member of its Governing Committee for 38 years and an active member for 47 years. He was succeeded by George G. Haven as head of Strong, Sturgis & Company when he retired.

From the New York "Times" of June 16 we take the following:

It is interesting to-day to re-read the testimony given in December 1912, by Mr. Sturgis, then Chairman of the Law Committee of the Exchange, before the Pujo Money Trust Investigating Committee in Washington. His quick and incisive replies to the severe examination of Samuel Untermyer provided a scene as dramatic as any staged during the Exchange investigation at the capital this year. Among the statements of the witness were these: that no cognizance could be taken of alleged manipulation of stocks by pools or syndicates, the test of legitimacy of the transactions being, in his opinion, the payment of commissions; that moral questions and Stock Exchange questions are "very different things."

Effective Feb. 16 last, the First National Bank of Rockville Centre, N. Y., capitalized at \$200,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. The institution was absorbed by the Bank of Rockville Centre Trust Co. as noted in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 23 1932, page 623.

That the Monroe National Bank at Monroe, N. Y., had failed to open for business on June 20 was reported in Middletown, N. Y., advices on that date to the New York "Times," which continuing said:

A posted notice indicated the bank was in charge of the Comptroller of the Currency, and that R. E. Stewart, national bank examiner, was at work inside. Monroe residents said there had been steady withdrawals of deposits recently.

In its issue of June 15, the Buffalo "Courier-Express" stated that the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., had increased the quarterly dividend on the \$50 par value capital stock to \$2.25 from \$2 per share. The dividend is payable June 25 to stockholders of record June 20.

Directors of the Marine Trust Co. (as indicated in our issues of May 14 and June 4 1932, pages 3581 and 4099) recently voted an increase in the number of shares of capital stock from 200,000 to 250,000. Approximately 98% of the stock is owned by Marine Midland Corp., it was stated.

Edwin S. Todd, a Vice-President for many years of the Southington Savings Bank of Southington, Conn., was promoted to the Presidency of the institution at the annual meeting of the trustees held June 22, according to a press dispatch from that place to the Hartford "Courant." Mr. Todd succeeds the late Marcus H. Holcomb. At the same meeting Dewey S. Blakeslee was appointed a Vice-President in lieu of Mr. Todd, and Paul C. Woodruff was re-elected Treasurer.

Incident to the closing on June 9 by the State Bank Commissioner of Connecticut of the Mechanics Bank of New Haven, James E. Wheeler was appointed temporary receiver for the institution on June 21 by Judge John Richards Booth in the Superior Court at a hearing attended by more than 1,000 interested depositors. A bond of \$100,000 was set by the Court at the request of Assistant Attorney-General Bernard A. Kosicki, who made the application for a receiver on behalf of Bank Commissioner George J. Bassett. The New Haven "Register" of June 21, from which the above information is obtained, also said in part:

The appointment of Mr. Wheeler by Judge Booth was made from a list of three names presented to the court, Corporation Counsel David M. Reilly on behalf of the city offering the name of David E. FitzGerald and the depositors' committee the name of Louis M. Sagal.

In naming Mr. Wheeler, Judge Booth stated that he had the highest regard for the other two men proposed but felt that in naming Mr. Wheeler he was selecting a man whom he well knew, had confidence in his ability

as a receiver, and could be accepted as a disinterested party. He stated that should a permanent receiver be named he would probably adopt a suggestion of having more than one receiver.

Hearing on the confirmation of the temporary receiver was set down for July 19 at the request of Mr. Kosicki and with the approval of Mr. Slade and Philip Pond, both representing depositors in the bank. This was agreed upon in order to give the depositors' committee an opportunity to consider a plan of reorganization for the bank.

Concerning the formation of a committee to protect the interests of the depositors in the closed bank, the paper mentioned contained the following:

At a meeting held yesterday afternoon (June 20), in the Shubert Theater, of nearly 2,000 depositors in the Merchants' Bank, steps were taken to protect the interests of the depositors through the organization of a committee of 20 that is to be known as the Depositors' Protective Committee. As a nucleus for this committee five depositors were appointed and this group will select the other 15 members. The Committee of Five is: Donald A. Adams, President of the Chamber of Commerce; Louis M. Sagal, prominent real estate dealer; Howard W. Beach of the F. Mansfield & Sons, oyster dealers and a member of the State Shell Fishery Commission; Frank Kenna, attorney and President of the Marlin Firearms Co., and Paul Russo, former private banker and realtor.

Many of the depositors seemed confident that some plan of reorganization might be effected that would enable the bank to be reopened and when the committee of the depositors is organized it is believed that some plan will be developed under which it may be possible for the Mechanics to continue. It was the opinion of members of the depositors' committee that the receivership for the bank would in no way hamper plans for reorganization of the bank.

The closing of the Mechanics Bank was indicated in our June 11 issue, page 4271.

A Newark dispatch on June 17, from Newark, N. J., to the New York "World-Telegram" stated that under an order issued by Vice-Chancellor John O. Bigelow, Francis Child, a Newark attorney, on that day was appointed receiver for the Guaranty Co., a holding company controlled by the New Jersey National Bank & Trust Co., which closed on June 11. The dispatch went on to say:

At the hearing of the application for the appointment of a receiver it was charged by Robert H. McCarter, counsel for Edward Schoen, Vice-President of the bank, that John J. Stamler, of Elizabeth, former President, had used 3,100 shares of stock of the bank, which was pledged as security for a \$145,000 loan from the bank as collateral to obtain a personal loan of \$200,000 from Harvey G. Redden, who succeeded him as President.

Reference was made to the closing of the New Jersey National Bank & Trust Co. in last week's issue of the "Chronicle," page 4439.

Concerning the affairs of the Steneck Trust Co., of Hoboken, N. J., which was closed by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance of the State of New Jersey in June of last year, the New York "Times" of June 22 stated that indictments charging Henry C. Steneck and George W. Steneck, President and Vice-President, respectively, of the trust company with conspiracy to defraud and cheat the institution were returned to County Judge Robert V. Kinkead in Jersey City on June 21 by the Hudson County Grand Jury. Twenty previous indictments had been returned against the Stenecks, it was stated. Our last reference to the affairs of the closed trust company appeared in the "Chronicle" of May 7 1932, page 3390.

William H. Donner, formerly President of the Donner Steel Corp., and the Cambria Steel Co., and at one time chairman of the board of the Pennsylvania Steel Corp., has been elected to the board of the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. of Philadelphia. Mr. Donner fills a vacancy caused by the death of Samuel M. Curwen, late President of the J. G. Brill Co.

The Philadelphia National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa., has declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share, payable July 1 to stockholders of record June 24, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of June 21.

Closing of the Allentown Trust Co., at Allentown, Pa., on June 17 was indicated in the following Associated Press dispatch from that city:

The Allentown Trust Co., one of the smaller banking institutions of the city, was taken over to-day (June 17) by Secretary William D. Gordon of the State Banking Department.

The action was taken in response to a unanimous request of the bank's Board of Directors, who expressed the belief that both depositors and stockholders would benefit by orderly liquidation of the institution's assets by the State Department.

A charter was granted on June 15 by the Comptroller of the Currency for the Miners National Bank of Shenandoah, Shenandoah, Pa. The new bank is capitalized at \$125,000. Patrick H. Burke is President and Julius Luschinsky, Cashier.

The Comptroller of the Currency on June 11 issued a charter for the First National Bank in Mansfield, Mansfield, Pa., with capital of \$50,000. W. W. Allen is Cashier of the new institution.

A new bank will open in Parkersburg, W. Va., on July 5, under the title of the People's National Bank, which will take over and liquidate the business of the closed First National Bank of that place, according to the following dispatch from Parkersburg by the Associated Press on June 15:

The People's National Bank of Parkersburg has been chartered by the Comptroller of the Currency to take over and liquidate the business of the closed First National Bank of Parkersburg, C. Z. Ruth, of Parkersburg, one of the new bank's incorporators, said to-day. The People's National Bank will open for business on July 5, Mr. Ruth said. The First National Bank was closed in November 1931.

Joseph R. Kraus, formerly Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, was elected Chairman of the Board on June 21, succeeding Joseph R. Nutt, who resigned the office on May 25. The announcement by the bank said in part:

Mr. Kraus has spent his entire business life in banking. He started his career with the private banking and brokerage firm of Crumb & Beslington in Cleveland and was afterward successively connected with the Ohio National Bank, the State National Bank and the American Exchange National Bank, progressing from office boy to Cashier.

In 1900 Mr. Kraus organized the Bankers National Bank, becoming its Cashier. Three years later he effected a consolidation of this bank and the Euclid Park National Bank, becoming Vice-President. Later he formed a consolidation with the First National Bank, under the charter of the latter institution, again being Vice-President.

When the Citizens Savings & Trust Co., the Union Commerce National Bank, the First National Bank, the First Trust & Savings Co., The Boardway Savings & Trust Co. and the Woodland Avenue Savings Bank were consolidated in 1920 as The Union Trust Co., with a capital of \$22,500,000 and surplus of \$11,250,000, Mr. Kraus was made Vice-President and Executive Manager. He became Vice-Chairman in 1930.

During his banking career Mr. Kraus has been active in the American Bankers Association and other banking organizations. Two years ago he was elected President of the Reserve City Bankers Association of America. . . . Among his business connections he is Vice-President and director of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railway Co., and a director in the Valley Mould & Iron Corp., Thompson Products, Inc., Fremont Foundry and General Tire & Rubber Co. . . . He has a broad acquaintance in financial and business circles and is regarded as one of the outstanding commercial bankers of the middle west.

It is learned from the Toledo "Blade" of June 15 that depositors of the defunct American Bank of that city were receiving, commencing that day, their first dividend from the liquidators of the institution. This dividend, a 5% distribution, would aggregate \$40,042, it was stated. The closing of the American Bank—one of several Toledo banks which closed in August last year—was noted in our issue of Aug. 22, page 1234.

C. M. Lacy was appointed President of the Merchants' National Bank of Hillsboro, Ohio, on June 16 to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of the Hon. O. N. Sams. At the same meeting of the directors, J. D. Shannon, the Cashier of the institution, was made a member of the board to succeed Mr. Sams in that capacity. The Hillsboro "News-Herald" of June 16, from which the above is learned, went on to say:

Mr. Lacy will devote only part of his time to his duties as President of the bank. He will continue as Manager of the McKeehan-Hiestand Wholesale Grocery and will devote most of his time to that work. Mr. Shannon will be the active Manager of the bank.

Mr. Shannon has been Cashier of the bank for years and is thoroughly familiar with all of the details of its business. For several years Mr. Lacy has been a director of the bank and in that capacity has secured a knowledge of its affairs. Under their leadership the same policies which have brought success, will be continued.

There will be no change in the personnel of the employees.

Associated Press advices from Washington C. H., Ohio, June 20 stated that the Washington Savings Bank, capitalized at \$50,000, had failed to open on that day and Ira J. Fulton, State Superintendent of Banks for Ohio, had announced the institution would be taken over for liquidation. The dispatch added:

George Jackson was President of the bank. It was founded in 1907. The last bank statement, March 30 1932, showed deposits of slightly over \$1,000,000.

A dispatch from Terre Haute, Ind., to the Indianapolis "News" on June 18 stated that a total of \$334,000 would be released in that city late in June through a 31% dividend to the depositors of the defunct Citizens' National Bank & Trust Co. The advices went on to say:

This money will go to more than 3,700 depositors, the amount each will receive varying from a few cents to \$4,000. Business circles said the dividend would bring much joy to Terre Haute, as many of the depositors had all their ready funds tied up in this bank.

It is learned from the Chicago "Post" of June 21 that the Peoples National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, located at 1542 West 47th Street, was closed on that day by A. P. Leyburn, a national bank examiner, at the request of its directors. The closed institution was capitalized at \$1,000,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$360,000 and had deposits of \$3,007,000. In June 1930, deposits aggregated \$12,000,000, it was stated.

The paper mentioned also indicated that the Phillip State Bank & Trust Co., at 7001 North Clark St., Chicago, had been closed on that day (June 21) by State Auditor Oscar Nelson at the request of its directors. This bank had a capital of \$500,000 with surplus of \$200,000 and deposits amounting to \$2,100,000, it was said.

The closing of two other Chicago banks—the Bowmanville National Bank and the Reliance Bank & Trust Co.—by National and State bank examiners, respectively, was reported in a Chicago dispatch on June 21, printed in the New York "Evening Post."

In its issue of June 22, the Chicago "Post" indicated that four outlying Chicago banks had closed on that day and that the Standard National Bank had closed late June 21. The institutions which closed on the 22d are: The Woodlawn Trust & Savings Bank, the First Englewood State Bank, the Chatfield Trust & Savings Bank and the Jefferson Park National Bank.

Subsequent Chicago advices by the Associated Press, June 23, reported that six neighborhood banks had been closed on that day by State or national bank examiners. The institutions named were the Hyde Park-Kenwood National Bank, the Jackson Park National Bank and the South Shore State Bank (all owned by John A. Carroll); the Cottag Grove State Bank, the Universal State Bank, and the Pinkert State Bank.

Still later advices from Chicago (yesterday, June 24), by the United Press, stated that the following institutions had closed on that day: The National Bank of Woodlawn, Ravenswood National Bank, Kaspar-American State Bank and Central Manufacturing District State Bank. This dispatch also said in part:

Loop banks met heavy withdrawals to-day (June 24) by paying all depositors who called for their money, opening additional windows where necessary and arranging to extend banking hours.

The uneasiness among depositors caused by the neighborhood suspensions was blamed for the withdrawals which reached unusual proportions among downtown banks yesterday.

That the First American National Bank & Trust Co., of Berwyn, Ill., had been closed by national bank examiners, was reported in a Chicago press dispatch under date of June 21, appearing in the New York "Evening Post" of that date.

The Logan Square State & Savings Bank of Chicago, Ill., capitalized at \$200,000 with surplus of \$100,000, was closed by the State Auditor for Illinois on June 17, following a "run" on the institution by its depositors, according to the Chicago "Post" of that day. Deposits at the time of the closing were approximately \$500,000, it was stated.

In its issue of June 18 the same paper stated that three outlying Chicago banks had been closed by the State Auditor, namely, the North Avenue State Bank, the Empire Trust & Savings Bank and the Devon Trust & Savings Bank. The "Post" went on to say:

The North Avenue bank as of March 31, last, had reported deposits of \$2,770,000, and the Devon, \$790,000. These totals have been reduced materially since. The Empire Trust had deposits of about \$150,000.

Directors of the Guardian Detroit Union Group, Inc., Detroit, Mich., omitted the dividend ordinarily payable at this time instead of distributing current earnings. Three months ago, it is stated, a dividend of 25c. was paid. Detroit advices on June 16 to the "Wall Street Journal," from which the foregoing is learned, went on to say:

The statement to stockholders, signed by Ernst Kanzler, Chairman of the Board, and Robert O. Lord, President, is as follows:

"In taking this action, the directors recognized the advantages of adding current earnings to undivided profits or reserves and of following a conservative policy until general business conditions show definite indications of an improvement.

"Current operations, under existing conditions, have been satisfactory. The unit banks in the group are maintaining a high degree of liquidity, comparing favorably in this respect with the strongest banks in the country.

"Commercial and individual customers are being accommodated for their proper requirements, and all of the institutions are co-operating to the fullest extent in the business and financial activities of the communities in which they are located.

"In adopting this conservative policy as to dividends, the directors are taking the same action that many other leading corporations have recently

taken and in so doing are further strengthening the financial position of your company and making its future earning power more secure."

That a new bank is being organized to replace the closed United Savings Bank of Tecumseh, Mich., is indicated in the following taken from the "Michigan Investor" of June 18:

The Depositors' Committee, formed after the closing of the United Savings Bank, Tecumseh, last October, has begun the sale of stock in a new institution. With approximately \$800,000 of the \$1,077,000 deposits signed under a moratorium agreement the reopening of the bank is now in sight. The new bank will be capitalized at \$50,000.

Effective March 12 1932, the First National Bank of Fennimore, Wis., capitalized at \$50,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. It has been succeeded by the First National Bank in Fennimore.

Payment of a 10% dividend to depositors of the defunct Carolina State Bank of Gibson, N. C., was started on June 20 by W. A. Allen, the liquidating agent, according to a press dispatch from Laurinburg on that date, printed in the Raleigh "News and Observer." The advices went on to say:

This payment brings the total of dividends for the Carolina State to 40%. The bank closed 18 months ago.

The Citizens' Bank of Darlington, a new institution, was opened recently at Darlington, S. C. The new bank is capitalized at \$20,000, with surplus of \$5,000, both fully paid in. Officers are as follows: H. H. Hill, President; J. P. Brunson, Vice-President; H. Monroe Hill, Cashier, and E. A. Wilson, Teller.

Two banking institutions in Beaumont, Tex., the American National Bank of Beaumont and the City National Bank of Beaumont, each capitalized at \$250,000, were consolidated on June 15. The new organization, which continues the title of the American National Bank of Beaumont, is capitalized at \$400,000, with surplus of \$200,000.

As of May 31 1932, the First National Bank of Sandpoint, Ida., went into voluntary liquidation. This institution, which was capitalized at \$50,000, was absorbed by the Bonner County National Bank of Sandpoint.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors, Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association, held in Los Angeles, Calif., recently, A. P. Giannini, Chairman of the Board, reported a substantial gain in deposits during the past month, as against a tendency for a normal decrease at this time of the year. He also said that profits during the past five months were quite satisfactory. Speaking of the Bank of America's "Back to Good Times" program, Mr. Giannini said that he was convinced that the people of California had attained a new confidence and a new faith in their ability to lead the nation to a sound prosperity. The board of directors voted the following promotions and changes in the official staff of the bank, according to the announcement by the bank, from which the foregoing is also taken:

Russell G. Smith succeeds Walter L. Vincent as Cashier of the bank Mr. Smith, who has been prominent in banking circles of California for the past 20 years, was formerly Vice-President in charge of the Banks and Bankers Department. He is a member of the American Bankers Association, Reserve City Bankers Association, The California Bankers Association, and has taken an active part in the work of the American Institute of Banking.

W. D. Yealland, formerly Assistant Vice-President and Comptroller, Trust Department, becomes Assistant to the Cashier.

J. E. Huntoon, Vice-President, Sacramento Main Office, comes to head office in the Banks and Bankers Department.

J. A. Thomson, Vice-President, Oakland Bank Office, becomes Vice-President in charge of investment for the entire Bank of America system, succeeding Edward H. Geary.

The Board also announced two promotions in the Personnel Department. A. Fenton has been transferred to the San Francisco headquarters and becomes Vice-President and personnel director. J. A. Purdy comes to the Los Angeles headquarters as Assistant Vice-President of the Personnel Department in Southern California.

Two Executive Vice-Presidents were elected for the San Francisco headquarters; R. M. Clarke becomes Executive Vice-President and Auditor, and Hugh L. Clary, formerly Vice-President and Personnel Director, becomes Executive Vice-President and Vice-Chairman of the operating committee of the bank.

W. E. Benz, Vice-President, Los Angeles, was made a member of the General Finance Committee of the bank. F. J. Edoff of Oakland, and member of the Board of Directors, was appointed to the Directors' Committee on the investment of trust funds.

Other promotions were: John I. Riordan, Vice-President, District One; R. J. Barbieri, Vice-President, Business Extension Department; P. O. Read, Chief Inspector, and J. Ragno, Assistant Vice-President, San Francisco main office.

San Bernardino National Bank of San Bernardino, The Calif., and its affiliated institutions, the San Bernardino County Savings Bank, and the First Bank of Highland at Highland (San Bernardino County) were forced into temporary suspension on June 17 because of a "systematic bank wrecking campaign against local financial institutions," according to San Bernardino advices on the date named, printed in the Los Angeles "Times." Combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of the two San Bernardino banks aggregated \$962,942, it was stated, with deposits of \$4,057,041 and resources of \$5,406,983. We quote furthermore from the dispatch as follows:

Max V. Spendrup, Federal bank examiner, assumed charge of the National bank and Edward Rainey, State Superintendent of Banks, was directing the activities of the savings bank and the Highland institution. Both expressed confidence in the solvency of the banks and declared the sustained drain upon their resources during the past two weeks was the work of Communists. The closing was ordered to protect depositors. . . .

Superintendent Rainey issued a statement in which he said: "My department has been in close touch with the situation in San Bernardino. We were informed a systematic bank-wrecking campaign had begun through the criminal spreading of rumors about banking institutions. The spreading of rumors about banks is a felony in California.

"The public should pay no attention to these malicious tales. The grand jury, however, should pay a great deal of attention to this particular situation."

The Citizens' National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, Cal., has declared a quarterly dividend of 75c. a share, placing the stock of a \$3 annual basis, as compared with \$4 previously. The dividend is payable July 1 to stockholders of record June 20. In reporting the above, advices from Los Angeles June 13 to the "Wall Street Journal" furthermore said:

Herbert D. Ivey, President, commenting on the changed basis, said: "Current earnings have been well sustained when one considers the lower return on invested capital which banks, as well as practically every other business, have been experiencing. But it is sound practice, we feel, to conserve earnings for the present by reducing the dividend."

The Spokane Savings Bank, of Spokane, Wash., an institution capitalized at \$1,000,000, and with deposits at the last call of \$12,658,223, on June 15, was placed in the hands of the Washington State Banking Department, "pending completion of reorganization plans," by vote of its directors. In reporting the above, Associated Press advices from Spokane, on June 16, furthermore said:

All officers, including J. L. Cooper, President, submitted their resignations to C. S. Moody, State Supervisor of Banking. Depreciation of land and securities values was said to have caused the closing.

Since April 5 six Spokane banks have failed, involving deposits of approximately \$17,000,000.

The Board of Directors of Barclays Bank, Dominion, Colonial and Overseas (head office, London) has declared interim dividends for the half year ended March 31 1932 at the rate of 8% per annum on the cumulative preference shares and at the rate of 4½% per annum on the "A" and "B" Shares, subject to deduction of income tax at the rate of 4s. 5d. in the £ in all cases, payable on July 18 1932.

In its statement for the six months ended March 31 last, the institution shows total resources of £76,926,739 of which the principal items were: Advances to customers and other accounts, £28,007,650; total investments, £13,667,794; cash in hand and with bankers, and gold bullion, £13,065,299 and bills discounted £12,388,929. On the debit side of the statement, current deposit and other accounts (including reserve for income tax and contingencies and balance of profit and loss) are shown at £66,041,203, and acceptances and other liabilities on account of customers at £3,466,588. The institution has a paid up capital of £4,975,500 and a reserve fund of £1,650,000. Frederick Crauford Goodenough is Chairman of the Board of Directors and Sir John Caulcutt, General Manager.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Quiet and irregular price movements have characterized the dealings on the New York Stock Exchange during the present week. The daily turnover has been extremely small particularly on Monday when the volume of sales was down to the lowest in about eight years. Toward the end of the week the tone was a trifle firmer but the net changes were exceedingly narrow. Auburn Auto was down during the early part of the week but showed some improvement on Thursday. Specialties have generally been in supply and many pivotal issues have been under pressure. On Thursday tobacco stocks developed considerable strength and closed with substantial gains. On Tuesday, Am. Tel. & Tel. got down to a new low for the current movement, but improved somewhat as the week progressed. On

Saturday the directors of Sears, Roebuck & Co. omitted the quarterly dividend due at this time. The Public Service Corp. of N. J. on Tuesday voted to reduce the dividend on the common stock from \$3.40 annually to \$3.20 per share. On Thursday the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reduced its rediscount rate to 2½% from 3%, the rate which has been in effect since February 26 of the present year. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued after the close of business on Thursday showed a new low record of brokers' loans in this district, bringing the outstanding total to the lowest level since 1917. Call money renewed at 2½% on Monday and remained unchanged at that rate on each and every day of the week.

Following the sharp reaction of the preceding day, the market worked higher during the opening hour of the brief session on Saturday. In the early trading, the advances were fairly well distributed throughout the list, though none were especially noteworthy. Railroad stocks were somewhat improved during the first hour, the upswing being led by Atchison with a gain of about a point and Union Pacific, which recorded a similar advance. As the day progressed these gains were cancelled as the market again turned downward. Auburn Auto sold up to 63 at its top for the day, but closed at 59½ with a loss of 2½ points on the day. Consolidated Gas attracted a lot of attention, but lost part of its gain before the end of the session. Detroit Edison also was in demand and improved 2¾ points to 67¾. Liggett & Myers pref. moved ahead 4½ points to 110½. The outstanding incident of the day was the passing of the dividend on Sears, Roebuck capital stock. This had not been expected and caused severe liquidation in the company's shares which forced the price downward 3½ points to 10¼. Ingersoll-Rand was off 2¼ points to 12¼ and Lambert was down 3⅞ points to 29⅞. Stocks were slightly higher on Monday, though the dealings were comparatively small. Pivotal issues showed some gains, though the general list also participated in the improvement. The advances ranged up to 2 or more points in the early trading, but subsequently a part of the early gains was cancelled. Case Threshing Machine, Consolidated Gas, Union Pacific and New York Central were particularly active and all showed improvement at some period during the trading. The outstanding gains of the day were American Ice pref., 5 points to 45; Auburn Auto, 1½ points to 61; American Power & Light pref., 5¾ points to 18¾; Detroit Edison, 1¼ points to 67; Homestake Mining, 2½ points to 130¼; Public Service of N.J. pref. (7), 2¼ points to 93; Reynolds Tobacco, 1½ points to 67; Otis Elevator, 3 points to 93, and Worthington pref. B, 2½ points to 16. The market was slightly lower on Tuesday, though price movements were fairly steady during the early forenoon. The dealings were extremely dull, due in a measure to the fact that many traders had not, as yet, accustomed themselves to the increased tax on sales which went into effect at the start of the morning trading. Selling concentrated on Amer. Tel. & Tel., which broke through to a new low for the current movement, and railroad shares were somewhat depressed by the poor car-loading statement. During the morning trading the market drifted along without special feature, but around noon prices began to move slightly higher but reactionary tendencies were apparent later in the session and the market gradually fell off. Most of the changes were on the side of the decline and included such active stocks as Allied Chemical & Dye, 1¼ points to 43½; American Can, 2½ points to 35¼; American Smelting pref., 8 points to 22; Auburn Auto, 2½ points to 56¼; Coca-Cola, 2¼ points to 88½; Peoples Gas, 3¾ points to 48½; Outlet Co., 8 points to 29; Union Pacific, 1½ points to 37¼, and United Biscuit pref., 5 points to 85.

Scattered selling forced prices downward from fractions to more than 2 points during the dealings on Wednesday. The morning session dragged along with a number of the pivotal issues under pressure. Around noon there was a slight upturn, which cancelled a small part of the early loss, though the volume of business continued small. American Can, Amer. Tel. & Tel. and United States Steel were the weak spots and sank to new low levels for the current movement. The weakness in these issues gradually extended to the general list which moved slowly downward. The changes on the down side included among others Atchison, 1½ points to 25¾; Auburn Auto, 2⅞ points to 53¾; Delaware & Hudson, 1 point to 42; National Lead pref. A, 2¾ points to 96¾; Pacific Tel. & Tel., 5½ points to 66; Tide Water Oil pref., 2 points to 33; Vulcan Detinning, 2¾ points to 9¾;

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 contraction of 41.4%, in the Boston Reserve District of 50.4% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 35.9%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals have been diminished by 37.7%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 23.4% and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 32.7%. The Chicago Reserve District suffers a loss of 39.7%, in the St. Louis Reserve District of 33.2% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 22.2%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the decrease is 30.5%, in the Dallas Reserve District 29.2% and in the San Francisco Reserve District 30.3%.

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

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week Ended June 18 1932, 1931, Inc. or Dec., 1930, 1929. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, etc.) and Canada.

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

Main table with columns: Clearings at, 1932, 1931, Inc. or Dec., 1930, 1929. Rows list various cities and their clearing amounts across different Federal Reserve Districts.

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

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of June 1 1932:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £128,617,463 on the 1st inst., as compared with £125,032,420 on the previous Wednesday. Meanwhile more gold has been acquired by the Bank, the purchase of £1,234,078 in Bar Gold having been announced on the 3rd inst., of £1,046,299 on the 6th inst., and of £322,887 to-day. Since May 14 last, the first date subsequent to the suspension of the gold standard in this country that the Bank had made any important purchase of gold, the amount acquired is nearly £11,000,000.

The small amounts of gold offered in the open market during the week were taken for the Continent; the demand for private "hoarders," however, was less in evidence.

Quotations during the week:

Table with 3 columns: Date (June 2-8 and Average), Per Fine Ounce, and Equivalent Value of £ Sterling.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 30th ultimo to mid-day on the 6th inst.:

Table with 3 columns: Imports (British South Africa, etc.), Exports (France, Netherlands, etc.), and Values in £.

Table listing Dependencies (France, Netherlands, New Zealand, Iraq, Other countries) and their values.

The SS. "Chitral" which left Bombay on the 4th inst. carries gold to the value of about £703,000.

In the Press Bulletin issued on June 1 from the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada is the interesting announcement that the production of gold in Canada during March last set up a new high record.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that during the past few years gold production in Canada for the first quarter of the year has risen from 452,467 ounces in 1929 to 464,499 ounces in 1931 and 715,392 ounces in 1932.

SILVER.

Prices have only fluctuated slightly, maintaining practically the same level as recorded last week. The market has been quiet, moderate offerings from the Continent being offset by buying for China and India, whilst America, although still rather inactive, has been more inclined to buy than to sell.

At present the tone is quite steady and there is no indication of any decided movement.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 30th ultimo to mid-day on the the 6th inst.:

Table with 3 columns: Imports (French Indo-China, Japan, etc.), Exports (Hongkong, China, etc.), and Values in £.

Table showing Quotations during the week for IN LONDON and IN NEW YORK (Cents per Ounce, .999).

Table showing the highest rate of exchange on New York recorded during the period from the 2nd inst. to the 8th inst., with values like \$3.69 3/4.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with 4 columns: Item (Notes in circulation, Silver coin, etc.), May 31, May 22, May 15.

The stocks in Shanghai on the 4th instant consisted of about 71,000,000 ounces in sycee, 225,000,000 dollars and 5,180 silver bars, as compared with about 70,500,000 ounces in sycee, 215,000,000 dollars and 4,500 silver bars on the 28th ultimo.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

(See page 4621.)

PRICES ON PARIS BOURSE.

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

Table with 7 columns: Date (June 18-24 1932), Stock Name (Bank of France, etc.), and Price in Francs.

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THE 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. Closing prices of representative stocks as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows:

Table with 7 columns: Date (June 18-24), Stock Name (Reichsbank 12%, etc.), and Price in %.

*Last dividend.

In the following we also give New York quotations for German and other foreign unlisted dollar bonds as of June 24:

Table with 4 columns: Bond Name (Anhalt 7s to 1946, etc.), Bid, Ask, and Price.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

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

CHARTERS ISSUED. Capital. June 11—First National Bank in Mansfield, Mansfield, Pa. \$50,000 Cashier: W. W. Allen. June 15—The Miners National Bank of Shenandoah, Shenandoah, Pa. 125,000 President: Patrick H. Burke. Cashier: Julius Luschnsky.

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE APPROVED WITH TITLE REQUESTED. June 17—The Yuma County National Bank of Yuma, Yuma, Arizona. 50,000 Correspondent: Lloyd J. Wickham, Secretary Arizona Holding Co., Ltd., 457 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS. June 13—The First National Bank of Fennimore, Wis. 50,000 Effective March 12 1932. Liq. Committee: Board of Directors of the liquidating bank. Succeeded by: The First National Bank in Fennimore.

June 15—The First National Bank of Sandpoint, Idaho. 50,000 Effective May 31 1932. Liq. Agent: A. R. Nelson, Sandpoint, Idaho. Absorbed by: The Bonner County National Bank of Sandpoint.

June 15—The First National Bank of Rockville Centre, N. Y. 200,000 Effective Feb. 16 1932. Liq. Agent: Bank of Rockville Centre Trust Co., Rockville Centre, N. Y. Absorbed by: Bank of Rockville Centre Trust Co., Rockville Centre, New York.

CONSOLIDATIONS. June 15—The American National Bank of Beaumont, Beaumont, Texas. 250,000 and The City National Bank of Beaumont, Beaumont, Texas. 250,000 Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918 as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter and title of "The American National Bank of Beaumont," with capital stock of \$400,000 and surplus of \$200,000.

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: Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh. 50 Brown-Brand Realty Co., Inc. \$10 lot 50 Brown-Brand Realty Co., Inc. \$13 lot common Phoenix National Bank of Phoenix, Arizona, par \$25.—\$17,000 lot 269 First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank of Columbia, S. C.—\$9 lot

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston: Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh. 50 National Shawmut Bank, Boston, ex-dividend, par \$25.—17 10 United States Capital Corp., class A.—45 5 United States Capital Corp., class B.—37 10 United States Capital Research Corp., class B.—40 18 Bay State Fishing Co., com.—3 1/2

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia: Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh. 8 Country Club of Atlantic City, N. J., par \$100.—10 2 First National Bank of Philadelphia, par \$100.—190 25 Philadelphia National Bank, par \$20.—45 15 Real Estate Land Title & Trust Co., par \$10.—11 37 Integrity Trust Co., par \$10.—10

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo: Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh. 40 Thermodyne Radio, no par.—.50 lot 10 Internat. Rutless Iron, par \$1.—.18 lot

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and other categories.

Main table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes Public Utilities, Electric Power & Light Corp., Telephone & Telegraph Co., and various other companies.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. The table is divided into Public Utilities (Continued) and Public Utilities (Concluded) sections. It lists various companies such as Memphis Natural Gas, Metropolitan Edison Co., and others, along with their respective financial details and payment dates.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes entries like American Hawaiian Steamship Co., American Home Products, American Hosiery, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed. Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Case (J. L.) Co., Celanese Corp., Central Aguirre Associates, etc.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, June 23, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the System as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 22 1932.

Table with 10 columns representing dates from June 22 1932 to June 24 1931. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold, Reserves, Deposits, Securities) and LIABILITIES (Deposits, Liabilities, Maturity Distribution of Bills, Federal Reserve Notes). Includes a footnote: *Revised figures.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 22 1932

Table with 14 columns: Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include RESOURCES and LIABILITIES for each bank.

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 4607.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Large table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest), Shares, \$ per share, \$ per share. Lists various stocks like Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and others.

Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' with columns for dates (June 18-24) and various bond types (First Liberty Loan, Treasury, etc.) with High, Low, and Close prices.

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

Small table showing transactions in registered bonds: 1 1st 4 1/2s, 7 4th 4 1/2s, 1 Treasury 4s.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3.60 1/4 @ 3.61 1/4 for checks and 3.60 1/2 @ 3.61 3/4 for cables...

The week's range for exchange rates follows: Sterling, Actual—High for the week, Low for the week.

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

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: Security (Silver, Gold, Consols, etc.), Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., June 18-24.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz (cts.).

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 4608.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 4638.

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

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bld., Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bld., Asked. Lists various Treasury certificates.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan and Treasury certificates...

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Announcement has been made of the formation of James R. Buck & Co. for the transaction of a general investment securities business at 208 South La Salle St., Chicago...

Associated with Mr. Buck in the new organization are Lee A. White Jr., Charles E. Shafer, Donald W. Davis, A. N. Tritschler, Karl Hauch, A. G. Lindquist, Alfred B. Smith, W. L. Flint and Carl Soderstrom...

—The Bank Stock and Unlisted Dealers Association of N. Y. announces the removal of the Quotation Bureau on June 27 1932 to new and larger quarters at 19 Rector St., N. Y. City, telephone number Digby 4-1650.

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

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday June 18 to Friday June 24), Sales for the Week, Stocks (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par), and Per Share (Range for Year 1932, Range for Previous Year 1931). Includes various stock names like Allied Chemical & Dye, American Can, and American Locomotive.

* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day r Ex-dividend y Ex-rights

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

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday June 18, Monday June 20, Tuesday June 21, Wednesday June 22, Thursday June 23, Friday June 24), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931. Includes various stock entries like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.), Briggs & Stratton, etc.

* Bid and asked prices on sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and 'Sales for the Week'. It lists various stock prices and includes a legend at the bottom: * Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. - Dividend, Ex-rights, Ex-dividends.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Table listing various stock companies such as Indus. & Miscell. (Con.), Dome Mines Ltd., and others, with their respective share counts.

PER SHARE Range for Year 1932 On basis of 100-share lots

Table showing the lowest and highest share prices for each stock listed in the previous table, based on a range for the year 1932.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931

Table showing the lowest and highest share prices for each stock listed in the previous table, based on a range for the previous year 1931.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. - Dividend, Ex-rights, Ex-dividends

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

Table with columns for High and Low Sale Prices (per share, not per cent.), Stocks New York Stock Exchange, and Per Share Range for Year 1932 and Per Share Range for Previous Year 1931. Includes sub-columns for Saturday through Friday and lowest/highest prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day; R - dividend; P - rights

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and 'Sales for the Week'. It lists various stock prices and shares.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stock companies and their share prices, including Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Matheson Alkali Works, etc.

PER SHARE Range for Year 1932

Table showing the range of share prices for the year 1932, with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931

Table showing the range of share prices for the previous year (1931), with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day d Ex-dividend and ex-rights z Ex-dividend y Ex-rights.

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

Main table containing stock prices for various companies like Pittsburgh Coal, Standard Oil, and others, with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday) and share prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day; Ex-dividend; Ex-rights

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

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday June 18 to Friday June 24), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1932, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1931. Includes stock names like Texas Pacific Land Trust, Thatcher Mfg., etc.

* Bid and asked prices no sales on this day * Ex-dividend * Ex-rights * Ex-warrants.

On Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds

Main table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended June 24, Interest Period, Price Friday June 24, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, Low, High, and similar columns for a second set of bonds.

* Cash sale * At the exchange rate of \$4.8665 to the £ sterling a Deferred delivery

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'Foreign Govt. & Municipals'. Columns include bond type, price, week's range, and range since Jan 1.

r Cash sale. a Deferred delivery.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE bonds, Week Ended June 24. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid, Ask, Low, High), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE bonds, Week Ended June 24. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid, Ask, Low, High), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

r Cash sale a Due May. & Due August. d Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Issuer/Description, Interest Period, Price Friday June 24, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, Bonds Sold, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended June 24, Interest Period, Price Friday June 24, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, Bonds Sold.

r Cash sale. o Deferred delivery

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE bonds, Week Ended June 24. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday June 24, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE bonds, Week Ended June 24. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday June 24, Week's Range or Last Sale, Range Since Jan. 1, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Cash sale. a Deferred delivery. d Union Oil 5s series C 1935 sold on Jan. 5, \$1,000 at 73 "deferred delivery."

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroads, Miscellaneous, Mining, and Bonds.

* No par value. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, June 18 to June 24, 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 various industrial and utility stocks.

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 Middle West Util new, Bonds, and Chicago Ry.

* No par value. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, June 18 to June 24, 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 various Canadian stocks and bonds.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Appalachian Corp., Arundel Corporation, Black & Decker com, etc.

* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Apex Electrical Mfg, City Ice & Fuel, Cleve Elec Ill 6% pref, etc.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Aluminum Industries, Amer Lannnd Mach com, Amer Rolling Mill com, etc.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Allegheny Steel com, Armstrong Cork Co, Blaw-Knox Co, etc.

* No par value.

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 Ontario Loan & Deb.

Toronto Curb.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Curb, June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Brewing Corp common, Preferred, Canada Bud Brew com, etc.

* No par value.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like American Stores, Bankers Secur Corp pref, Bell Tel Co of Pa pref, etc.

* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, June 18 to June 24, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Allegheny Steel com, Armstrong Cork Co, Blaw-Knox Co, etc.

* No par value.

Milwaukee Grain & Stock Exchange.—Following is the record of transactions at the Milwaukee Grain & Stock Exchange, June 18 to June 24, 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). Rows include Bucyrus Erie, Fremont Insurance, Hecla Mining, etc.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, June 18 to June 24, 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). Rows include Alaska Juneau Gold Min., Bank of California NA, Byron Jackson Co., etc.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, June 18 to June 24, 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). Rows include Associated Gas & El A., Bolsa Chica Oil A., California 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, June 18 to June 24, 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). Rows include Admiralty Alaska Gold, Adair, Fada Radio, 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 (June 18 1932) and ending the present Friday (June 24 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 24, Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Adams Mills 7% 1st pf. 100, Allied Motor Indus., Aluminum Co. common, etc.

Main table containing stock market data with columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date.

Public Utilities

Table of Public Utilities with columns for Utility Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date.

Table of Public Utilities (continued) with columns for Utility Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date.

Main table containing financial data for 'Other Oil Stocks' and 'Bonds'. Includes columns for stock/bond names, prices, sales, and weekly price ranges.

Table with columns: Bonds (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and Bond details (Issuer, Date, Price, Yield, Maturity). The table is split into two columns for 'Bonds (Continued)'.

Public Utility Bonds.

Table of Public Utility Bonds with columns for bond name, price, and other details. Includes entries like Am Com 'th P 5 1/2% '53 M&N, Amer S P S 5 1/2% 1945 M&N, etc.

Investment Trusts (Concluded).

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for trust name, price, and other details. Includes entries like Royalties Management, Second Internat sec Corp A, Common B, etc.

Public Utility Stocks.

Table of Public Utility Stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other details. Includes entries like Alabama Power \$7 pref., Arizona Power 7% pref., Ark Pow & Lt 7% pref., etc.

Industrial Stocks.

Table of Industrial Stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other details. Includes entries like Adams Mills \$7 pref., Aeolian Co \$7 pref., Aeolian Weber P&P com 100, etc.

Investment Trusts.

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for trust name, price, and other details. Includes entries like Amer Bank Stock Corp., Amer Brit & Cont \$6 pref., Amer Composite Tr Shares, etc.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

Table of Telephone and Telegraph Stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other details. Includes entries like Am Dist Tel of N J \$4., 7% preferred, Bell Tel (Can) 7% pref., etc.

Chain Store Stocks.

Table of Chain Store Stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other details. Includes entries like Boback (H C) Inc com., 7% 1st preferred, Butler (James) common, etc.

* No par value d Last reported marked e Ex-stock dividend. f Ex-dividend g 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 M&N, 4s 1958 optional 1938 M&N, 4s 1956 opt 1936 J&J, etc.

New York Bank Stocks.

Table with columns: Bank of Yorktown, Chase, City (National), Comm'l Nat Bank & Tr, etc.

Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Banca Comm 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 1951 F&A, etc.

Insurance Companies.

Table with columns: Aetna Casualty & Surety, Aetna Fire, Aetna Life, Agricultural, American Alliance, etc.

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.

Table with columns: Bond & Mortgage Guar, Empire Title & Guar, Guaranty Title & Mortgage, etc.

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table with columns: Alexander Indus 8% pref, American Airports Corp, Aviation Sec of New Engl, etc.

Quotations for Other Over-the-Counter Securities

Short Term Securities.

Table with columns: Allis-Chal Mfg 6s May 1937, Alum Co of Amer 6s May '32, Amer Metal 4 1/2s 1934 A&O, etc.

Railroad Equipments.

Table with columns: Atlantic Coast Line 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, Baltimore & Ohio 6s, etc.

Water Bonds.

Table with columns: Alton Water 5s 1956 A&O, Ark Wat 1st 5s 1956 A&O, Ashabula W 5s 1956 A&O, 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. d And dividend. d Last reported market. / Flat price. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

New York Ontario & Western—

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1— Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents.

Pennsylvania System—

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1— Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents.

Pere Marquette—

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1— Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents.

* Includes \$56,890 increased revenue. a Includes \$254,829 increased revenue.

Reading Co—

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1— Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after taxes.

St Louis-San Francisco Ry System—

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1— Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents.

Southern Pacific System—

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1— Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents.

Union Pacific System—

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1— Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents.

Wabash—

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1— Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents.

Western Pacific—

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, and From Jan. 1— Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents.

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.

Ann Arbor RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net ry. oper. income, and 5 Mos. End. May 31— Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net ry. oper. income.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 13 '31, p. 4401

Central Vermont Ry., Inc.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Railway oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deduct from gross inc., Net income, Ratio of ry. oper. exps. to revenues, Ratio of oper. exps. and taxes to revenue, Miles of road operated.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2 '31, p. 3331

International Rys. of Central America.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Month of May— Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Income applic. to fixed charges, 5 Mos. End. May 31— Gross revenues, Operating expenses.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Ma 7 '32, p. 3475

Kansas City Southern Ry. Co.

(Texarkana & Fort Smith Ry. Co.)

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Month of May— Railway operating revs., Railway oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. railway revenues, Railway oper. income, 5 Mos. End. May 31— Railway operating revs., Railway operating exps., Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. railway revenues.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 7 '32, p. 3444

National Rys. of Mexico.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Month of May— Railway oper. revenues, Railway oper. expenses, Net oper. revenue, Percentage exps. to rev., Non-oper. income, Deductions, items 536-541 (I. C. C.), Balance, Kilometers operated.

* Includes corrected figures as follows: Jan., 144.93; Feb., 606.48; total, 751.41.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Jan. 9 '32, p. 323

New York Ontario & Western Ry. Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Month of May— Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. railway rev., Total ry. oper. income, Equip. and joint facility rents (net) Dr., Net operating inc., 5 Mos. End. May 31— Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. railway rev., Total ry. oper. income, Equip. and joint facility rents (net) Dr., Net operating inc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 9 '32, p. 2712

Pennsylvania RR. Regional System.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Revenues— Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, All other transportation, Incidental, Joint facility—Credit, Joint facility—Debit, Railway oper. revs., Expenses— Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscell. operations, General, Transp. for inv.—Cr., Railway oper. exps., Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. railway revs., Railway oper. income, Equip. rents (deb. bal.), Jr. facil. rents (deb. bal.), Net railway oper. inc., Revenue shown above excludes emergency chgs. amounting to.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 23 '32, p. 3092

Pere Marquette Ry. Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1932, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Month of May— Net ry. oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Interest on debt, Other deductions, Net income Dr., Income applic. to sinking fund & other res. funds, Balance Dr., 5 Mos. End. May 31— Net ry. oper. income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Interest on debt, Other deductions, Net income Dr., Income applic. to sinking fund & other res. funds, Balance Dr.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 21 '32, p. 1339

Southern Pacific Lines.

Table with columns for Month of May (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Operating Revenues (Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, etc.) and Operating Expenses (Maint. of way & struc., Traffic, Transportation, etc.).

Union Pacific System.

Table with columns for Month of May (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Operating Revenues (Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, etc.) and Operating Expenses (Maint. of way & struc., Traffic, Transportation, etc.).

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co. (Including Subsidiary Lines.)

Table with columns for Month of May (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Operating Revenues (Operating mileage, Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, etc.) and Operating Expenses (Total oper. revenue, Maint. of way & struc., Transportation expenses, etc.).

Soo Line—System. (Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry. Co.) (Including Wisconsin Central Ry. Co.)

Table with columns for Month of May (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Operating Revenues (Net rev. after rents, Other income, net) and Operating Expenses (Net deficit, Div. of net pref. or def. between).

New York City Street Railways. (As filed with Transit Commission)

Table with columns for Companies (Brooklyn & Queens, Eighth & Ninth Aves, Fifth Avenue Coach, etc.) and rows for Operating Revenues (Operating Income, Gross Income) and Operating Expenses (Deductions from Income, Net Corp. Income).

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS COS.

Associated Telephone Utilities Co.

Table with columns for 12 Months Ended April 30 (1932, 1931) and rows for Gross earnings, Operating expenses and maintenance, Taxes, Interest deductions, etc.

Wabash Ry.

Table with columns for Month of May (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Operating Revenues (Operating revenues, Net ry. oper. income) and Operating Expenses (Operating revenues, Operating expenses).

Reynolds Spring Co.

Table for Reynolds Spring Co. showing financial data for 1932, 1931, and 1930. Includes items like Sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit, Total income, and Net loss.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 12 '32, p. 1974

Shawmut Bank Investment Trust.

Table for Shawmut Bank Investment Trust showing financial data for 1932, 1931, and 1930. Includes items like Interest and dividends, Administrative expenses, and Total surplus.

Southern California Edison Co., Ltd.

Table for Southern California Edison Co., Ltd. showing financial data for 1932, 1931, and 1930. Includes items like Gross earnings, Expenses, Taxes, and Total net income.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 19 '32, p. 2135

Telautograph Co.

Table for Telautograph Co. showing financial data for 1932, 1931, and 1930. Includes items like Net profit after deprec., Federal taxes and other chgs, and Earnings per share.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 13 '32, p. 1212

Union Electric Light & Power Co. of Illinois.

Table for Union Electric Light & Power Co. of Illinois showing financial data for 1932, 1931, and 1930. Includes items like Gross revenues and Net income after taxes.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 6 '32, p. 1024.

Union Electric Light & Power Co. of St. Louis.

(And Subsidiaries.)

Table for Union Electric Light & Power Co. of St. Louis showing financial data for 1932, 1931, 1930, and 1929. Includes items like Gross income and Net income after taxes.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle March 5 '32, p. 1764

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.

(And Subsidiaries)

Table for United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. showing financial data for 1932, 1931, 1930, and 1929. Includes items like Gross earnings, Reserves, and Balance.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 2 '32, p. 2548

FINANCIAL REPROTS

New York Central RR.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

Extracts from the remarks of Secretary E. F. Stephenson, together with the corporate income account statement, are cited under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page. Secretary Stephenson further says in part:

Expenses.—In keeping with, and as result of retrenchments made necessary by the greatly diminished traffic, there were substantial reductions in nearly all items of operating expenses.

In accounts comprising the maintenance of way and structures group, the larger decreases appear in roadway maintenance, track laying and surfacing, tie and rail renewals, station and office buildings, signals and interlockers and the cost of removing snow, sand and ice.

The decrease in the cost of maintaining equipment resulted from a reduced program of repairs and renewals, made possible by the diminished use of equipment. This decrease was offset to the extent of \$751,235 by an increase in charges for equipment depreciation resulting from the acquisition of additional equipment.

The decrease in traffic expenses is principally due to a reduction in personnel and salaries and in the cost of printing tariffs.

The decrease in transportation expenses is attributable to the diminished traffic handled.

The decrease in expenses of miscellaneous operations is principally in the cost of dining-car service incident to the decrease in passenger traffic. The savings in general expenses resulted mainly from a reduction of clerical forces, decreases in the pay of general officers and their office forces effective during the later months of the year and reduced cost of stationery and supplies. There was, however, an increase in pension payments amounting to \$369,352.

Reduction in Salaries and Wages.—

Owing to the decline in earnings, salaries of all officials receiving over \$500 per month were scaled down by reductions from 10 to 20%, effective Oct. 1 1931. Effective Nov. 1 1931, the 10% reduction was extended to include all salaries of more than \$350 per month. These reductions, which affected 934 positions, amounted to \$53,000 per month.

At the time these reductions in salaries of officials were made, negotiations were undertaken with representatives of the several classes of employees for a 10% reduction in their rates of pay. These negotiations were unsuccessful, and, as the labor committees were affiliated with organizations which represented railroad employees generally, all of the railroads served notices, required by the agreements, requesting reductions. This resulted in the designation of a Committee of Railroad Presidents representing virtually

all of the railroads to negotiate with a Committee of the Chief Executives of the labor organizations. A settlement was reached, effective Feb. 1 1932, under which deductions of 10% are to be made from the wages of the employees concerned for a period of one year.

Administrative Reorganizations and Consolidations.—Further economies were effected during the year by organizations of departments; reductions in the number of divisions; operating unifications of portions of the New York Central RR., Michigan Central RR., and Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry., by consolidations of forces, &c.

Railway Tax Accruals.—Railway tax accruals were \$32,215,329, a decrease of \$1,793,692. Federal and Canadian income taxes decreased \$1,395,109 and State taxes on gross earnings decreased \$226,601, as a result of diminished revenues, while taxes on real and personal property and other taxes decreased \$171,982.

Equipment Rents.—The net debit to equipment rents amounted to \$11,772,768, an increase of \$1,484,616. Rentals received for the use of the company's equipment on foreign roads decreased as follows: From locomotives \$353,728, from freight cars \$14,419,039 and from work equipment \$107,709 as compared with decreases of \$228,842, \$13,110,357 and \$6,518, respectively, in rental paid to others for the use of the like classes of equipment; while the debit balance in connection with the use of passenger equipment decreased \$49,997.

Joint Facility Rents.—There was a net debit to joint facility rents of \$2,957,885, an increase of \$2,427,405 as compared with 1930. This increase is mainly in payments for use of the facilities of the Cleveland Union Terminals Co., which were used during the entire year as compared with six months of 1930, and in the rentals paid to Lake Erie & Pittsburgh Ry., which prior to 1931 were classified as rent for leased roads.

Non-Operating Income.—Non-operating income amounted to \$35,735,241, a decrease of \$3,991,742. The larger items contributing to the decrease are as follows:

There was a decrease of \$1,666,964 in profit from separately operated properties in connection with the Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR., of which \$1,106,284 was due to a credit adjustment made in the accounts for 1930 and \$560,680 to diminished revenues.

Dividend income increased \$1,226,680, mainly due to the receipts of extra dividends upon the stock of the Chicago River & Indiana RR. and the Merchants Despatch Transportation Co., offset in part by decreased dividends upon the stock of the Indiana Harbor Belt RR. and others.

Income from funded securities decreased \$541,051. Such income for 1930 included \$125,835 interest on Boston & Albany RR. Improvement bonds which were sold on July 8 1930 and \$141,042 interest on Big Four European bonds which matured June 1 1930. Interest on Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. bonds and upon equipment trust certificates of the Merchants Despatch, Inc., decreased \$65,768 due to the sale of securities during 1930 and 1931 and there was a net decrease of \$208,404 in interest received from sundry notes and accounts.

Deductions from Gross Income.—Deductions from gross income amounted to \$61,461,770, an increase of \$444,929.

Rent for leased roads decreased \$1,378,938, of which \$566,578 was due to the retirement of obligations of lessor companies, the interest upon which this company is obligated to pay as rental, \$616,027 to diminished revenues assignable to the line of the Mahoning Coal RR., the rental being based upon such revenues, and \$189,305 to charges to this account in 1930 for rental of the Lake Erie & Pittsburgh Ry., rentals in 1931 being charged as joint facility rents. Decrease in sundry items amounted to \$7,027.

Interest on funded debt increased \$941,651, due to the net increase in the funded debt of the company.

Interest on unfunded debt increased \$653,573, due to increased loans from banks and others.

Net Income and Surplus for the Year.—

The net income of the company was \$2,430,101, a decrease of \$33,551,690, as compared with 1930. After appropriations amounting to \$120,846, there remained a surplus of \$2,309,254 which was carried to profit and loss.

Dividends.—The following dividends were declared and charged to surplus: May 1 (1 1/2%), \$7,488,863; Aug. 1 (1 1/2%), \$7,488,863; Nov. 2 (1%), \$4,992,576; total, \$19,970,304.

Stockholders.—The following table shows the number of stockholders of the company at the end of each year:

Table showing the number of stockholders of the company at the end of each year (1928-1931), categorized by Total, In U.S., and Abroad, with Average Holding.

Changes in the Company's Capital Structure.—The following table shows the record of capital stock, funded debt, the ratio of capital stock to total capitalization, and surplus.

Table showing Capital Stock, Ratio of Capital Stock to Total Capitalization, and Surplus for various years (1915-1931).

Employees' Stock Subscriptions.—Owing to the fall in the market price of the company's stock the management called the attention of employees who had subscribed for shares of such stock at \$130 per share under the company's offer of March 1 1930, to their privilege, under the terms of the offer, of cancelling their subscriptions and of receiving the amount of the payments made thereon, with interest at the rate of 4% per an num. Subscriptions for 64,768 shares were cancelled during the year, leaving in force subscriptions for only 1,306 shares.

Emergency Freight Rates.—On June 17 1931, the steam railroad carriers of the United States filed with the U.-S. C. Commission an application for permission to increase all freight rates and charges 15%. On Oct. 16 1931, the Commission denied the application, stating that certain specific increases in rates on various commodities would be permitted, provided that the revenue derived from such increases would be pooled for the purpose of contributing to deficiencies in income required to meet the fixed charges of the carriers.

The carriers proposed an alternative plan by which the revenues to be derived from the proposed increases would be loaned by the carriers to a corporation which, in turn, would loan the funds so received to carriers eligible to receive such loans. Upon further hearing, the Commission held that it was without jurisdiction to approve the plan proposed by the carriers but announced that it would permit the increased rates scheduled in its original opinion, with minor modifications, to become effective upon the assumption that the carriers would adopt and administer the plan proposed. Accordingly the tariffs carrying the increased rates were filed and became effective on inter-State traffic Jan. 4 1932, and have also been permitted to become effective on intra-State traffic in most States. On Dec. 14 1931, the Railroad Credit Corporation was created and the plan, having been assented to by practically all of the carriers involved, became effective contemporaneously with the effective date of the increased rates.

Acquisition of Short Line Railroads.—During the year, the I.-S. C. Commission approved the acquisition of the Ulster & Delaware RR., fixing as the commercial value to be paid therefor the sum of \$2,500,000.

The Commission, during the year, also approved the sale to the Lehigh Valley RR. of the half interest in the stock of the Owasco River Ry., pursuant to the expectation in that behalf at the time of the acquisition of control of the Owasco River Ry.

There still remain pending before the Commission proceedings with reference to the acquisition of the Boyne City Gaylor & Alpena and the Chicago Attica & Southern railroads.

Extension of Lease of Detroit Manufacturers RR.—The lease or operating agreement dated April 1 1902, under which the Detroit Manufacturers RR. was held by the Michigan Central RR. was by its terms to have expired on Jan. 1 1928, but was extended by agreement between the companies to June 1 1931, the date of expiration of the City ordinance under which the railroad occupied the streets. The right to use the streets was extended for a period of 30 years by a new ordinance passed by the Common Council of Detroit on May 26, 1931, and thereafter the lease agreement was further extended for a corresponding term. The extension of the lease was approved by the U.-S. C. Commission by its order entered July 30 1931. Since Feb. 1 1930, the property has been operated by this company under the provision of its lease of the properties of Michigan Central RR.

General Corporate and Investment News.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of June 18.—(a) Gross and net earnings of United States railroads for the month of April, p. 4385; (b) Theodore Prince views I.-S. C. Commission as "virtual dictatorship within a democracy"—Says Commission "dictates" rather than allows directors of Reconstruction Finance Corp. to decide on loans to railroads—Action in case of St. Louis-San Francisco Ry., p. 4432, (c) Additional loans of \$762,600 to two roads from Reconstruction Finance Corp. approved—New applications for loans filed, p. 4433.

Alabama Tennessee & Northern RR.—Company Seeks Reduction in Interest in Order to Survive Emergency.—Bondholders have been requested to accept a reduction in interest payments in order that the company "may survive the present emergency," according to a letter of John T. Cochran, President of the road. The letter, which is addressed to holders of prior lien bonds due 1948 and gen. mtge. bonds due 1948, states:

The continuance of the conditions which have for some time unfavorably affected the business of your company makes it necessary for the board of directors to communicate with the holders of the above mentioned bonds with respect to its affairs and particularly with relation to its obligation to pay interest on said bonds, the next maturing coupons on each of which issues falls due July 1 next.

The company has the following funded debt:

Prior lien 6% bonds (held by the public).....	\$1,672,860
General mortgage bonds, 2% to Jan. 1 1934, thereafter 6% (held by the public).....	1,959,429
Car trust certificates carrying a first lien on equipment costing \$399,000, bearing 6% interest (further payment on principal deferred until June 1 1934).....	151,500
Loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation due March 1 1935, interest 6%, payable semi-annually (I.-S. C. required as collateral \$462,000 prior lien bonds, being all bonds available).....	275,000
Loan from Railroad Credit Corporation due March 22 1934, interest payable semi-annually.....	49,090

Prior to 1928 the A. T. & N. was purely a local road with all of its traffic originating or terminating at local points on its line and having no competitive traffic. In that year the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. extended its line to a connection with the A. T. & N. near its northern end. It thereby became practicable, by extending the A. T. & N. to Mobile, for it to secure competitive business in addition to its local business. This extension into Mobile was completed in 1928 and was financed chiefly by the issue and sale of \$1,040,000 of additional prior lien bonds. An important change in the character of the business of the railroad was effected by the connection with the Frisco and the extension into Mobile. In order, however, to place your company in position to obtain the full benefits of this change, time was required for the publication of freight rates, the arrangement of new routes, agreeing on divisions of revenue with connecting carriers and the building up of an organization for the solicitation of competitive traffic. In the course of this development, which was most encouraging, but before the company could possibly get into position to receive the full benefits thereof, the progress being made was checked by the depression through which we are still struggling.

In 1929 the gross earnings of your company were \$1,216,756. After deducting operating expenses, taxes, equipment rents, interest on unfunded debt and other necessary deductions from gross income, the amount available for interest on the prior lien bonds, general mortgage bonds and car trust notes left a deficit of \$34,061.

In 1930 the gross earnings were \$1,175,230 and the deficit after such interest was \$84,298.

In 1931 the gross earnings were \$958,312, and the deficit after such interest was \$112,292.

The fall in gross earnings was not due to conditions peculiar to the A. T. & N. but was occasioned by the general economic conditions which have affected all railroads of the country. In fact, your company has done better than maintain its relative competitive position as is indicated by the fact that the gross revenue of class I railroads for 1931 as compared with 1929 showed a decrease of 33.29% while the decrease in the gross revenue of your company for that year was 21.24%. The expenses have been reduced to an absolute minimum. The forces have been cut and every officer and employee remaining in the service has been subjected to substantial reductions in pay, to the point that further cuts are impossible if the property is to be preserved and maintained for safe operation.

To enable your company to pay the coupon interest for the years 1930 and 1931 on the above-mentioned bonds, it was necessary for it to borrow from its banks. It was not possible to do this without the personal endorsement of the President of the company of a substantial part of such loans. The company made said loans, and the President pledged his personal credit, in order to avoid default with respect to the bond interest or calling upon the bondholders to make sacrifices at that time and with the hope that business conditions would improve. This hope has not been realized.

In March of this year the company borrowed from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Railroad Credit Corporation sufficient funds to take up said loans. In addition to taking as collateral all of the available prior lien bonds the Government required and took the same personal endorsement theretofore given by the President to the banks.

For the five months ended May 31 1932 business conditions having grown steadily worse, the gross earnings of your company have shown a still further decline. The company has no further collateral on which additional loans can be procured, and it will be impossible for it to meet the interest accruing on the above mentioned bonds on July 1. Nor can interest payments be resumed until there is a distinct and sustained improvement in general business conditions.

It is therefore imperative that the holders of bonds of both issues cooperate with the management in carrying out a constructive plan for the purpose of avoiding receivership and foreclosure, with the large and unnecessary expense and the loss of business and good-will inevitably incident thereto, and of enabling the company to preserve its property and business to the end that in course of time it can emerge from the difficulties now besetting it with its credit and good-will unimpaired and with its bonds resting upon a sound basis.

After careful study the directors have concluded that the requirements of the situation will best be met by co-operation on the part of the holders of the above-mentioned bonds in the following plan:

(1) **Prior Lien Bonds.**—Holders participating in the plan are to retain the full principal amount of their bonds but are to surrender the three coupons maturing July 1 1932 to July 1 1933, both inclusive, without payment other than that hereinafter mentioned, and are to reduce the interest on said bonds from July 1 1933 to June 30 1935 from 6% to 4% per annum, as set forth in the agreement between the company and the holders of prior lien bonds which has been executed by the company and filed with the Manufacturers Trust Co., and the provisions of which agreement shall in all respects govern. Company will make a cash payment to the prior lien bondholders who participate in the plan at the rate of \$15 per \$1,000 bond.

(2) **General Mortgage Bonds.**—The holders participating in the plan are to retain the full principal amount of their bonds but are to surrender the five coupons maturing July 1 1932 to July 1 1934, both inclusive, without payment other than that hereinafter mentioned, and are to exchange all the remaining coupons on their bonds for new coupons covering interest at the fixed rate of 2% per annum from July 1 1934 to June 30 1936, and new coupons for all subsequent interest at the fixed rate of 2% per annum, plus such further amount up to an additional 4% per annum, non-cumul., as the company can pay out of 50% of the net income of the company available for such bond interest, as set forth in the agreement between the company and the holders of general mortgage bonds which has been executed by the company and filed with Irving Trust Co. The remaining 50% of such net income, as provided in said agreement, shall be applicable to the general corporate purposes of the company but no dividends shall be paid to stockholders, preferred or common, in any year unless interest at the full rate of 6% for such year shall have been paid, or set apart for

payment, on said general mortgage bonds. Company will make a cash payment to said general mortgage bondholders who participate in the plan, at the rate of \$7.50 per \$1,000 bond.

The foregoing plan is deemed necessary to relieve company of interest payments until conditions improve and the company is on a normal earning basis and to help it take care of the loans made by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Railroad Credit Corporation, the proceeds of which have already been paid to the bondholders for interest and utilized for other urgent necessities. It is considered sufficiently comprehensive to warrant the belief that its consummation will not only enable the company to survive the present emergency but will afford it a chance to place its finances upon a sounder basis and thereby enhance the future value and stability of its outstanding bonds.

Holders of prior lien bonds are requested to forward their bonds to the Manufacturers Trust Co., 149 Broadway, N. Y. City, for the purpose of having stamped thereon a reference to the aforesaid agreement and of having attached thereto a new sheet of coupons at the rate of 4% per annum for the two years commencing July 1 1933 and ending June 30 1935, in place of the seven coupons detached therefrom in accordance with the foregoing plan.

Holders of General Mortgage Bonds are requested forthwith to forward their bonds to Irving Trust Co., 1 Wall St., N. Y. City, for the purpose of having stamped thereon a reference to the agreement and of having attached thereto a new sheet of coupons covering interest at the fixed rate of 2% per annum from July 1 1934 to June 30 1936 and thereafter at fixed rate of 2% per annum, plus such further amount up to an additional 4% per annum, non-cumulative, as shall be payable out of net income as aforesaid, in place of the July 1 1932 and all subsequent coupons detached from said bonds in accordance with the plan.

The failure of the earnings of the company to meet the interest requirements for the last two years, necessitating the borrowing of moneys for that purpose, has been mainly because of economic conditions and the consequent falling off of business in general. While there is competition by waterway, truck and bus transportation agencies a careful survey of the operations indicates that this is not the main cause of the decrease in earnings and it is believed that within a reasonable time there will be such regulation of these agencies as to protect the railroads in reasonable measure. It is therefore felt that when normal conditions are re-established and such regulatory action taken the securities of all railroads will be on a sounder basis and that the company will be in good position to carry forward and improve the substantial opportunities inherent in the property for the benefit of its security holders.

The present quotations for the bonds of both issues cannot be taken as standards of value. It may be, however, relevant to point out that the cash payments to be made to the bondholders incident to their participation in the plan constitute a substantial return on the quoted values of their securities.

The advisability of presenting to the bondholders some plan of the nature aforesaid has been considered by the directors for the past year, but, as indicated above, it was desired that same should be avoided if possible in the hope that conditions would change and enable company to carry on and meet the interest on its bonds. It was for that reason that the company continued to borrow money to the extent that it paid the full interest on the bonds on Jan. 1 1932. The continued downward trend of business and the utilization of all available collateral has made further borrowing impossible and in fact the situation is now such that the directors would not be justified, even if further borrowings were possible, in piling up more debt for the purpose of paying interest to the bondholders in such times as these and prejudicing thereby the ultimate stability and value of their securities.

The foregoing plan is therefore submitted as being the best course available to enable the directors, with the co-operation of the bondholders, to preserve and maintain the property, business, credit and good-will of the company. It involves the minimum of sacrifice on the part of the bondholders considered consistent with safety. On the other hand receivership and foreclosure would unquestionably fall heavily on the bondholders, involving among other things a complete loss of interest for an indefinite period, formidable expense, and certain loss and damage to the business and property of the company. To avoid this the bondholders must act with promptness and with full measure of co-operation. The situation has been discussed by the directors with the holders of very substantial amounts of prior lien bonds and general mortgage bonds and the plan has already received their approval.—V. 134, p. 1755.

Alton RR.—Would Abandon Certain Branches.

Examiner Thomas F. Sullivan has recommended that the I.-S. C. Commission authorize the road to abandon 38 miles of line, including two segments in Illinois. One line extends from a connection with the Chicago Burlington & Quincy at Barnett Junction to the eastern side of Carlinville, and the other from the west side of Carlinville to Carroiton.—V. 134, p. 3977.

Antofagasta (Chile) & Bolivia Ry.—Defers Div.

The directors intimate that an interim dividend in respect of the year 1932 on the 5% cum. preference stock will not be paid on July 1 next. The operating results for the current year to date show that no dividend has been earned even after taking into account the estimated income receivable during the current year by the Andes Trust, Limited, and in view of that and the necessity for conserving cash resources, they consider it is in the best interests of the company to postpone for the time being the payment of any dividend on the said stock. They will review the situation in the early autumn when a further announcement will be made. (London "Stock Exchange Weekly Official Intelligence.")—V. 113, p. 2310.

Belt RR. & Stock Yards of Indianapolis.—Reduces Div.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 20. This compares with 75 cents per share paid each quarter from April 1 1931 to and incl. April 1 1932.—V. 132, p. 2381.

Bessemer & Lake Erie RR.—To Abandon Trackage Rights.

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 1 issued a certificate permitting the company to abandon operation, under trackage rights, over the line of the Baltimore & Ohio RR., a distance of 0.97 mile, including joint use of the latter's passenger station facilities, all in Butler, Butler County, Pa.—V. 134, p. 2711.

Boston & Maine RR.—Bonds as Collateral.

Authority to issue \$10,000,000 6% mortgage bonds to be dated June 1 1932, and maturing June 1 1962, was sought by the road June 23 in an application to the I.-S. C. Commission.

The road said that it has applied for a loan of \$10,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and that it intends to pledge the bonds sought to be issued as collateral security for the loan.—V. 134, p. 4153.

Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.—New Director.

Dr. Rush S. Rhees, President of the University of Rochester, has been elected a director to succeed the late George Eastman.—V. 134, p. 1755.

Buffalo Union-Carolina RR.—Loan of \$53,960 From Reconstruction Finance Corporation Approved.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.

Central of Georgia Ry.—To Guarantee Notes.

The I.-S. C. Commission on June 4 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of certain notes of the Wrightsville & Tennille RR., and to pledge as collateral security for a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, or for the note issued to evidence it, not exceeding \$140,000 of refunding and general mortgage 5% bonds, series C.

The report of the Commission says in part:

The company has duly applied for authority under Section 20a of the Inter-State Commerce Act (1) to guarantee the payment of the principal and interest of any loans made to the Wrightsville & Tennille RR. by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and (or) the Railroad Credit Corporation, to indorse the notes representing the loans, to become surety for the loans, and to secure them by the pledge of any stocks, bonds, or other securities owned by it, and (2) to hypothecate with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation \$140,000 of its refunding and general mortgage 5% bonds, series C, to secure a loan of \$22,525 to be made by the Finance

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Output.—The power output of the company's electric subsidiaries for the month of May totaled 116,345,707 kwh., against 145,599,904 kwh. for the corresponding month of 1931.
For the five months ended May 31, power output totaled 630,932,931 kwh. as against 732,458,777 kwh. for the same period last year.—V. 134, p. 4155.

Annapolis & Chesapeake Bay Power Co.—Receiver's Sale.—The Gas & Electric Property will be sold July 15, at 12 o'clock noon (Eastern standard time) by Albert G. Towers, receiver, at the court house in Annapolis.

Gross operating revenue of this property has been as follows: Year ending Dec. 31 1929, \$678,143; Year ending Dec. 31 1930, \$824,508; year ending Dec. 31 1931, \$932,349.
Information with respect to the property, franchises and business to be sold, and the terms of sale can be had upon application to the receiver at his office in the Title Building, St. Paul and Lexington Sts., Baltimore, Md.—V. 134, p. 3820.

Arlington & Fairfax Ry.—Commission Denies Loan of \$13,000 from Reconstruction Finance Corporation.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 125, p. 1835.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—P. S. Commission Charges Company Breaks State Law—Company Issues Answer.
The New York P. S. Commission June 18 made public a report charging that the Associated Gas & Electric system had violated "the letter as well as the spirit of the public service law" in its management of 12 operating companies serving Staten Island and considerable portions of western, central and northeastern New York State.

The Commission's report deals with the results of an investigation which concentrated particularly on the charges and payments for managerial, engineering, accounting and other "services" made to the operating companies controlled by the Associated system by affiliated nonutility service companies and corporations and the relationship between the operating utilities and the so-called service companies.
Hinting of possible legal action to compel the system to abandon practices which it found objectionable, the Commission said that in matters not under its jurisdiction "it is felt that the record and testimony taken in this case should, at the conclusion thereof, be turned over to the proper officials of the State of New York for consideration."

The Commission's report shows that in 1930 and 1931 nine affiliated service companies charged the 12 New York operating utilities of the Associated group a total of 7,708,907, which transactions were "improper and not in the public interest."

According to the report, the 12 companies made aggregate payments for services, expenses, &c., in 1930 and 1931 to the following:

Account—	Sum Paid.
W. S. Barstow & Co.	\$1,198,586
Utility Management Corp.	2,016,606
Utilities Purchasing & Supply Corp.	207,435
Expenses of above three companies.	421,414
Public Utilities Appliance Corp.	1,381,732
"System" expenses.	1,214,081
H. C. Hopson & Co., Inc.	449,716
Daniel Starch and staff.	125,322
Mid-State Fuel Corp.	696,013
Total.	\$7,708,907

The Commission had found it impossible, the report said, to obtain from the Associated system definite information regarding the policies of that system as to the basis for the charges and payments for the various "services" to the operating utilities or as to whether any of the persons employed by or affiliated with the Associated Gas & Electric system were beneficiaries under the contracts.

Upon being shown a copy of the publicity released by the Public Service Commission for the morning's papers of Saturday, June 18 1932, in the proceeding on motion of the Commission for the purpose of inquiring into the rules, regulations, practices, accounts and records of certain operating companies, &c., the following comments were given out at the office of the Associated Gas & Electric Co.

The publicity given out by the Public Service Commission was not unexpected. The recent agitation against holding companies and the vigorous attempts to make the public utilities a leading political issue, have led the Commission to condemn contracts for management, construction and other services—always regarded by the industry and by previous Public Service Commissions, and recently recognized by the New York Legislature, as legal and proper—without any consideration whatsoever of the character or value of the services rendered or the reasonableness of the charges, and regardless of the fact that the payments were made in most cases under contracts over which the Commission has no jurisdiction. No complaint of diversion of operating funds can fairly be made without proof of unreasonable charges, and upon this subject no evidence was before the Commission. The companies will be prepared to justify the payments at the proper time and place. It was the opinion of counsel that the proceeding instituted by the Commission itself, which involved no question of adequacy of service of rate regulation and was not based upon any complaint by any customer of any of the companies served, was not a proper or appropriate proceeding for such proof.

It is significant that in the Commission's enumeration of the items of service charges, well over 90% represented payments for services and expenses to corporations which are wholly owned subsidiaries of Associated Gas & Electric Co., which was likewise the owner of the entire common stock of the companies which made the payments, so that they were inter-company payments as between the Associated company and its solely owned subsidiaries and involved no diversion of funds for the individual enrichment of anyone.

With respect to the sale of securities of the holding company, no fair complaint can be made by the Commission in view of the delays incident to the authorization of operating company securities by the Commission, which have been the subject of frequent press comment in connection with operating companies under other managements. The operating companies have received financial assistance from the holding company very largely in excess of the proceeds of holding company securities sold by their employees.

The Commission has no right or power under the law to question the propriety of expenditures of the corporation, or to substitute its judgment for the judgment of the directors in the management or policies of the corporation, as it has assumed to do in this case. This has repeatedly been determined by the Court of Appeals of the State of New York. It is the Commission itself and not the corporations which have violated the spirit and letter of the law.

The executives of the various companies in the Associated Gas & Electric System have conceived it their paramount duty during this unprecedented period of depression to devote their efforts exclusively to the problems of operating efficiency, employment of men and payment of debts, so that the system might, in its part, as far as humanly possible, contribute to the restoration of normal conditions. It was not physically possible to make extensive proof before the Commission on the multitude of questions now discussed in its opinion, without seriously interfering with the undivided attention required for most pressing and urgent problems. We regret that the Commission has seen fit to disregard the exigencies of the bigger problems of the day and to broadcast to the press on matters of no great moment to anyone on the basis of entirely inadequate evidence and in some cases on no evidence at all.

Class A Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend on the class A stock of 1-80th of one share of common stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record June 30. A similar dividend was paid on May 2 last, while in the previous quarter the payment on each share of class A stock was 1-80th of a share of class A stock or 1-80th of a share of \$5 pref. stock.—V. 134, p. 4488, 4155.

Associated Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Defers Div Action.—The directors have decided to defer action on the quarterly dividends of \$1 on the class A stock of no par value, \$1.75 on the \$7 pref. stock of \$100

par, \$1.50 on the \$6 pref. stock of no par value and \$1 on the \$4 pref. stock of no par value. The last regular quarterly payments on these issues were made on April 1.—V. 134, p. 4488.

Associated Telephone Co., Ltd.—Earnings.
Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.

Exchange service revenues	\$2,100,328
Toll service revenues	482,814
Miscellaneous operating revenues	12,610
Non-operating revenues	61,601
Total gross earnings	\$2,657,352
Operating expenses	556,040
Maintenance	402,332
State and local taxes	183,138
Federal income taxes	50,693
Interest on funded debt	365,833
General interest	21,388
Amortization of debt discount and expense	24,030
Interest charged to construction	Cr. 10,757
Provision for depreciation	405,004
Surplus net income	\$659,650
Surplus balance, Dec. 31 1930	439,438
Adjustment of toll billing period	13,716
Total surplus	\$1,112,804
Preferred dividends	159,468
Common dividends	315,748
Surplus, Dec. 31 1931	\$637,588

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Telephone plant, equip., &c. \$13,573,916	\$1.50 cum. pref. stock
Debt disc. & exp. in process	Common stock
of amortization	1st mtge. 5% gold bonds
806,921	Notes payable
Prepaid insurance, taxes, &c.	Deferred liabilities
23,828	Accounts payable
Miscell. def. & unadj. items	Accrued taxes
15,202	Accrued interest
Due from affiliated cos.	Accrued pref. stock divs.
a1,788,975	Service billed in advance
Cash	Miscell. current liabilities
325,198	Reserve for depreciation
Employees' working funds	Capital surplus
5,222	Earned surplus
Accounts & notes receivable	
b193,891	
Unbilled tolls	
73,680	
Materials & supplies	
355,695	
Total	Total
\$17,162,530	\$17,162,530

As of Jan. 1 1932 the company acquired the properties and other net assets of the Ontario & Upland Telephone Co., Pomona Valley Telephone & Telegraph Union and Home Telephone & Telegraph Co. of China for a net consideration (after eliminating inter-company notes, &c.) of \$914,239, which amount has since been applied against amounts due from other affiliated companies. b After reserves of \$24,800. c Represented by 136,485 no par shares.—V. 134, p. 1021.

Associated Telephone Utilities Co.—Earnings.
For income statement for 12 months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3820.

Brooklyn Borough Gas Co.—6 1/4% Extra Pref. Div.
The company has declared on the 6% cum. & partic. pref. stock, par \$50, an extra distribution of 6 1/4 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly payment of 75 cents per share, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 20. Three months ago an extra of 56 1/4 cents per share was paid, while from July 1927 to and incl. Jan. 1932 extra distributions of 6 1/4 cents per share were made on this issue.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the no par value common stock, payable July 11 to holders of record June 30. Quarterly payments at this rate have been made on the junior stock since and incl. April 1927. On Jan. 10 last an extra disbursement of \$6 per share was also made.—V. 134, p. 2715.

Brooklyn Edison Co., Inc.—Listing of \$25,000,000 Gen. Mortgage Gold Bonds, Series E, 5%, Due Jan. 1 1952.
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$25,000,000 general mortgage gold bonds, series E (5%), due Jan. 1 1952.—V. 134, p. 3821.

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp.—Omits Common Dividend—Reduces Salaries and Wages 10%.—The directors on June 20 took no action on the com. div., but declared the regular quar. div. of \$1.50 a share on the no par value \$6 cum. pref. stock, series A, payable on July 15 to holders of record July 1. Under the company's charter the declaration of a common dividend would have necessitated the declaration of the full preferred dividend for the year. In June 1931, the directors declared four regular quarterly dividends of \$1.50 a share on the pref. stock, payable July 15 1931, Oct. 15 1931, Jan. 15 1932 and April 15 1932.

On Jan. 20 1926 an initial dividend of \$3 a share was paid on the no par common stock (of which \$2 was paid for the period from the reorganization of the company to Sept. 30 1925, and \$1 for the quarter ended Dec. 31 1925). Regular quarterly distributions at the rate of \$1 a share were also made on this issue from April 15 1926 to and incl. April 15 1932.

Chairman Gerhard M. Dahl announced that the directors of the company and its subsidiaries had passed a resolution directing the officers to make, effective on Aug. 1, a 10% reduction in the salaries, wages or compensation of all officers and all employees of the company except those groups of employees with which agreements as to rates of pay and working conditions are in effect until Aug. 3 (see below).

In announcing the actions of the directors Mr. Dahl made the following statement:

The board of directors of Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. at their meeting on June 20, declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share on the pref. stock, payable July 15 to the preferred stockholders of record on July 1. No action was taken on the common stock. Under the company's charter, the declaration of a common stock dividend would have necessitated the declaration of the full preferred dividend of \$6 a share for one year.

The company's receipts and earnings are holding up satisfactorily in the face of existing adverse conditions, showing combined system operations, revenue of approximately \$48,265,809 and net income of approximately \$5,866,518 for the 10 months ended April 30 of the current fiscal year, as compared with the combined system operating revenue of \$48,751,198 and net income of \$6,137,070 for the corresponding 10 months of the last fiscal year, and the railroads and properties of the system are being efficiently operated and maintained.

On account, however, of it being impossible to provide the funds required for capital expenditures under the subway contract with the city through the issuance and sale of bonds of its rapid transit subsidiary (New York Rapid Transit Corp.) to the public at satisfactory prices, the company issued and sold \$13,500,000 of its three-year 6 1/2% notes and applied the proceeds together with other funds to the purchase of \$17,000,000 of refunding mortgage 6 1/2% bonds of such subsidiary, all of which the company now owns except \$47,000 the eof held in the sinking fund. These notes mature Aug. 1 and the plans for refinancing them at maturity are not as yet completed.

was forced to default in the interest payment due June 1 on its first lien bonds.

The appointment of receivers, the default in interest, and the inevitability of a reorganization of the corporation make it imperative that a committee be formed promptly for the protection of the holders of the first lien bonds. As a consequence, at the request of holders of a substantial amount of these bonds, we have consented to act as a committee for the purpose of protecting the interests of the bondholders.

The events immediately prior to the receivership briefly were as follows: Because of world-wide financial conditions corporation, in common with many public utilities throughout the country, recently has been unable to obtain funds either for capital expenditures or for refunding purposes in the manner that such funds are normally obtained, i.e., through the sale of securities. Early this spring it became apparent that the refunding of the corporation's \$7,000,000 of notes falling due July 1 1932, was impossible. The corporation accordingly proposed a five-year extension of the maturity of these notes, informing the holders on April 4 through an extension committee that minimum requirements for capital expenditures would absorb substantially all earnings after payment of interest on the first lien bonds, and that the extended notes must therefore bear cumulative coupons upon which no payment could be made until capital expenditures, accumulated and current, could be financed. At the time of the receivership over 65% of the maturing notes had been deposited with this extension committee.

The receivership was precipitated by the action of a holder of a \$1,000 note who, on May 10 1932, filed bills of complaint in the U. S. District Courts at Wilmington, Del., and Chicago, Ill., asking that receivers be appointed for the corporation. Following the filing of such bills the board of directors gave careful consideration to the action which it should take in connection therewith. After due reflection it was decided that, with only 65% of the notes deposited for extension, it would be for the best interests of the corporation, in order to avoid the expense of contesting these bills, as well as that of contesting any similar bills which might be filed by other noteholders, to consent to the appointment of receivers upon conditions giving promise of the greatest protection to the corporation and the holders of its securities. Accordingly, Perry O. Crawford, Chicago, then President of the corporation, and Clarence A. Southerland, of Ward & Gray, Attorneys, Wilmington, Del., were appointed receivers in the U. S. District Court at Wilmington on May 19 1932, and on the following day were appointed ancillary receivers in the U. S. District Court at Chicago.

Members of this committee are now working with the receivers in an endeavor to obtain at least a part payment of the June 1 interest coupon in the near future. There is reasonable ground for expectation that part payment may be arranged but negotiations toward this end cannot be consummated unless it can be indicated to both the receivers and the trustee for the first lien bonds that this committee is entitled to represent the bondholders in voicing approval of the action.

It is, therefore, essential that bondholders without delay empower this committee to represent them relative to the foregoing as well as for other actions which it may and probably will be necessary to take in adequately safeguarding the first lien bonds and in maintaining the continuance of whatever interest payments may be possible from time to time. To so empower this committee it will be necessary for holders to deposit their bonds.

Protective Committee for Convertible 6% Gold Notes, Due July 1 1932.—

The committee consists of: Charles H. Bliss, Chairman, (of E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.), Chicago; P. M. Binzel (of Morris F. Fox & Co.), Milwaukee; Theodore E. Joiner (of Hill, Joiner & Co.), Chicago; Howard K. Kirk (of H. M. Byllesby & Co.), New York; James B. Van Vleck (of Central Republic Co.), Chicago. Henry G. Lodge, Secretary, 231 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill. Chapman & Cutler, Counsel, Chicago, Ill. The depository is the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, Ill. The sub-depository is City Bank Farmers Trust Co., New York, N. Y.

In a letter addressed to the noteholders the committee states: It became apparent some time ago that corporation would not be in a position to refund its \$7,000,000 convertible 6% gold notes due July 1 1932. To avoid a receivership, which was felt might seriously impair the position of the holders, an attempt was made to extend the notes.

Unfortunately a bill for receivership was filed in the U. S. District Courts at Wilmington, Del. and Chicago, Ill. by the holder of a \$1,000 note, and although 65% of the notes had been deposited for extension, it was decided by the corporation to consent to the appointment of receivers upon conditions which appeared advantageous to the corporation and the holders of its securities.

If the extension plan had been declared operative, the corporation anticipated it could have obtained sufficient funds to meet the interest payment due June 1 on the first lien gold bonds, 6% series of 1927, due Dec. 1 1947, which are outstanding in excess of \$10,000,000. The consequences of the receivership action, however, made this impossible and the interest due June 1 was not paid.

Since a reorganization of the corporation appears inevitable, it is essential that noteholders place themselves in a strong position through organization to protect their interests.

A careful review of the circumstances above set forth leads the committee to the belief that it should be in a position to represent substantially all the noteholders within the very near future. Only by early and strong representation can the committee most effectively enforce the rights of the noteholders and protect their interests.

Not Extension Plan Abandoned.—

Due to the appointment of a receiver the company has been forced to abandon the extension plan dated March 29 last.

Consolidated Balance Sheet, Dec. 31 1931.

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Plant and franchises, Cash, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Materials and supplies, Prepayments, Miscellaneous assets, Deferred charges, Disc. & exp. on sales of pf.stk. Liabilities include 6 3/4% preferred stock, Com. stock (1,000 shs. no par), Subsidiaries: Preferred stock, Common stock, Subser. to preferred stock, 1st lien gold 6%, 3-year conv. 6% notes, Subsidiaries, Property purchase obligations, Notes payable (secured), Accounts payable, Accrued liabilities, Deferred liabilities, Due to Union Power Corp., Deferred credit items, Reserves, Min. int. in surplus of subs., Paid in surplus, Profit and loss surplus.

Total. \$29,218,924

Notes.—At Dec. 31 1931, there was a possible liability of approximately \$117,000 in connection with pending litigation, &c., together with a possible requirement of delivery of approximately 1,240 shares of common capital stock of Federal Public Service Corp.—V. 134, p. 3823.

Gatineau Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 4157.

Great Consolidated Electric Power Co., Ltd., of Japan (Daido).—\$350,000 of Bonds Drawn for Redemption.—

Dillon, Read & Co., as fiscal agents, announce that \$350,000 of 1st mtge. 7% sinking fund bonds, series A, due in 1944, have been drawn for redemption on Aug. 1 through operation of the sinking fund. Payment will be made at par at the office of Dillon, Read & Co. in New York or at the office of J. Henry Schroeder & Co. in London.—V. 134, p. 136.

Hartford (Conn.) Gas Co.—Extra Dividend.—

An extra dividend of 25 cents per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share have been declared on the common stock, both payable June 30 to holders of record June 15. An extra of 25 cents per share was also paid on June 30 and Dec. 31 last.—V. 134, p. 2718.

Interborough Metropolitan Co.—Securities Off List.—

The item given in last week's "Chronicle," page 4492, under "International Metropolitan Co.," should have appeared under "Interborough Metropolitan Co."—V. 134, p. 4492.

Lone Star Gas Corp.—Scrip Price Set.—

The common stockholders, entitled to new convertible preference stock scrip as their dividend on common stock June 30, and who requested the company either to sell the scrip or to buy additional amounts, will receive settlement statements on the basis of \$45.45 net per share of the preference stock. See also V. 134, p. 3980.

Metropolitan Edison Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 4492.

Middle West Utilities Co.—Noteholders' Committee Advises Co-operation to Protect Interests.—

A letter has been sent out by the noteholder's committee to holders of the serial convertible gold notes regarding the activities of the committee. The letter is signed by Charles S. Dewey, Chairman of the committee, points out that the serial convertible gold notes are not issued under any trust indenture. Consequently, in the absence of any trustee to intervene in behalf of noteholders, noteholders must look to a committee for assistance, or are faced with taking action independently, employing separate counsel and assuming all expenses of such independent procedure. It is further stressed that the committee is the only one representing holders of the notes, and that its members either own or represent notes aggregating in excess of \$4,000,000, and therefore have a substantial personal interest in safeguarding the noteholders' position.

The program of the committee, as set forth, is to co-operate with the court and receivers and make every effort to assist in the rehabilitation of the properties and the re-establishment of values behind outstanding notes. However, it is pointed out that it will be impractical for the committee to enter into any preliminary reorganization negotiations until substantially all the outstanding notes have been deposited and the committee has had an opportunity to make a thorough study of the existing situation.

Depository for Common Stock.—

The Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York has been appointed depository in New York for the common stock of the company.

Interest on Loans Authorized—Life Insurance Policies to Be Discontinued—To Discontinue Registrar and Transfer Agencies.—

Federal Judge Walter C. Lindley, June 21, authorized the receivers to pay \$68,000 to several Chicago banks on loans for which the banks hold collateral. The interest payment is to be made from dividends and interest obtained from this collateral.

Judge Lindley also authorized the receivers to discontinue premium payments and permit the lapsing of 12 life insurance policies on officials of the company, payable to the company and totaling \$2,436,000. Three other insurance policies, including one for \$750,000 for Martin J. Insull, and \$495,000 for Samuel Insull, will be allowed to lapse next year. The company was authorized to receive whatever cash surrender value remains in the policies.

Another order obtained by Attorney John W. Kearns, counsel for the receivers, authorizes them to discontinue transfer agencies and registrars at an annual saving of \$45,000. A 50 cent charge is to be made from now on for the transfer of stock certificates.

The petition of receivers for permission to pay interest on the secured loans goes into considerable detail as to the amount and nature of these loans and the collateral securing them.

The following table shows notes payable of Middle West Utilities Co. to banks and others, together with annual income from collateral at present interest and dividend rates, and annual interest on the loans.

Table with 3 columns: Bank Name, Notes Pay'le. from Coll't., Annual Inc. on Loan. Includes Bankers Trust Co., Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co, First National Bank of Chicago, Utility Securities Co, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Cent. Republic Bank & Trust Co., General Electric Co., North American Light & Power Co., Kansas Electric Power Co., Kentucky Utilities Co.

The loan of the Bankers Trust Co. is evidenced by a 5% demand note dated March 23 1932, against which it holds as collateral 1,000,000 shares of Central & South West Utilities Co. common stock, 180,011 shares of Central Illinois Public Service Co. common stock, 50,000 shares of Commonwealth Edison Co. capital stock, and 25,000 shares of Kentucky Utilities Co. common stock.

Court Lets Two Committees Intervene, But Excludes Common Stockholders' Committees.—

Recognition of three committees organized to represent holders of common stock of the company in the receivership litigation was refused, June 22, by Judge Lindley. After hearing the pleas of their attorneys, the judge remarked that there was no necessity "for the entire population of Chicago and the Middle West to join in the litigation."

"Each security holder does not have to appear in court, unless somebody fails to do his duty," Judge Lindley said. "It is the court's duty and the duty of the receiver to protect every one holding an interest in the company."

Judge Lindley did, however, indicate that ultimately some representation would be allowed for the common stockholders. While taking their petition under advisement, he granted similar petitions presented by committees representing holders of notes and preferred stock.

The note holders' committee is headed by Charles S. Dewey. Its attorney, Robert Golding, told the court that the committee represented holders of \$6,200,000 of notes, or about one-seventh of the outstanding serial debenture issue of \$40,000,000.

The preferred stockholders' committee, headed by C. Frederick Childs, was represented by Donald McPherson, who said it was working on behalf of holders of approximately one-third of the 607,000 preferred shares outstanding.

Samuel Ertelson, attorney for a group of holders of common stock headed by Burton Gilbert, said:

"This company was wrecked by officials—one official, I may say—who used the money invested in the common stock for gambling in the shares of other companies." The other committees are headed by Martin Lindsay and Peter B. Carey, President of the Chicago Board of Trade.—V. 134 p. 4323.

Midland Natural Gas Co.—Sale.—

The properties will be sold at public auction by court action, on July 2, at Court House of Kanawha County, Charleston, W. Va. Compare plan of reorganization in V. 134, p. 325, 1022.

Midland United Co.—Vacancies on Boards of Subsidiaries Are Filled.—

Several vacancies on the boards of directors of companies of the Midland United group caused by the death of Robert M. Feustel, President of the Midland United Co., and by resignations have been filled, it is announced.

William A. Sauer has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Northern Indiana Public Service Co.; Samuel E. Mulholland, a member of the boards of directors of the Public Service Co. of Indiana and the Indiana Hydro-Electric Power Co., and Edwin J. Booth, a member of the boards of directors of the Gary Heat, Light & Water Co. and the Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR., all succeeding Mr. Feustel.

Howard H. Adams and Edwin J. Booth have been elected members of the Board of directors of the Northern Indiana Public Service Co., succeeding Charles W. Chase and Thomas G. Hamilton, who resigned.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chicago South Shore & South Bend RR., Samuel Insull, Charles W. Chase and Thomas G. Hamilton resigned as directors, William A. Sauer, Samuel E. Mulholland and Charles H. Jones being elected to succeed them.

Charles W. Chase, who resigned as a member of the board of directors of the Gary Heat, Light & Water Co., has been succeeded on that board by Dean H. Mitchell.—V. 134, p. 4492.

Mississippi River Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended April 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3458.

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co.—

Dividend.—The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share payable July 15 to holders of record June 30. The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. owns 73% of the stock.

energy is about \$1,300,000; Public Service must thus assume more than 50% of the added burden imposed by the tax bill.

Estimates were submitted at the meeting to indicate that with allowances for the new taxes, the operations of the corporation will show approximately \$2,500,000 less net for the year 1932 than for the corresponding period a year ago.

The 6% reduction in salaries and wages will amount to about \$1,050,000 for the remaining portion of this year and the 6% cut in the common stock dividend will aggregate \$550,000 for the like period and put the dividend rate on an annual basis of \$3.20 instead of \$3.40 per share, which should be earned with a reasonable margin of safety.

In making these adjustments the directors were actuated by a desire to preserve the sound, healthy condition of the corporation and the result will be that the burdens, which are due to existing conditions, will in accordance with the corporation's policies be equitably apportioned among stockholders, employees and the public served.

The quarterly dividend of 80 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, will become payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 1. This compares with 85 cents per share each quarter from March 31 1930 to and incl. June 30 1932.—Ed.]-V. 134, p. 2335.

Radio Corp. of America.—No Dividend Action.—No action was taken by the board of directors at its meeting on June 17 regarding the payment of a dividend on the series A 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$50 (not \$100 as stated in last week's "Chronicle.")

The last regular quarterly payment of 1 1/4% was made on this issue on April 15.—V. 134, p. 3983, 4493.

Rhine-Westphalia Electric Power Corp.—Further Interpretation of Decree Sought.—Notice has been received by the New York Stock Exchange from the City Bank Farmers Trust Co., depository under the deposit agreement dated Aug. 1 1928, for the issuance of "American" shares of capital stock of Rhine-Westphalia Electric Power Corp., that they have been advised by the Dresdner Bank, their agent in Berlin under the deposit agreement dated Aug. 1 1928, with respect to the issuance of "American" shares for capital stock, that Article 1 of the 11th decree regarding the "Devisenbewirtschaftung" (Foreign Exchange Regulations) dated April 15 1932, now provides the following:

"Only with the written consent of the 'Stelle fur Devisenbewirtschaftung' can a person, who professionally trades in securities or in this respect acts as broker, transfer or deliver securities from the depot of a person, residing in the District of Saar or in a foreign country, to the depot of a person residing in the homeland. The permit is not required if the securities are delivered to 'Devisenbanken' (banks dealing in foreign exchange) (Art. II, Section 3 of the regulations governing foreign exchange transactions) in favor of a person who resides in a foreign country or in the District of Saar."

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co., taking this matter up with the German authorities for further interpretation, of this and similar decrees of the German Government, to ascertain their effect upon the conversion into underlying German shares of the "American" shares issued under the deposit agreement dated Aug. 1 1928.—V. 134, p. 328.

Southern Berkshire Power & Light Co.—Div. Reduced.—The directors have declared a dividend of 60 cents per share on the common stock, par \$25, payable June 30 to holders of record June 16.

Distributions of \$1 per share were made on this issue on March 31 1932 and on Dec. 31 1931 as against 75 cents per share paid on Sept. 30 1931.—V. 133, p. 2268.

Southeastern Gas & Water Co.—Plan to Defer Part of Payment of Coupons on General Lien 6% Gold Bonds.—The trustees in a letter dated May 31, addressed to holders of general lien 6% gold bonds states:

"Company has reported to the undersigned (a majority of whom constituted the original protective committee for the debenture holders of Inland Utilities, Inc., the predecessor corporation) that it would not be able to make payment in full of the interest maturing June 1 1932, upon its general lien 6% gold bonds.

From information given us by Loeb & Shaw, Inc., engineers, it appears that despite a substantial reduction in gross revenues due to the unusually warm winter season, and despite the continuance of the general business depression, net earnings of the company have been maintained as a result of operating economies.

However, it also appears that the demoralized condition of the security market has made it impossible for certain of the company's subsidiaries to finance through the usual channels the refunding of certain underlying obligations of such subsidiaries maturing in the near future. These conditions have also made it impossible for the interests which had underwritten a substantial amount of first lien bonds of the company to distribute such bonds at reasonable prices, with the result that the underwriters have failed to accept delivery of certain first lien bonds of the company.

It is the belief of the undersigned that the company is intrinsically sound. It is therefore advisable to take some measures to protect the security holders, who otherwise might be faced with a drastic reorganization.

With this thought in mind, and with the assent of the holders of a large amount of general lien bonds—a partial deferment is suggested in the payment of the coupons due June 1 1932, Dec. 1 1932 and June 1 1933 (aggregating \$90 face amount) by the acceptance in lieu of these coupons of \$10 in cash and \$100 in non-interest bearing promissory notes as soon as the plan becomes operative. These non-interest bearing promissory notes are the direct obligation of the Southeastern Gas Co., the principal operating natural gas subsidiary of the company. They mature June 1 1935.

Under an agreement between the trustees and the Southeastern Gas & Water Co., the plan provides that certain funds are to be set apart for the purchase of the notes of Southeastern Gas Co., prior to the date of their maturity or for the purchase of general lien bonds of the company—which ever the trustees may feel is most favorable—and every effort will be made to make earlier retirements of the notes. In the event that Southeastern Gas & Water Co. general lien bonds are purchased by the company, such bonds must be deposited with the First National Bank of Philadelphia as security for the above notes.

Bondholders are urged to forward promptly their coupons representing the installments of interest due June 1 1932, Dec. 1 1932 and June 1 1933 to the First National Bank of Philadelphia, the depository, for the purpose of exchanging these coupons for cash and promissory notes pursuant to the plan.

Trustees.—E. McLean Watters, Chairman, Carl T. Bramman, Hans Froelicher Jr., R. S. Link and William A. Smart. Guy S. K. Wheeler, Sec., 737 Commercial Trust Building, Philadelphia.

The plan will become effective if the three coupons appurtenant to at least 61% in principal amount of the bonds outstanding shall be so deposited on or before Sept. 1 1932, provided that if such coupons appurtenant to at least 45% in principal amount of the bonds outstanding shall be so deposited on or before Sept. 1 1932, then the period during which the plan may become operative by the deposit of coupons appurtenant to 61% of the bonds outstanding shall be extended for a period of 60 days from Sept. 1 1932.

The agreement between the company, the bondholders and the trustees constituting the plan, further provides:

(1) That any money received by the company from the sale of its first lien bonds, or received from the release of cash deposited as security for pending litigation, is to be applied to the purchase of the promissory notes of Southeastern Gas Co. on tenders, or, in the discretion of the trustees, to the purchase of general lien bonds on tenders.

(2) If on Feb. 1 1933, the company's cash position shall be as good as or better than the cash balances of that date as presently forecast by Loeb & Shaw, Inc., the company is to apply \$16,500 to purchase of the notes and (or) bonds on tenders as aforesaid, and if such cash position, as of June 1 1933, shall be as good as or better than contemplated as above, it will apply the \$30,000 to the purchase of the notes and (or) bonds on tenders as aforesaid.

(3) In the event that Southeastern Gas & Water Co. general lien bonds are purchased, such bonds must be deposited with the First National Bank of Philadelphia as security for the above notes.

(4) The notes of Southeastern Gas Co. will become due prior to maturity upon any default by the company under the terms of the above-mentioned agreement.

(5) Under this plan, bondholders depositing their coupons will, under no circumstances, be subject to assessments or deductions, other provision having been made for all expenses incident hereto.—V. 134, p. 2721.

Southwest Gas Utilities Corp.—Fights Receivership.—Denial that unless a receiver is appointed its assets will be subjected to "vexatious litigation" was made June 22 in an answer by the corporation

to a receivership suit filed against it recently by Jennie Fox, of New York, owner of a \$500 bond of the corporation. The answer filed in Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., admits that the corporation has not paid semi-annual interest and sinking fund requirements due May 1 on its first lien bonds and admits that a protective committee of bondholders has been formed.

The corporation states that a substantial amount of its bonds has been deposited and that the committee deems appointment of a receiver not to be in the interests of the concern.

The answer also states that assets of the concern exceed its liabilities and that it is able to meet all its obligations except interest and sinking fund payments. It is further stated that the Manufacturers' Trust Co., trustee under an indenture under which the bonds were issued, has not declared any default.

The corporation avers that in case of restoration to it of certain income which it has heretofore received and of which it has been temporarily deprived, it will be in a position to pay interest on its bonds and meet all other obligations.—V. 134, p. 4324.

Standard Power & Light Corp.—Smaller Common Dividend.—The directors on June 20 declared a dividend of 30c. per share on the common stock and common stock series B for the quarter ended June 30 1932, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 11. This places these issues on a \$1.20 annual dividend basis and compares with quarterly payments of 50c. per share made from June 1 1930 to and including June 1 1932.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the pref. stock for the quarter ended July 31, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 16.—V. 134, p. 3637.

Staten Island (N. Y.) Edison Corp.—Offer Extended.—The time limit has been extended to July 25 1932 for deposit of one-year 3% notes, which matured June 15, in exchange for refunding and improvement mortgage 6% bonds, due June 14 1933, plus \$1 in cash for each \$1,000 note exchanged. Of the \$7,424,000 principal amount of notes, 65% have been deposited to date.—V. 134, p. 4493.

Telephone Bond & Share Co.—Suspends Dividends.—The directors on June 23 voted to suspend payment of the quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share on the no par class A common, \$1.75 on the \$100 par 7% cum. 1st pref., \$1 on the \$4 cum. no par partic. pref. and 75 cents on the \$3 cum. no par 1st pref. stocks all due at this time.

Regular quarterly distributions of 50 cents per share in cash or 2% in class A stock on the class A common, \$1.75 per share on the 7% 1st pref. and \$1 per share on the partic. pref. stocks were made on April 15. An extra of 50 cents per share was also paid on the partic. stock on the latter date.—V. 134, p. 2910.

Tennessee Electric Power Co.—Bond Issue Approved.—Issuance of \$4,000,000 of bonds to reimburse the company's treasury for expenditures in 1930 and 1931 was approved June 14 by the Tennessee State Railroad and Public Utilities Commission. Proceeds from sale of the securities will be used to reimburse the treasury for \$6,824,730 of expenditures on which no securities had been issued previously. The Commission limits issuance of bonds to 75% of such expenditures.

The obligations will bear interest at 5% and will be due June 1 1956. They are to be sold at not less than 80 and interest.—V. 133, p. 2603.

Twin State Natural Gas Co.—Sale.—The properties will be sold at public auction by court order on July 2 at Court House of Kanawha County, Charleston, W. Va. (compare plan of reorganization in V. 133, p. 4160).—V. 134, p. 4159.

Union Electric Light & Power Co. of St. Louis.—Earnings.—For income statement for 12 months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 3460.

Union Electric Light & Power Co. of Illinois.—Earnings.—For income statement for 12 months ended April 30 1932 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 4159.

United Electric Light & Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns (Year, Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Retirement expense, Taxes) and rows for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928.

Operating income... \$10,073,227

Non-oper. income (net) 247,777

Gross income \$10,321,005

Int. on long-term debt 1,950,000

Misc. int. deducts. & miscell. charges 1,796,990

Surplus earnings \$6,574,014

Adjust. of surplus (net) Dr-17,967

Total \$6,456,047

Divs. on common stock \$5,537,670

Net increase in surplus \$918,377

Surplus beginning of year 19,455,234

Surplus end of year \$20,373,611

Earnings per share of common stock \$6.71

a As of the end of the year 1928, 855,947 shares; 1929, 865,947 shares; 1930, 865,947 shares; 1931, 979,947 shares.

Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930.

Fixed Capital—120,591,359 114,367,118

Stocks & bonds. 1,042,884 1,042,884

Fire ins. partic. certificates 433,738 357,228

Loans & advs. to affil. cos 2,560,000 85,000

Cash 1,337,540 1,255,092

Accts. receiv'le 4,942,071 8,196,928

Mats. & supplies (at cost) 2,348,397 3,822,111

Unamort. debt disct. & exp. 144,141 146,367

Total—133,400,130 129,272,728

Liabilities— 1931. 1930.

Common stock (no par) 48,997,350 43,297,350

Funded debt 30,000,000 30,000,000

Notes pay. bks. 4,300,000 5,700,000

Contractors' dep. 513,354 451,388

Taxes accrued 1,184,544 818,677

Accts. pay. & accr. charges 3,558,323 4,551,588

Loans & adv. fr. affil. cos. 22,500,000 23,100,000

Retire. reserve 15,990 18,839

Conting. reserve 1,433,165 1,433,165

Fire ins. partic. reserve 433,738 357,228

Miscell. reserves 55,117 54,321

Profit & loss, sur 20,373,611 19,455,234

Spec. surplus 34,933 34,933

Total—133,400,130 129,272,728

a At cost, as required by the classification of accounts prescribed by the P. S. Commission. No depreciation is charged; but a "retirement reserve" is created by a charge to "operating expenses" to offset loss, if any, when any item of fixed capital (except land) is retired from service.—V. 134, p. 1196.

United Gas Corp.—\$21,250,000 Bank Loans Extended.—See Electric Power & Light Corp. above.—V. 134, p. 4493.

West Virginia Water Service Co.—Dividend Deferred.—The directors have decided to defer the quarterly dividend due July 1 on the \$6 cum. pref. stock, no par value. The last regular quarterly distribution of \$1.50 per share was made on this issue on April 1.—V. 134, p. 4493.

Bancamerica-Blair Corp.—Reduces Par Value of Capita Stock.—

Vice-President Robert C. Adams announced that the stockholders on June 20 approved the proposal submitted to them calling for a reduction in the amount of the capital stock of the corporation from \$14,710,120 to \$1,471,012, and a reduction in the par value of the shares thereof from \$10 per share to \$1 per share. Such reduction, Mr. Adams pointed out, in no way affects the intrinsic value of the outstanding shares.—V. 134, p. 4497.

(Joseph) Bancroft & Sons Co. (& Affiliated Cos.)—Earnings for Cal. Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Sales, net of returns and allowances \$5,997,380 \$6,758,438 \$8,992,697 \$6,009,356

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1931. 1930. Assets— Cash 184,110 147,724 Notes receivable 28,414 50,489 Accounts receivable 431,533 446,687 Inventories 1,003,963 1,230,148

Belding Heminway Co.—Proposed Merger.— See Corticelli Silk Co. below.—V. 134, p. 2525.

Bellanca Aircraft Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. 1929. Sale of planes, &c., net \$590,362 \$748,648 \$564,168 Cost of sales 602,694 740,199 531,141

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1931. 1930. Assets— Cash \$197,923 \$219,342 Loans on call 200,000 200,000 Bills & accts. rec. 51,651 72,420

Bird & Son, Inc., East Walpole, Mass.—Bal. Sh. Dec. 31.

Assets— 1931. 1930. Cash & market sec. 3,166,798 4,108,620 Notes & accts. rec. 1,099,975 1,174,120 Inventories 1,701,105 2,069,042

Borden Co.—Dividend Rate Reduced from \$3 to \$2 per Share per Annum.—

The directors on June 21 declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share payable Sept. 1 1932 to holders of record Aug. 15 1932. This compares with quarterly dividends of 75c. per share paid March 1 and June 1 of this year.

President Arthur W. Milburn states: The quarterly rate of 50 cents per share is within the presently indicated earnings per share for the year 1932.

In taking this action the directors deemed as of first importance the protection of the company's strong working capital and balance sheet position.

Record of Dividends Paid on Common Stock (Par \$25) Since and Incl. 1906. 1906-1907. 1908-1923. 1924. 1925. 1926-1927. 1928-1931. 1932. 10% yrly. *8% yrly. 10% 8% 10% yrly. x12% yrly. 8%

Borne-Scrymser Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets— 1931. 1930. Plant, equip., &c. \$730,973 \$402,742 Merchandise 312,887 412,963 Notes & accts. rec. 94,972 98,106

(Robert) Bosch Aktiengesellschaft of Stuttgart, Germany.—To Redeem \$124,500 of Bonds.—

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., as paying agents for the above company, announce that the latter will redeem on Oct. 1 1932, a total of \$124,500 of its outstanding 7% gold bonds, due Oct. 1 1950. The principal amount of

the bonds drawn will be payable out of funds to be deposited by the company upon presentation at the New York office of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., on the date mentioned.

This company has a trade agreement with the United American Bosch Corp.

Boston Herald-Traveler Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. Profit from operations \$665,977 \$917,610 Other income 34,063 61,226 Total income \$700,040 \$978,836

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1931. 1930. Assets— Cash \$275,335 \$218,751 Accts. & notes rec. 655,368 736,748 Inventories 17,221 89,133

Boston Sand & Gravel Co.—Dividend Reduced.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 5c. per share on the common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 22. This compares with quarterly distributions of 15c. per share made on this issue from July 1 1931 to and incl. April 1 1932, 30c. per share paid on April 1 1931 and 40c. previously each quarter.—V. 132, p. 4770.

Botany Consol. Mills, Inc.—Independent Committee.—

Formation of an independent bondholders protective committee for the 10-year secured 6 3/4% sinking fund gold bonds was revealed June 21 coincident with a call for deposit of the bonds. Oscar C. Seebass is chairman of the committee which is acting at the request of a large number of bondholders, the other members being Henry F. Tiedemann, Edward Davis, Arthur J. Morris, William L. Wirbelauer and Ralph DeWitt Keller, Sec., Room 2722, 1 Wall St., N. Y. City.

No member of this committee, the notice to bondholders declares, "has any connection with the present management, under whose control the operations of the business have been conducted with heavy losses over a period of years." The committee expresses the belief that it is vital for the effective protection and enforcement of the rights of the bondholders that their interests should be entrusted to representatives not connected with the present management.

The committee urges the necessity of immediate deposits in view of the receivership of the company and default in the payment of the April 1 1932, interest on the bonds. Empire Trust Co. is depository for the committee and Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft and Morris F. Goldstein are counsel.—V. 134, p. 4497.

Bridgeport Machine Co.—Defers Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend due July 1 on the 7% cum pref. stock par \$100. The last regular quarterly distribution of 1 1/4% was made on this issue on April 1.—V. 133, p. 646.

Briggs Mfg. Co.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors on June 22 decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about July 25 on the no par value common stock. Distributions of 25 cents per share were made on Jan. 25 and April 25 last as against 37 1/2 cents per share in preceding quarters.—V. 134, p. 3640.

Bulova Watch Co., Inc.—Complaint Filed.—

The Federal Trade Commission in a complaint against the company charges that organization with using unfair methods of competition in violation of the Federal Trade Commission Act.—V. 134, p. 1199.

Bristol Brass Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1931. 1930. Operating loss \$12,118 \$18,614 Preferred dividends 27,123 34,491 Total loss \$39,241 \$53,105

Balance— \$754,888 \$825,685 x After reserves and depreciation and inventory adjustments.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. 1931. 1930. Assets— Cash \$409,888 \$533,451 Accts. & bills rec. \$184,761 233,165 Inventories 615,644 668,349

British American Tobacco Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Years End. Sept. 30— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. x Net profit after chgs. £5,334,448 £6,501,560 £6,357,772 £6,563,560 Pref. dividends (5%) 225,000 225,000 225,000 225,000

Profit and loss, surplus £2,619,132 £3,813,275 £3,813,275 £4,736,173 x After deducting all charges and expenses for management, &c., and providing for income tax. y Book value of shares of Tobacco Securities Trust Co., Ltd., distributed to the ordinary shareholders.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, split into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Real est. & bldg., Plant, mach., &c., Good-will, trade marks, &c., Inv. in assoc. cos., Invest. in Dam., Govt. &c., sec., Loans, associated companies, &c., Materials & supp., Debtors and debit bal., less reserves, Cash, Treasury bills. Liabilities include Preference stock, 6% pref. stock, Ordinary stock, Cred' & cred. bals., Empty benevolent fund, Res. for bldgs., &c., Prem. on ord. shs., Redemp. of coup's, Special reserve, Profit and loss.

Total 48,006,331 47,695,090. a Real estate and buildings at cost, less provision for amortization of leaseholds. b Preferred stock authorized and outstanding. 4,500,000 5% cum. shares of \$1 each. c Preferred stock authorized and outstanding 6,000,000 6% cumulative shares of \$1 each. d Ordinary stock represents 23,582,761 shares of \$1 each.—V. 134, p. 3827.

Buffalo General Laundries Corp.—Smaller Dividend.—A dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the \$2.25 cum. partic. pref. stock, no par value, payable June 30 to holders of record June 20. Previously, the company paid regular quarterly dividends of 56 1/4 cents per share on this issue.—V. 124, p. 1224.

Bunte Bros., Chicago.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Net sales, Other income, Total income, Cost of goods sold, &c., Federal taxes, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Prev. surp. (adjusted), Prem. pd. on co.'s common stock purchased, P. & L. surplus, Shs. com. outst. (par \$10), Earnings per sh. on com.

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931. Assets—1931, 1930. Cash, Accts. & notes rec., Inventories, Investments, Special invest. in in co.'s com. stk., Real est., bldgs., mach. & equip., Def. charges, supplies, instr., &c., Trademks. & good-will. Liabilities—1931, 1930. Accounts payable, Accr. taxes, &c., est, 6% sec. gold notes, Deferred income, Common stock, Preferred stock, Surplus.

Burger Bros. Co., Cincinnati.—Dividend Decreased.—The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about July 1 on the common stock of no par value. Distributions of 12 1/2 cents per share were made on this issue in each of the three preceding quarters as against 25 cents per share quarterly from Jan. 1 1930 to and incl. July 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 2108.

Bush Terminal Buildings Co.—Acquires English Props. See Bush Terminal Co. below.—V. 133, p. 3633.

Bush Terminal Co.—Sells English Properties to Sub.—The New York Stock Exchange has received notice from the company that the directors on June 3 1932 accepted an offer to sell its holdings in its wholly owned subsidiaries, namely: "Bush House, Ltd." and "Bush Terminal Co., Ltd." of London, England, to its wholly owned subsidiary, the Bush Terminal Buildings Co., at a minimum price of \$2,300,000. The ultimate amount to be paid is to be decided after a fair appraisal, which is to be agreed upon by the directors of both companies. At the present time the above London properties are carried on the books of the Bush Terminal Co. at a price considerably in excess of \$3,000,000.—V. 134, p. 4328.

Butte Copper & Zinc Co.—Not to Issue Quarterly Reports.—The company announces that its properties have been shut down and all production has ceased. There will be no proceeds to account for and no expenses beyond those absolutely necessary to keep the company alive; and that pending the reopening of the properties, no further quarterly reports will be published.—V. 134, p. 3279.

California Consumers Co.—Preferred Dividend Deferred.—The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend due July 1 on the \$7 cum. pref. stock, no par value. The last regular quarterly payment of \$1.75 per share was made on this issue on April 1.—V. 131, p. 275.

Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc.—Sales Up.—Sales of the new ginger ale soda fountain syrup by this corporation have increased steadily since its introduction early this year. President P. D. Saylor states: "Present indications are," he said, "that this new product will become a major factor in the company's business. May sales of the syrup were double those of April, and June sales are ahead of May. Approximately 15,000 soda fountains now are handling the syrup. "Sales of ginger ale in bottles thus far in June exceed those of the corresponding period last year, and also of 1930 by a substantial margin," Mr. Saylor said. Canada Dry has placed on the metropolitan market a new sparkling carbonated water.—V. 134, p. 3641.

Canadian Industries, Ltd.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 62 1/2 cents per share on the common stock, both payable July 30 to holders of record June 30. An extra dividend of 25 cents per share was paid on this issue on April 30 last and on April 30 and Oct. 31 1931, one of 50 cents per share on July 31 1931, and one of \$1.25 per share on Jan. 31 1931.—V. 134, p. 4498.

Caterpillar Tractor Co.—Comparative Balance Sheet.—May 31 '32, Dec. 31 '31. Assets—Land, buildings, mach. & equip., Pats., good-will, &c., Cash, Market securities, Notes & accts. rec., Inventories, Misc. investments, Deferred charges. Liabilities—Capital stock, 5% gold notes, Accounts payable, Federal taxes, Capital surplus, Earned surplus.

Total 45,126,449 47,269,873. x After depreciation. y Represented by 1,882,240 no-par shares.—V. 134, p. 4498.

Canadian Television, Ltd.—New Director.—Edward Thomas Sandell, President of Taylor & Bate Ltd. of St. Catharines, Ontario, and a director of Cairns Creameries, Ltd., and Brewing Corp., of Ontario, Ltd., has been elected to the board of directors of Canadian Television, Ltd.—V. 134, p. 3827.

Carpel Corp.—Smaller Quarterly Payment.—A quarterly dividend of 37 1/2 cents per share has been declared, payable July 1 to holders of record June 17. This compares with payments of 50 cents per share made in each of the three preceding quarters.—V. 133, p. 2439.

Caverswall Court Apartments, Chicago.—Plan of Reorganization.—The bondholders' committee has approved and adopted a plan for the reorganization of the Caverswall Court Apartments on behalf of the holders of the 6 1/4 % 1st mtge. bonds issued dated Nov. 2 1925. The aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding and unpaid is \$233,000.

The property consists of a three-story pressed brick court apartment building of semi-fireproof construction located at 1350-1360 Madison Park, Chicago. Building contains 12 six-room apartments with three baths; six six-room apartments with two baths, and six-five room apartments with one bath. The operation of the property since Dec. 3 1931 has been in the hands of Melvin L. Straus, as successor trustee under the first mortgage. Interest due Nov. 2 is in default. A decree of foreclosure has been entered. It is probable that the committee will bid in the property.

Digest of Plan of Reorganization. New Company.—A new corporation will be organized in Illinois, with an authorized capital stock (no par) sufficient to provide for the issuance of one share of stock for each \$100 par value of the present 1st mtge. bonds deposited, and for additional shares as provided. If acquired at the foreclosure sale, title to the property will subsequently be acquired by the new company.

New Financing.—New company, with the co-operation of the committee, will endeavor to procure a new first mortgage for as large an amount as is consistent with the earning power of the property. If procured, the proceeds of such first mortgage, together with the funds available to the committee arising from the operation of the property by the trustee, will be used first for the payment of reorganization and foreclosure expenses, taxes and \$2,500 required working capital for the new company. If possible, the new mortgage will be obtained in an amount sufficient, after payment of such charges, to permit the committee to make a cash distribution to the depositing 1st mtge. bondholders. [The amount actually to be distributed will depend upon the amount of the new first mortgage, if any, obtained and also upon the amount of the present 1st mtge. bonds which are deposited with the depositary. At the present time the committee has no commitment for a new loan, but is hopeful that a new loan can be obtained by the new company after it acquires title.] Proper provision shall be made for the refinancing of any new first mortgage, but if a larger first mortgage should later be made, the excess will be distributed pro rata among the income bondholders.

In the event that the committee and the new company are unsuccessful in obtaining a new first mortgage in an amount sufficient to provide for a cash distribution to the depositors, or sufficient only partially to pay the expenses of foreclosure and reorganization, taxes, &c., then the unpaid balance of any such charges shall be paid from the net earnings of the new company before any distribution of interest is made on the new bonds to be issued to depositors, as hereinafter provided.

Likewise, should the committee and the new company be unable to obtain any new first mortgage, then all of the unpaid balance of such charges will be paid out of earnings of the new company before any interest will be paid on the new securities.

New Bonds to Depositors.—New company shall be authorized to issue 5% cum. 15-year sinking fund income bonds in an amount equal to the total amount of the present 1st mtge. bonds deposited, plus accrued interest thereon at the rate of 5% per year from the last interest date, less the amount of any cash distribution, to depositing 1st mtge. bondholders. The income bonds shall be entitled to interest at rate of 5% per annum provided same is earned; and if less than 5% per annum is earned, the amount earned shall be distributed to the holders of such income bonds semi-annually. If the interest at the rate of 5% per annum is not earned and paid, the difference between the 5% and the amount of interest paid shall accumulate. In the event, however, that at least 3% is not paid in any one year on the income bonds, failure to make such payment shall constitute an event of default under the terms of the trust deed securing the income bonds. The new company will pay the lowest normal Federal income tax on the interest, not to exceed 2%.

In the event no new first mortgage is obtained, the trust deed securing the income bonds shall constitute a lien on all the first mortgaged property; and if a new first mortgage is obtained, the trust deed securing the income bonds shall be subject only to the lien of the trust deed securing such new mortgage.

Bondholders Also to Receive Portion of Equity.—Should the new company and the committee obtain a new first mortgage sufficient to permit a substantial cash distribution to the depositors, then trust certificates representing 25% of the total outstanding common stock of the new company owning the property will be issued pro rata to depositors.

In the event the proceeds of the first mortgage are sufficient only to pay foreclosure and reorganization expenses, and past due taxes, and do not provide for any distribution to the depositors, or in the event that no new first mortgage is procured, then trust certificates representing 35 1-3% of the entire outstanding stock of the new company will be issued to the depositors.

The trust certificates representing the balance of the common stock of the new company not issued to depositors will be issued to the present stockholders of the Caverswall Building Corp. in consideration of their causing title to all of the property to be transferred to the new company and in return for the co-operation which has been afforded the committee, both in the foreclosure proceedings and the reorganization. The common stock thus issued to the present stockholders will, however, be subject to recapture by the bondholders in the manner hereinafter provided.

Trust Agreement.—All of the common stock of the new company to be issued pursuant to the plan will be placed in a trust and trust certificates will be issued therefor. There will be three trustees, all of whom shall be designated by the committee. The trust shall endure for a period of 10 years, but may be terminated by a majority of the trustees, or by the holders of 75% in principal amount of the trust certificates and 2-3 in principal amount of the outstanding income bonds (excluding those held by the present equity owners). Any member of the committee or any officer director or employee of S. W. Straus & Co. or the depositary may serve in the capacity of a trustee.

Recapture of All Stock for Depositors.—The trust certificates for common stock to be issued to the present stockholders of the Caverswall Building Corp. will provide that in the event interest at the rate of 5% per year is not paid on the outstanding income bonds for the first five-year period, the trust certificates issued to such stockholders shall be canceled, in which case the depositors will own 100% of the stock of the new company without any further expense or the necessity of reorganization. In the event that it is necessary to utilize the earnings of the new company to defray any part of the reorganization and foreclosure expenses and to pay taxes, the five-year period shall commence at such time as the earnings of the new company shall become available for the payment of interest on the income bonds.

If trust certificates representing 25% of the common stock are issued to depositors and trust certificates representing 66 2-3% of the common stock are issued to the present stockholders of the mortgagor corporation, then for a period of five years no trust certificates shall be issued for the remaining 8 1-3% of the authorized common stock of the new company. If at the expiration of the five-year period all obligations under the new first mortgage, including principal and interest, have been properly discharged and all other obligations met, including interest at the rate of 5% and accumulations thereof on the income bonds, and 5% of the income bonds originally outstanding shall have been retired, then the trust certificates representing 8 1-3% of the common stock shall go to the holders of the trust certificates issued to the stockholders; otherwise to the then holders of the trust certificates originally issued to depositors.

Management.—Upon the acquisition of the property by the new company, the management will be under the supervision of the three trustees. Committee.—Charles C. Irwin, Chairman, Frederick W. Straus, J. C. Wright, N. H. Oglesbee, and Robert E. Straus. V. C. Scully, Sec., 310 South Michigan Ave., Chicago. Depositary, Straus National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago.

offered for deposit in issues other than those which the committee originally called for deposit, that the committee will now receive the deposit of bonds of other real estate issues in default.—V. 134, p. 3987.

De Forest Radio Co.—Receivers Appointed
The Federal Court at Newark, N. J., June 22 appointed a receiver in equity to manage the affairs and preserve the assets of the company. Ralph E. Lum, attorney, and Leslie S. Gordon, President of the company, were named receivers. The application for the receivership had been filed by Sarlat Brothers, a creditor.

The assets of the company, it is said, greatly exceeded the liabilities.—V. 134, p. 4329.

Deposited Insurance Shares.—2½% Stock Dividend.

A 2½% stock distribution was made on Deposited Insurance Shares, series A, on May 2 last to holders of record March 15.—V. 134, p. 512.

Diamond Match Co.—Buys Own Stock in Kreuger & Toll Co. Deal.—See latter company below.—V. 134, p. 4163.

Dominion Tar & Chemical Co., Ltd.—Defers Div. Action.

The directors have voted to defer action on the quarterly dividend of 1½% due Aug. 1 on the 6½% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last regular quarterly payment on this issue was made on May 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 127.

Durant Motors, Inc., Lansing, Mich.—Bankrupt.
Federal Judge Edward J. Moinet at Detroit, June 23 named receivers for the company, and ordered a special master in chancery to list the creditors and estimate the claims of creditors against the concern.

The Central Trust Co. of Lansing and H. F. Herbermann, Lansing, were appointed receivers, and William S. Sayre Jr., master in chancery, was appointed special master to make an accounting of the company's assets. Action requesting a receivership was brought in Federal court several weeks ago by the Ajax Investing Co. of Toledo.—V. 134, p. 2730.

Eaton Manufacturing Co.—Dividend Omitted.

The directors on June 23 decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Aug. 1 on the no par common stock. Distributions of 12½ cents per share were made on Feb. 1 and May 2 last as against 25 cents on Nov. 2 1931 and 40 cents per share previously each quarter. The company issued following statement:
"The company paid 12½ cents per share in February and in May. These two dividends were not earned during the current year. While the payment of these two dividends has not impaired the cash position of the company, the directors feel that it is for the best interest of the stockholders to omit further dividends unless earned."—V. 134, p. 2346.

(Wm.) Edwards Co., Cleveland.—Dividend Deferred.
The directors have decided to defer the semi-annual dividend due July 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last regular semi-annual payment of 3½% was made on this issue on Jan. 1 1932.—V. 134, p. 2346.

8829 Ft. Hamilton Parkway Apartment Building.—Plan of Reorganization.

The committee for 1st mtg. fee 6¼% serial gold bonds, dated June 15 1926, made by Alocin Court, Inc., has adopted and filed with the depositary a plan of reorganization. The principal amount of bonds presently outstanding is \$508,000, with June 15 1931 and subsequently maturing coupons attached. Of this number as of May 31 1932, \$467,800, or approximately 92%, have been deposited with the depositary for the committee.

Summary of Plan of Reorganization.

Each holder of a certificate of deposit representing a bond with June 15 1931 and subsequently maturing coupons attached will be entitled to receive in exchange therefor—

For Each Bond of the Denomination of—
(a) 10-year cum. income fund mtg. bonds (secured by mortgage subject only to new first mortgage) face amount aggregating \$1,000 \$500 \$100
(b) Voting trust certificates representing the following shares of common stock full-paid and non-assessable 10 shs. 5 shs. 1 sh.
(c) Scrip for int. at rate of 6% per annum from Dec. 15 1930 to June 15 1932 \$90 \$45 \$9

Note.—All income bonds issued will go to the assenting bondholders. The aggregate of voting trust certificates thus given to holders of income bonds will represent 100% of the common stock ownership of the property. Scrip certificates aggregating \$100 will be exchangeable on or before June 15 1934 for one \$100 income bond of the issue above referred to in sub-paragraph (a). The committee may issue income bonds and voting trust certificates as a unit.
(2) The property will be sold at foreclosure sale and (in absence of an outside bid which committee regards as satisfactory) will be acquired by a new company to be formed by the bondholders' committee and by the owner of the equity.
(3) The committee has arranged for a new loan the net proceeds of which may be applied together with other funds available to the committee for the reorganization (a) to payment of cash required to be paid on account of the foreclosure price, including the amount distributable to non-assenting bondholders; (b) to rehabilitation of the property; (c) to provide working capital substantially equivalent to six months' real estate taxes and interest on the first mortgage; (d) to the payment of all necessary expenses of the committee, and expenses incident to the foreclosure, organization of the new company and to the reorganization; and (e) to payment of taxes in arrears with interest and penalties which approximate \$14,200. In the opinion of the committee it would be unwise at this time to borrow more than enough to consummate this plan of reorganization. In view of the difficulty under existing conditions of gauging the future earning power of the property, the committee is unwilling to jeopardize either the financial structure of the property after reorganization or the possibility for more advantageous refinancing at a later date.

Capitalization of the New Company Will Be Approximately as Follows:

a First mortgage 5¼% due 1937, approximately \$75,000
b 10-year cumulative income sinking fund mortgage bonds (secured by second mortgage), maximum 553,270
c \$5 Non-cum. no par value non-voting pref. stock 495 shs.
d Common stock, with full voting rights, maximum 5,080 shs.
a The amount is estimated. It may be less than, but will not exceed, \$75,000. b Redeemable in whole or in part on 30 days' notice at any time before maturity, but after payment of the new first mortgage at par and accrued cumulative interest. c Redeemable at \$100 per share after payment of the first mortgage and retirement of the income bonds. d In order to insure unity of control, the common stock will be issued to voting trustees.

Bondholders' Committee.—Nicholas Roberts, Chairman; Ralph C. Baker, James E. Friel, John L. Laun and Charles Ridgely.—V. 123, p. 2267.

Electric Vacuum Cleaner Co., Inc.—Reduces Dividend.
A quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, payable July 15 to holders of record June 30. Distributions of 50 cents per share were made in each of the three preceding quarters as against \$1 per share previously.—V. 133, p. 4336.

Empire Bond & Mortgage Corp.—Receivership.
On an application of the Jacob Ruppert Realty Corp., Justice Louis A. Valente of the New York Supreme Court on June 23 appointed Philip J. Dunn as temporary receiver of the company. The papers set forth that the company has sold and underwritten \$23,000,000 of first mortgage bonds and first mortgages, of which those of a face value of \$8,000,000 are outstanding, guaranteed by the bond company.—V. 131, p. 482.

Equitable Fire Insurance Co., Charleston, S. C.—Extra Dividend.
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share and the regular semi-annual of \$2.50 a share on the capital stock, par \$50, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 29.—V. 133, p. 487.

Farr Alpaca Co.—Omits Dividend.
The directors have taken no action on the quarterly dividend usually payable about June 30. Distributions of 50c. per share were made on March 31 last and on Dec. 31 1931 as against \$1 per share on March 31,

June 30 and Sept. 30 1931, and \$2 per share previously each quarter.—V. 132, p. 2399.

Fairbanks Co.—Earnings.
For income statement for four months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet April 30.

Assets	1932.	1931.	Liabilities	1932.	1931.
Cash	\$862,880	\$228,276	8% cum. 1st pref.	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Call loans	—	800,000	8% cum. pref.	2,000,000	2,000,000
Serial notes purchased	152,590	168,652	Common stock	1,500,000	1,500,000
Notes & accts. rec.	101,932	153,471	Serial gold notes	850,000	950,000
Inventory	503,819	606,342	6% ser. gold notes (current)	100,000	100,000
Prepaid expenses	24,864	32,465	Accounts payable	29,105	53,102
Land, bldgs., machinery, &c.	1,388,870	1,518,029	Prov. for taxes and contingencies	64,548	134,617
1st preferred sinking fund	165,134	165,134	Accrued interest on gold notes	23,750	26,250
Good-will	400,000	400,000			
Deficit	1,967,317	1,693,603			
Total	\$5,567,404	\$5,763,970	Total	\$5,567,404	\$5,763,970

x After reserve for depreciation of \$1,304,548.—V. 134, p. 3829.

Fashion Trades Building, Chicago.—Reorg. Plan.

The bondholders' committee has formulated and adopted a plan of reorganization for the Fashion Trades Building on behalf of the holders of the 6¼% First mortgage leasehold bonds dated May 15 1927, executed by 318 West Adams Street Building Corp. (now known as Fashion Trades Bldg. Corp.), securing an issue of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$900,000, of which there remains outstanding and unpaid \$882,000.

The Fashion Trades Building is a 19-story office and loft structure of reinforced concrete construction completed in 1928, containing approximately 146,000 square feet of rentable area from the first to the 19th floor, inclusive, and approximately 2,138,000 cubic feet. The building is located at 318 West Adams Street, Chicago.

Default was made in the payment of the semi-annual interest which fell due Nov. 15 1931, and in the payment of the principal which fell due May 15 1932. By reason of the defaults, the committee requested all known holders of the first mortgage bonds to deposit same with the depositary of the committee and 86% of the outstanding bonds have been deposited.

Because of the defaults under the first mortgage, Melvin L. Straus, as trustee, declared the principal and interest of all bonds to be due and payable on Oct. 29 1931, and filed a bill to foreclose the first mortgage in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Ill. A decree of foreclosure has been entered by the Court, and a date will soon be fixed for the sale of the mortgaged property, at which sale the property will be sold to the highest bidder. The proceeds of the foreclosure sale, after deducting all expenses of the foreclosure, will then be held for the benefit of all the holders of bonds of this issue. It is probable that no sufficient bid will be made by any other prospective purchaser; and, therefore, the committee will probably bid in the property for the depositors.

Digest of Plan of Reorganization.

New Company.—A new company will be organized in Illinois. If acquired at the foreclosure sale, title to all the property so acquired will be conveyed to the new company.

New Cumulative Income First Mortgage Bonds to Depositing Bondholders for 100% of Indebtedness Plus 5% Past-Due Interest.

The new company will be authorized to issue new cumulative income first mortgage leasehold bonds in a total aggregate principal amount of \$924,100, maturing 15 years from their date.

The amount of income bonds actually to be issued will depend upon the amount of present first mortgage bonds deposited with the depositary. The above figure is based upon the assumption that all of the holders of the present bonds will assent to the plan by depositing their bonds; however, if all do not assent, the amount issued will be proportionately reduced. The above amount includes interest calculated at the rate of 5% per annum from May 15 1931.

The income bonds will be secured by a first mortgage trust deed on the Fashion Trades Building and leasehold estate acquired by the new company. The income bonds shall be entitled to interest at the rate of 5% per annum, provided the same is earned; and if less than 5% is earned, the amount earned shall be distributed. On or after May 1 1934, in the event interest is not earned and paid at the rate of 5% per annum, the difference between 5% and the amount of interest paid shall accumulate. After May 1 1934 failure to pay interest on the income bonds at the rate of 3% per annum for two consecutive years shall constitute an event of default under the terms of the trust deed securing the income bonds unless during the five years prior to the period in which such a deficit occurs interest in excess of 3% per annum shall have been paid, in which event such excess may be applied to make up the amount by which the interest is less than 3% per annum in any such period of two years.

Depositors Also to Receive Trust Certificates for Common Stock.—Upon the consummation of the reorganization, in addition to income bonds, each depositor shall be entitled to receive a trust certificate for 1 share of common stock of the new company for each \$1,000 of bonds deposited. The trust certificates for common stock thus distributed to the depositors will constitute 25% of all the common stock of the new company.

The remaining 75% of the common stock of the Fashion Trades Building Corp. in return for the co-operation which has been afforded the committee both in the foreclosure and in the reorganization, and in return for their making available for the discharge of foreclosure and reorganization expenses the sum of approximately \$26,000. The common stock thus issued to the stockholders of the present owning corporation will, however, be deposited in escrow.

Recapture of All Common Stock for Depositors.—The common stock to be issued to the present stockholders of the mortgagor corporation will be deposited in escrow with Straus National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, as trustee. The agreement under which the stock shall be held shall provide that the certificates for common stock thus deposited in escrow shall become null and void and shall be canceled, if at any time subsequent to May 1 1934 interest at the rate of 3% per annum shall not have been paid on the outstanding income bonds for two successive years [provided that the excess over 3% during the five years prior to the default shall not have been enough to make up such a deficit], in which case the depositors would own 100% of the common stock of the new company without the necessity of further proceedings.

Trust Agreement.—The 25% of the common stock of the new company to be issued to depositors will be placed in a trust and trust certificates will be issued therefor. There will be three trustees, all of whom shall be designated by the committee. The trust shall endure for a period of 16 years but may be terminated prior to expiration by a majority of the trustees or by the holders of 75% in principal amount of the trust certificates. Any member of the committee or any officer, director or employee of S. W. Straus & Co. or the depositary may serve in the capacity of trustee.

Management.—A management contract will be entered into with Nat Ribback, President and one of the stockholders of the mortgagor corporation. Mr. Ribback will be entitled to the customary compensation for services of a similar nature in Chicago, Ill., and the contract will be subject to cancellation in the event that the management should not be reasonably satisfactory.

Bondholders' Committee.—Charles C. Irwin, Chairman; Frederick W. Straus, J. C. Wright, N. H. Oglesbee and M. A. Rosenthal. V. C. Scully, Sec'y, 310 South Michigan Ave., Chicago.

Depositary is Straus National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago.—V. 124, p. 3502.

Ferro Enamel Corp.—Defers Class A Dividend.
The directors voted to defer the quarterly dividend due June 30 on the \$4 cum. & partic. class A stock, no par value. Distributions of 50 cents per share were made on this issue on March 31 last and on Sept. 30 and Dec. 30 1931.—V. 134, p. 2156.

Firemen's Insurance Co., Newark, N. J.—Reduces Par Value.
The stockholders on June 22 approved a capital reduction to \$9,397,690 from \$18,795,380 by reducing the par value to \$5 from \$10, and transferring to surplus \$9,397,690.—V. 134, p. 3644.

First National Stores, Inc.—Board Enlarged.
John L. McNeil has been elected a director, increasing the board to 18 from 17 members.—V. 134, p. 4502.

Fisk Rubber Co.—Depository.

Manufacturers Trust Co. has been appointed depository for bondholders and noteholders protective committees for the 1st mtge. 20-year 8% sinking fund gold bonds, 5-year 5½% sinking fund gold notes and certificates of deposit there.—V. 134, p. 4164.

Florsheim Shoe Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for six months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 2348.

Foltis-Fischer, Inc.—Noteholders' Protective Committee.

The Irving Trust Co. was appointed receiver in equity by order of Judge Bondy on June 15. On the same day an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was also filed against the corporation.

To protect the interest of the holders of the 6½% convertible gold notes the following committee has been formed: Lloyd E. Burhans, Chairman (Pres. Meeks, Burhans & Wiewert, Inc.), 32 Broadway, N. Y. City; Fred B. Wiewert (Vice-Pres., Meeks, Burhans & Wiewert, Inc.); George M. Rushmore (Banker), 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, and W. E. Housel, Secretary, 32 Broadway.

Tibbetts, Lewis & Rand, 15 Broad St., have agreed to act as counsel, and arrangements are under way whereby the Empire Trust Co., 120 Broadway, New York, will act as depository.

The committee, which is wholly independent and formed to act solely in the interests of the noteholders has received and will continue to receive deposits of notes against temporary receipts, and recommends to all noteholders that they deposit their notes with it by sending them in care of Meeks, Burhans & Wiewert, Inc., 32 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 134, p. 4502.

Foundation Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Earnings.

Years End. April 30—	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Operating profits.....	\$270,135	\$324,614	\$388,782	\$227,760
Res. for retirement of 1st pref. stock.....	—	—	—	9,597
Preferred dividend.....	—	—	—	49,175
Common dividend.....	74,025	84,600	84,600	—
Prior year Fed. tax Dr.....	5,421	—	—	—
Tax reserve.....	18,000	20,202	21,877	18,928
Depreciation.....	141,968	120,589	124,245	See a
Balance, surplus.....	\$30,721	\$99,223	\$158,060	\$150,060
Sinking fund reserve.....	—	—	—	40,000
Previous surplus.....	607,012	507,790	349,729	159,669
Amt. set up as good-will.....	—	—	1	—
Profit and loss, balance earned per sh. on par common stock.....	\$637,734	\$607,013	\$507,790	\$349,729
	\$1.24	\$2.17	\$2.86	\$2.50

a After depreciation. b For redemption of 1st pref. stock previously charged to surplus account, and written back being no longer required.

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	
Land, plant, &c.....	\$1,821,637	\$1,578,142	Common stock... \$710,000	
Good-will.....	1	1	Mortgages..... 7,500	
Inventories.....	20,693	25,562	Accounts payable.. 293,048	
Sundry investments 6,000	866,653	10,574	Bank loan..... 315,000	
Accounts receiv.....	501,762	866,653	Dividend payable.. 125,000	
Uncompleted contr 80,728	180,310	Tax reserve..... 22,150		
Cash.....	113,787	158,798	Deprec. reserve... 609,689	
Investments.....	348,054	x358,438	Res. against contr. 288,636	
Accrued interest.. 3,106	See x	Insurance reserve. 24,043	12,786	
Deferred charges... 10,154	9,999	Surplus..... 637,734	607,012	
Total.....	\$2,905,924	\$3,177,905	Total.....	\$2,905,924

x Including accrued interest. y Represented by \$4,600 no par shares.—V. 134, p. 2529.

Fox Theatres Corp.—Receivership.

Federal Judge Martin T. Manton on June 22 appointed William E. Atkinson and John F. Sherman equity receivers. Mr. Atkinson is the company's president.

The appointment was made upon application of counsel for the Chicago Title & Trust Co., creditors to the extent of \$410,190.

The petition states that the reason for the application for an equity receivership, in addition to the corporation's lack of liquid assets, is the fact that an individual creditor (not named) to whom default has been made, may enter a judgment within a few days for \$350,000 with interest.

The plaintiff alleges that the defendant corporation has outstanding 1,465,730 Class A and 100,000 Class B shares of stock. The petition states that plaintiff's claim arises from the transfer of certain securities on June 30 1927, by Marie Lubin and Arthur Sawyer to the Chicago bank.

The petition sets forth that creditor's unsecured claims approximate \$1,619,688, of which more than \$500,000 is now due; that corporation is indebted to wholly-owned subsidiaries to the extent of \$1,160,946, and to affiliated companies, partly secured, in the amount of \$1,599,901; to Fox Film Corp., including film rentals, \$1,113,763, of which \$400,000 is now due, on certain purchases of stock, debentures and other properties. Contingent liabilities, not listed in the petition, are said to approximate \$6,000,000.

The petition also states that the defendant's assets are greatly in excess of its liabilities. Corporation's current assets are listed at \$204,808, and investments in and advances to subsidiaries are totaled at \$24,800,000, while investments in subsidiaries now in the hands of receivers or trustees and investments in real estate in which mortgage defaults have been made, are listed at \$21,360,000. There is due from Loew's, Inc., \$265,000, and office furniture, leaseholds, etc., are valued at \$450,000. The plaintiff also states that the corporation has a cause of action against William Fox which is worth "many millions of dollars."

Henry Brill, attorney for the defendant corporation, consented to the appointment of receivers.

Theatres Corporation Sues Fox.—

A suit charging William Fox with fraudulently manipulating the stocks of his own companies was filed in the office of the Nassau County Clerk by the Fox Theatres Corp. June 21.

The suit asks a judgment for \$1,150,000 against Mr. Fox, but attorneys for the complainant said claims involved are in excess of \$5,000,000. An accounting of all profits made by Mr. Fox in connection with the organization and operation of the Fox Theatres Corp. from 1925 to 1930 also was demanded.

Named with Mr. Fox as defendants in the suit were Jack G. Leo, Eva Fox, Carolyn Leah Tauszig, daughter of Mr. Fox, John Zanft, Jacob Rubenstein and Bessie Livingstone.

At the time of the corporation's organization in 1925, the suit charged, Mr. Fox conceived a plan to "utilize the corporation for his own enrichment at the expense of the corporation and members of the public."—V. 134, p. 4164.

Franklin Process Co.—Dividend Again Reduced.

A quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share was recently declared on the common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 24. Distributions of 50 cents per share were made on this issue on Jan. 2 and April 1, 75 cents per share on July 1 and Oct. 1 1931 and 50 cents per share previously each quarter.—V. 134, p. 2348.

Fundamental Group Corp.—Semi-Annual Distribution.

A distribution for the six-months period ending June 30 1932 of 15.2c, a share of Fundamental Trust Shares, series A, cumulative type, and of 30c, a share of Fundamental Trust Shares, series B, disbursement type, of which 15.319c, a share will be withdrawn from the reserve fund, is announced by the above corporation.

Semi-annual distributions of 22.2c, a share on the series A and 30c, a share on the series B certificates were made on June 30 1931 and of 15.6c, on the series A and 30c, a share on the series B shares on Dec. 31 1931.

After the payment on June 30 1932 of the series B dividend there will be a balance of 21.844c, a share in the reserve fund.—V. 133, p. 3974.

(Robert) Gair Co., Inc. (Del.)—Acquires Assets of New York Corporation.

The formation of Robert Gair Co., Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its acquisition of all assets of Robert Gair Co., a New York corporation, were completed on June 20 at meetings of stockholders of the old and board of directors of the new corporation at the company's office, 420

Lexington Ave., N. Y. City. The new company also assumed all debts, liabilities and obligations of its predecessor.

The organization of the new Robert Gair Co., Inc., under Delaware laws was the result of a plan submitted to holders of class A and class B stock by a committee, of which F. Winchester Denio was Chairman (see V. 134, p. 2917). This plan was recommended by E. Victor Donaldson, President, and unanimously approved by the directors. In response to the committee's request to deposit stock under the terms of the plan, more than 95% of the securities were deposited.

The plan had been declared operative by the committee and the meeting of stockholders of the old company ratified the sale of assets to the new corporation. At the first meeting of the board of directors of the new company the officers and directors of the old company were elected to serve in the same capacity in the new Delaware corporation. They are: E. Victor Donaldson, President; Edwin R. Marshall, 1st Vice-President; Wilbur F. Howell, Secretary; Emil O. Sommer, Comptroller; Ernest Meyer, Treasurer; Arthur J. Bauser, Asst. Treasurer, and George R. Logan, Asst. Comptroller.

The board of directors consists of: George W. Gair, Chairman of the Board; E. Victor Donaldson, George E. W. de Clercq, Grant H. Fairbanks, Robert Gair, Jr., Wilbur F. Howell, Edwin R. Marshall, John M. Perry, T. Raymond Parce, F. Winchester Denio, and Emil O. Sommer.

In a recent letter to the stockholders recommending the plan, Mr. Donaldson explained that the company needed to acquire co-ordinating and complementary manufacturing units to balance its operations and facilitate further progress. This program, he felt, could be accomplished more speedily and satisfactorily by the organization of the company under Delaware laws.

This is the third change in the company's 68-year history. It was founded in 1864 by the late Capt. Robert Gair, pioneer developer of folding boxes, and continued as his personal enterprise until 1903, when it was incorporated under the laws of New York as the Robert Gair Co. The company now operates seven mills and fabricating plants in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Illinois.—(See also V. 134, p. 4502.)

(Robert) Gair Co. (N. Y.)—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	
Cash.....	1,076,501	1,185,939	Accounts payable, including accrued payroll.....	709,255
Trade & misc. acc'ts & notes receiv.....	1,051,530	1,003,247	Accrued taxes.....	40,686
Marketable secur.....	22,875	48,000	Statutory capital.....	\$11,633,768
Notes receivable.....	—	164,336	Surplus.....	1,499,707
Inventories.....	1,570,673	1,644,438		2,177,092
Sundry investm'ts	45,363	6,627		
Land, buildings, equip., &c.....	10,072,292	10,440,289		
Good-will.....	1	1		
Deferred charges... 44,180	60,165			
Total.....	13,883,416	14,553,041	Total.....	13,883,416

x Represented by 200,000 class A participating shares (no par); 500,000 class B shares (no par); less retired and in treasury, 13,592 class A stock, \$642,222; 1,100 class B stock, \$10,500. y After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$5,146,516.

Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1931 was published in V. 134, p. 4502.

Assets Sold to New Delaware Corporation.

See Robert Gair Co., Inc., below.—V. 134, p. 4502.

Garlock Packing Co.—Further Reduction in Dividend on Common Stock.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 10c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 25. A distribution of 15c. per share was made on this issue on April 1 as against 30c. per share in preceding quarters.—V. 134, p. 2158.

General Capital Corp.—Registrar.

The Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, has been appointed registrar in place of Lee, Higginson Trust Co.—V. 134, p. 2530.

General Electric Co., Ltd., Great Britain.—8% Div.

The directors have declared a dividend on the common shares of 8% less tax, for the year ended March 31 1932 as against 10% a year ago and 10% plus a bonus of 4% two years ago. The current dividend is payable July 28 to holders of record June 28.

The report for the year ended March 31 1932, shows a net profit of \$581,548 after debenture interest, depreciation, directors' fees and pension fund against £632,001 in the preceding fiscal years.—V. 133, p. 129.

General Fireproofing Co.—Pref. Dividend Deferred.

The directors on June 22 voted to defer the quarterly dividend due July 1 on the 7½% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last regular quarterly payment of 1¼% was made on this issue on April 1 1932.

Three months ago the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 1 on the common stock was omitted.—V. 134, p. 2732.

General Public Service Corp.—Acquiring Gold Debts.

Until June 27 1932 the corporation will purchase its gold debentures, 5% convertible series due 1933, at 67% of their face value and accrued interest, and 5½% convertible series due 1939, at 75% of their face value and accrued interest. The corporation reserves the right to reject debentures after a total of \$300,000 face value of debentures has been purchased.

Debenture holders desiring to accept this offer must deliver their debentures to Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 90 Broad St., N. Y. City, on or before June 27 1932.

Accrued interest will in all cases be paid to June 27 1932 on debentures accepted under this offer. In the case of 5% debentures, this interest amounts to \$24.45 per \$1,000 face value of debentures, making the total payment, including accrued interest, \$694.45 per \$1,000 face value of debentures. In the case of the 5½% debentures, this interest amounts to \$26.89 per \$1,000 face value of debentures, making the total payment, including accrued interest, \$776.89 per \$1,000 face value of debentures.—V. 134, p. 3467.

General Steel Castings Corp.—Interest Payment.

The semi-annual interest coupons of the 1st mtge. gold bonds, 5½% series A, due July 1 1949, will be payable on July 1 in New York City at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall St.—V. 134, p. 3645.

General Tire & Rubber Co.—Preferred Div. Deferred.

The directors on June 22 decided to defer the quarterly dividend due June 30 on the 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last regular quarterly payment of 1¼% was made on this issue on March 31.—V. 134, p. 3645.

General Vending Corp.—Committee.

An independent bondholders' committee has been formed for the 6% 10-year secured sinking fund gold debentures. Charles H. Bent of Fairman, Perry & Co., 208 South La Salle St., is chairman and M. Jorgensen of the same address is Secretary. Depository is Chicago Bank of Commerce.—V. 132, p. 4069.

Glens Falls (N. Y.) Indemnity Co.—Extends Operations.

This company, organized in 1917 at Glens Falls, N. Y., has been admitted to do business in Utah. The company gives its capital as \$1,000,000 and its surplus as \$600,000. It deals in indemnity, workmen's compensation and allied risks.—V. 134, p. 4165.

Goodman Mfg. Co.—Smaller Distribution.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock, par \$50, payable June 30 to holders of record June 20. Three months ago the quarterly payment on this issue was decreased to 62½c. from 75c. per share.—V. 134, p. 1589.

Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., Inc.—To Change Stated Value.

The stockholders will shortly vote on approving a proposal to change the capital represented by common stock from \$5,789,289.72 to \$1,124,706.81. President Solon E. Summerfield, June 15, in a letter to the stockholders, says:

Owing to changed economic conditions and standards of value, the directors have deemed it advisable to reduce the book values of the fixed assets of the company and its subsidiaries in order to fairly set forth their present value.

To make this adjustment without affecting the earned surplus the directors are proposing to reduce the amount of capital represented by the common stock (not including surplus) from \$5,789,289 to \$1,124,706.

The number of shares of common stock heretofore issued remains the same. This revision of book property values will decrease annual depreciation charges, and will place the company in a more favorable operating position in that, at least to the extent of such reduction of fixed charges, it will reduce the company's production costs.

The proposed reduction of capital requires the consent of the holders of a majority of the total number of outstanding shares of common stock before June 27 1932.—V. 134, p. 2158.

(F. & W.) Grand-Silver Stores, Inc.—Receivership.—A receivership was granted in Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., June 20 for the company. The decree granting the receivership was handed down by Chancellor Josiah O. Wolcott, who appointed James P. Winchester, Wilmington banker, as receiver.

At the same time a petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed against the company in the U. S. District Court by the Syndicate Light Co., Inc.; Mitchell Bros., Inc., and Five Star Shoe Co.

In the Chancellor's receivership decree it was stated that the corporation is solvent in that the fair valuation of its assets exceeds the total amount of its outstanding liabilities, but that it is, nevertheless, insolvent in that it is unable to pay its obligations as they mature.

The complainants are Herman Gross, Harry Epstein, Harry Rabinowitz and Jacob Bernstein, all of New York and co-partners doing business under the name of the Imperial Mfg. Co.—V. 134, p. 4165.

Grigsby-Grunow Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for three months ended March 31 1932 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, zMar. 31 '32, Dec. 31 '31. Rows include Land, buildings, mach., leasehold improvem't., etc., Cash, Notes & accts. rec., Investments, Income tax claim, Cash surr. value, Deferred charges, Total.

* After depreciation and amortization. y Represented by 2,722,539 no par shares. z Includes Columbia Phonograph Co.—V. 134, p. 3830.

Gulf Oil Corp.—Barco Oil Concessions in Colombia Now Undisputed Property of South American Gulf Oil Co., a Subsidiary.—See last week's "Chronicle," p. 4415.—V. 134, p. 2159.

(C. M.) Hall Lamp Co.—Smaller Distribution.—A dividend of 5 cents per share has been declared on the no par capital stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 25. This is a reduction from 10 cents per share paid on Dec. 23 1931. See V. 133, p. 4166.

Hancock Oil Co. of California.—Earnings.—For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended March 31 1932 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 856.

Hartman Corp.—Receivership.—In answer to a petition of creditors requesting appointment of receivers for the Hartman Corp. and Hartman Furniture & Carpet Co., Judge James H. Wilkerson in U. S. District Court at Chicago, June 16, appointed Martin L. Straus and Elias Mayer co-receivers for the companies.

"The equity receivership proceedings instituted before Hon. Jas. H. Wilkerson against the Hartman Furniture & Carpet Co. and the Hartman Corp. were consented to by both companies. These proceedings will protect and conserve the best interests of the corporation's creditors and stockholders. There will be no interruption in the operation of the business as both companies have ample working capital with which to operate under the receivership. The assets of the companies are estimated to be in excess of \$9,000,000 and their liabilities less than \$4,000,000."—V. 134, p. 3468.

Haverty Furniture Co., Inc.—Dividend Rate Reduced.—A dividend of 1 3/4 cents per share has been declared on the \$1.50 cumm. conv. pref. stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 23. This compares with quarterly distributions of 37 1/2 cents per share previously made on this issue.—V. 130, p. 631.

Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co.—Smaller Dividends.—The directors have declared three monthly dividends of 10 cents per share on the common stock, par \$25, payable July 29, Aug. 26 and Sept. 30 to holders of record July 22, Aug. 19 and Sept. 23, respectively. This compares with monthly distributions of 15 cents per share made from Jan. 29 to June 24 1932, 20 cents per share each month from July 1931 to Dec. 1931 and 25 cents per share previously.—V. 134, p. 857, 515.

Home Insurance Co., N. Y.—To Decrease Par Value—Dividends on New Shares Expected to Be at the Annual Rate of \$1 per Share.—The stockholders will vote June 25 on decreasing the outstanding capital stock from \$24,000,000, par \$10, to \$12,000,000, par \$5, one new share to be exchanged for each share held.

The directors expect to place the new stock on a \$1 annual dividend basis as against the \$2 yearly rate previously paid. [It had been erroneously reported that the directors except that the dividends at the present \$2 annual rate can be continued on the reduced par value.]—V. 134, p. 4332.

(A. C.) Horn Co.—Transfer Agent—Registrar.—The Bank of Manhattan Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent and the Manufacturers' Trust Co. registrar for the following classes of stock: 1st preferred, \$50 par; 2d preferred, \$50 par; and common no par value.—V. 128, p. 3361.

Hotel Cumberland (Construction Realty Co.), N. Y. City.—Foreclosure Action.—The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. has brought an action in the New York Supreme Court to foreclose a \$550,000 consolidated mortgage on the Hotel Cumberland, at the southwest corner of Broadway and West 54th St. The Construction Realty Co., Harry P. Simpson, the Hotel Cumberland and others are named defendants.

The original mortgage for \$550,000 was made by the Construction Realty Co. on July 20 1907. Subsequently, another mortgage of \$25,000 was made and combined with the unpaid balance of the earlier one to form the one lien of \$575,000. The plaintiff asks that a receiver be appointed to collect rents and handle the property and cites the alleged failure of the defendants to pay an installment of interest of \$13,750 due May 1 1932, and taxes for the year 1931 and first half of 1932.

Howe Sound Co.—Dividend Again Decreased.—The directors on June 21 placed the common stock on a 40c. annual dividend basis, compared with \$1 previously paid, by the declaration of a quarterly of 10c. a share, payable July 15 to holders of record June 30. A quarterly distribution of 25c. per share was made on April 15 last,

compared with 50c. per share in each of the three preceding quarters, and 75c. per share on April 15 1931.—V. 134, p. 3468.

Humble Oil & Refining Co.—To Go on Five-Day Week.—This company and the Humble Pipe Line Co. will adopt a five-day week, effective on July 1, it is stated. They are subsidiaries of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, which announced a similar program last week.—V. 134, p. 4333.

Indiana Mining Co.—Dropped from List.—See Algomah Mining Co. above.

Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings for Period from Oct. 31 1930 to Nov. 30 1931.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation and maintenance, Net earnings from operation, Profit on sale of gas leases, Profit on drilling contracts, Rentals, interest and sundry receipts, Total net earnings, Interest charges, Net income before prov. for depl. & deprec. & min. interests, Surplus Oct. 31 1930 (date of last report), Net Inc. for month of Nov. 1930 before prov. for depl. & deprec., Adjustment to surplus applicable to prior period, Total surplus, Value assigned to the creation of permanent reserve supply of crude oil for operating purposes, Excess reserve for depletion and depreciation as determined by board of directors, Adjustment to extinguish deficit on crude oil price change reserve and expenses of oil in storage at Nov. 30 1930, Sundry charges applicable to period prior to Nov. 30 1930, Total, Depletion and Depreciation Reserve, Month of November 1930, Twelve months ended Nov. 30 1931, Surplus as at Nov. 30 1931, Majority stockholders' interest, Minority stockholders' interest.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, Nov. 30 '31, Oct. 31 '30. Rows include Plant & invest., Securities owned, Stores & supplies, Oil in storage at market, Miscell. invest'ts, Notes and accts. receivable, Cash, Exp. paid in adv., Suspended exp., Deferred charges, Crude oil price reserve, Prop. in course of abandon, Class A stock, Class B stock, Minority stockholders' int., Accts. payable, Notes payable, Taxes accrued, Customers' deposits, Emp. Gas & Fuel Co., Gas & Fuel Co., Res. for Federal Income tax, Due patent Co., Bad debt reserve, Deprec., depl. & other reserves, Crude oil price change reserve, Surplus.

Total-----129,848,953 133,729,786 a Represented by 1,304,600 no par shares. b Represented by 7,090,037 no par shares. c includes accruals.—V. 132, p. 665.

Insull Utility Investments, Inc.—Sale Off Again.—The auction sale of Insull operating company stocks, representing collateral held by four New York banks to secure loans made to Insull Utility Investments and Corporation Securities Co. was postponed again June 22, thus making five adjournments since the original sale date, May 5, The next sale date is July 20.—V. 134, p. 450.

Insuranshares Corp. of Del.—Special Report.—President Hobart B. Brown in a special report to the stockholders says: At the adjourned meeting of the stockholders and the board of directors held June 14, the following directors and officers were elected:

Directors.—Julius H. Barnes, Chairman; Franklin Berwin, Percy F. Biglin, Hobart B. Brown, Frank Cohen, Edward Denby, Chase Donaldson, Edward S. Goodwin, R. Parker Kuhn, Esmond P. O'Brien, Carl Sherman, Victor Sincere, Edward B. Twombly.

Officers.—Julius H. Barnes, Chairman; Hobart B. Brown, President; Franklin Berwin, Vice-President and Treasurer; Esmond P. O'Brien, Sec'y. At this meeting the new controlling interests expressed their views of a proper investment and operating policy through a formal statement by the Chairman of the board, Mr. Barnes, read into the record, approved by the directors and ordered transmitted to the stockholders. The statement follows:

"We feel that this is an opportune time to advise the stockholders in this corporation of certain policies which your own officers believe will contribute most directly in rebuilding the value of their stock holdings. These policies involve, in some respects, a change from those hitherto in effect."

"Briefly, we feel that three years of trial under the test of business depression, affecting all lines of industry and finance, have demonstrated that a policy of wide diversification in investments, guided largely by general information and statistics, has not met the original expectations. This has proved particularly true in the insurance and banking fields, where the violent business depression developed unanticipated losses in activities theretofore held relatively immune. These changes and these new hazards to-day in so many lines emphasize the desirability of an investment policy based on intimate and timely knowledge of practices and conditions in companies in which investments are made."

"We believe, therefore, that your investment policy should be mainly in companies over which the corporation or its affiliates can exercise actual or partial control, and on the affairs of which the corporation can at all times be fully informed."

"Moreover, the new interests, represented by your present officers, believe that there is definite opportunity for promise of substantial progress under conditions now prevailing in the insurance field, by assisting in the organization, consolidation and regrouping of insurance companies."

"We believe in such activities a direct service can be rendered in the interest of reviving business stability, and at the same time, it holds prospects of substantial profits to your company as well."

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, June 10 '32, Dec. 31 '31. Rows include Cash, Acrued divs. and Int. receivable, Management contr't, Invest. at cost, Prepaid expenses, Common stock, Class B stock, Accts. pay. & accr., Notes payable, Acrued dividends, Res. for contng., Paid-in surplus, Earned surplus, Total.

Total-----\$6,820,866 \$7,817,932 a Represented by 468,750 shares, par \$1. b Represented by 250,000 no par shares. c After \$6,724,459 reserve for revaluation.—V. 134, p. 4505

International Carriers, Ltd.—Listing of Capital Stock (\$1 Par) to Replace No Par Shares.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 561,043 shares of capital stock of (par \$1) on official notice of issuance in exchange (on a share for share basis) for certificates of capital stock without par value now outstanding and 200,000 shares, on official notice of issuance, upon the exercise of options, making total applied for 761,043 shares of capital stock. *Pro Forma Balance Sheet as at Dec. 31 1931 (Giving Effect to the Proposed Change in Capital Stock).*

Assets—	Liabilities—	
*Investments at cost—Stocks \$11,916,530	Accts. payable—Divs. pay-	
Bonds-----	able Jan. 2 1932-----	\$70,290
Cash in banks-----	For secur. purch., but not	
Recelv. for securities sold-----	received-----	2,956
Dividends receivable-----	Miscellaneous-----	7,159
Prepaid taxes-----	Capital stock-----	561,043
	Capital surplus-----	11,655,469
Total-----	Total-----	\$12,296,917

*The aggregate value at Dec. 31 1931 of these investments based on market quotations was \$3,462,374.—V. 134, p. 4505.

International Harvester Co.—New Directors.—

James R. Leavell, President of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., has been elected a member of the board to succeed Arthur Reynolds, who had resigned on account of removal of his residence to California.

John Stuart, President of the Quaker Oats Co., and William S. Elliott, general counsel of the International Harvester Co., also have been elected as directors to fill vacancies that had existed since the deaths of Thoms D. Jones and Henry B. Utley.—V. 134, p. 3648.

International Match Corp.—Sale of Diamond Match Co. Stock.—See Kreuger & Toll Co. below.—V. 134, p. 4333.

Investors Equity Co., Inc.—Stock Reserved for Exercise of Warrants and Options.—

In connection with the acquisition of the assets of the above company, and the assumption of its outstanding debentures, the Tri-Continental Corp. has duly reserved an aggregate of 3,164 shares of the common stock for issue upon exercise, on or before April 1 1948, at \$45 per share, of warrants attached to the 20-year 5% gold debentures, series B, on Investors Equity Co., Inc., and an aggregate of 59,310 shares of common stock for issue upon the exercise, on or before March 1 1939, at \$24 per share, of options to be granted to holders of warrants originally issued by the Motion Picture Capital Corp. (one of the predecessor corporations of Investors Equity Co., Inc.).—V. 134, p. 4505.

Johnson Motor Co., Waukegan, Ill.—Receivership.—

Judge James H. Wilkerson in U. S. District Court at Chicago has appointed H. G. Delabar and Fred E. Hummel receivers for the company. The petition was filed by Lambert, Fox & Co. of South Bend, Ind. H. G. Delabar is Vice-President of company, which manufactures outboard motors. Lampert, Fox & Co. are advertising agents for the company.—V. 134, p. 2160.

(Rudolph) Karstadt, Inc.—Dealings in Stock Suspended by the Berlin Stock Exchange.—

The New York Stock Exchange has received notice from the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co., depository under the deposit agreement dated Nov. 1 1928, for the issuance of certificates for "American" shares representing capital stock of Rudolph Karstadt, Inc., that it has instructed M. M. Warburg & Co. (Hamburg), sub-depository under this deposit agreement, to refuse to accept any further deposits of German shares under the deposit agreement dated Nov. 1 1928. The Stock Exchange has been further advised that dealings in shares of Rudolph Karstadt, Inc., have been suspended by the Berlin Stock Exchange but that this action does not affect the eligibility under the deposit agreement of the underlying Reichsmark shares of this company now deposited with the sub-depository nor the relative "American" shares issued there against.—V. 134, p. 4505.

Kendall Co.—Discontinues Quarterly Reports.—

The company, with the sanction of the New York Stock Exchange, has discontinued the issuance of quarterly reports temporarily. It will continue to publish semi-annual reports.—V. 134, p. 4505.

Kreuger & Toll Co.—Independent Committee Issues Statement.—Samuel Untermeyer, as counsel with Siegfried Hartman of the independent protective committee of debentureholders of Kreuger & Toll, made public June 22 the following statement in the form of a notice to the debentureholders signed by him, Mr. Hartman, and members of the committee of which Bainbridge Colby is Chairman:

The undersigned independent protective committee was organized to protect the rights of the debenture holders and by way of protest against and in opposition to the committee formed and sponsored by Lee, Higginson & Co. and their banking associates, by or through whom the \$50,000,000 Kreuger & Toll secured debentures were marketed.

The Chairman of that committee, Grayson M.-P. Murphy, is a member and director of the executive committee of the Guaranty Trust Co., whose affiliate Guaranty Co. participated in the sale of the debentures as members with Lee, Higginson & Co. of the underwriting and selling syndicate; others of the members of the Lee, Higginson-Murphy committee were likewise concerned in the underwriting or marketing of these debentures to the public. Until recently a member of the firm of Lee, Higginson & Co. was also a member of that committee.

We hold it to be self-evident that the reorganization of Kreuger & Toll Co. should not be entrusted to committees such as the Lee, Higginson-Murphy committee, composed of members or nominees of the very same banking houses or institutions that were concerned in or responsible for the original distribution to the public of Kreuger & Toll securities and against whom causes of action may be found to exist in connection with the distribution and marketing of such securities.

We are compelled, in order to reach you, to resort to this public announcement in lieu of personal communication with you, because the Lee, Higginson-Murphy bankers' committee has persistently obstructed and thus far prevented access by us to the lists of debenture-holders which that committee has been utilizing in soliciting deposits under its deposit agreement.

The purpose of this communication is to invite you to deposit your securities with the undersigned committee and to call attention to the opinion of our counsel that the deposit of securities with the Lee, Higginson-Murphy bankers' committee may result in seriously jeopardizing if not wholly destroying important rights and causes of action that debenture holders may be found to possess, due to the circumstances under which they acquired their original debentures from Lee, Higginson & Co., or from the various other banking houses and institutions associated with them in marketing the securities.

Our counsel advise that if Kreuger & Toll debentures were purchased in reliance upon material representations which on investigation are found to have been false, a purchaser on discovering the falsity thereof may rescind or cancel his purchase and recover back the purchase price paid by him.

Your right to return the debentures and to recover back your money would not depend upon your being able to prove that the banking houses from or through which your purchases were made knew the representations to be false—provided always that you have not exercised and did not after your discovery of the misrepresentation that induced you to make your investment exercise any irrevocable act of ownership or dominion over the debentures—such as continuing their deposit under the terms of the Lee, Higginson-Murphy committee deposit agreement.

With the purpose in view of protecting these rights for you, the deposit agreement of our committee, filed with the depository Title Guaranty & Trust Co., 176 Broadway, N. Y. City, contains provisions specially designed, in the opinion of counsel, to avoid any possible contention that such rights have been waived or prejudiced.

Inasmuch as we are advised that considerably less than 8% of Kreuger & Toll debentures have been deposited with the Lee, Higginson-Murphy committee, notwithstanding their means of reaching you, which have been denied us, and their many weeks of intensive solicitation, there is still time to safeguard the interests of those among you who have not deposited with

that committee against the risk of losing your right of rescission and possibly still time, by prompt action, to rescue those who have deposited.

This committee is working in close connection with the independent protective committee of debenture holders of International Match Corp., under the general direction of Samuel Untermeyer as senior advisory counsel of that committee, which is also in opposition to the Lee, Higginson-Perkins banking committee.

The following is the personnel of the undersigned committee: Bainbridge Colby, Chairman of committee; Thomas H. Healy (School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University); Max Winkler (Associate Professor of Economics, C. O. N. Y. President American Council of Foreign Bondholders); Lindsay Rogers (Professor Public Law, Columbia University); Ernest Minor Patterson (President, American Academy Political Science; Professor of Economics, University of Pennsylvania); William Z. Ripley (Professor of Political Economy, Harvard University); Samuel Untermeyer and Siegfried Hartman, Counsel; Bernard Henick, Sec'y, 46 Cedar St., New York.

Murphy Committee Answers Independent Committee.—The debentureholders' protective committee (Grayson M.-P. Murphy, Chairman), in an answer to the independent committee's statement, says:

You have by advertisement been urged not to deposit your bonds with the undersigned protective committee. The reason suggested is that our committee came into being on the initiative of banking houses which participated in the marketing of the debentures. It is further intimated that deposit with our committee might involve a loss of personal rights to rescission.

The facts are: (1) It is true that our committee was organized on the initiative of bankers who participated in the marketing of Kreuger & Toll secured debentures. If the issuing bankers had not felt a sense of responsibility to provide a protective medium for their customers, then, indeed, they would have been subject to well-founded criticism. Furthermore, the banking houses which marketed the debentures have a most obvious interest in seeing a maximum realization thereon.

(2) Our committee has been scrupulous to seek to prevent deposit with it involving loss to the depositors of personal claims for damages, rescission or otherwise. Our deposit agreement expressly provides that deposit thereunder, "shall not be deemed to involve the waiver or relinquishment of claims, if any, for damages, rescission or otherwise on account of the circumstances under which any depositor acquired and (or) retained his debentures."

Our deposit agreement further gives each depositor the right to repossessing of the debentures called for by his certificate of deposit for the purpose of ensuring any such personal claims.

Our committee does not solicit deposits on a negative platform of denunciation and insinuation. We ask for deposits on the ground that there is constructive work to be done which we are actively engaged in doing and the successful accomplishment of which requires the united action of the debenture-holders.

If you are not familiar with what our committee has accomplished to date and the tasks which still lie before us, we suggest that you apply to our Secretary for a copy of our committee's interim report of May 25 1932.

Independent Committee's Answer.—The independent protective committee, in answer to the foregoing, says:

Referring to yesterday's (June 23) advertisement of the Lee, Higginson-Murphy committee, the attempted defense is disingenuous and misleading.

The bankers' committee in its published answer admits the truth of the charge upon which we base our contention that it is disqualified to represent single-mindedly the interest of the debenture holders with rights and causes of action against the banking houses that issued these securities. It does not even attempt to deny the further charge that it is withholding part of its lists of debenture holders and thereby preventing us from communicating directly with you.

The following are the facts: (1) The rescission clause quoted from its recent deposit agreement was not in its original agreement under which, for many weeks, it has been scouring the country for deposits by personal solicitation through its agents, country-wide advertisement and otherwise.

That clause was inserted within the past week by amendment of its agreement but only after vigorous protests and insistence in open Court by our counsel that the bankers' agreement destroyed the depositors' rights of rescission, as it does. The same is true of the Lee, Higginson-Perkins deposit agreement for International Match debenture holders: It is belated change is, in the opinion of our counsel, inadequate and ineffective to preserve the rights of rescission to depositors with that committee.

(2) We repeat that notwithstanding the very recent retirement of the Lee, Higginson & Co. partners under pressure, from that and the International Match committees, following our protests, the majority of the committee-members still remaining in both companies consist of their nominees.

The undersigned suggests that you now determine whether your interests are better protected by a committee consisting of Lee, Higginson & Co. appointees or by an independent committee, whose members were not concerned in the marketing of the original debentures and promptly act accordingly in the deposit of your debentures. Time is important to you. The same is true as to International Match Co.

(3) The debenture holders of this and of International Match Co., who have heretofore deposited their debentures with either of the Lee, Higginson & Co. committees, can accomplish the transfer of their debentures from both or either of those committees by depositing their certificates of deposit with the Title Guaranty & Trust Co., 176 Broadway, New York, which is the depository for both of these committees in opposition to the bankers' committees for both companies.

Turkey Arranges Kreuger Payments—Settles with International Match's Trustee to Meet \$14,250,000 Debt—Bankers Sell Collateral—Diamond Match Buys Its Own Shares.—

The following is from the New York "Times" June 24:
A settlement with the Turkish Government which eventually will produce \$14,250,000 for the creditors of the International Match Corp., now in bankruptcy, has been completed by the Irving Trust Co., trustee for International Match, it was announced June 23 at a hearing before Oscar W. Ehrhorn, Federal referee.

At the same meeting lawyers for the trustee, for bondholders' committees and for the four banks that held 350,000 shares of stock of the Diamond Match Co. as collateral for the \$3,800,000 balance of a loan of \$4,000,000 to Ivar Kreuger, signed a stipulation agreeing to the sale of the shares, but reserving the right to litigate the matter if necessary to protect their claims.

Later in the day the block of stock was placed on auction at the offices of Adrian H. Muller & Son and was bought by the Diamond Match Co. at \$14.75 a share, or a total of \$5,162,500. The 350,000 shares had been sold in 1930 to interests identified only as "bankers" for \$13,000,000, or \$37.14 a share. The company by repurchasing the stock made a profit of \$7,750,000 within two years. Officers of the company said the purchase had been approved recently by the directors, but declined to say what disposition would be made of the shares.

Notes of Turkish Government.

The \$14,250,000 of assets is in the form of notes of the Turkish Government and represents principal, amortization and interest on a loan of \$8,500,000 made by the American Turkish Investment Corp., a subsidiary of International Match, to the Turkish Government, which called for a monopoly on matches and lighters in Turkey. The notes will mature at six-month intervals from 1938 to 1955. The American Turkish Investment Corp. has a factory at Istanbul which is expected to continue to operate.

The collapse of International Match after Mr. Kreuger's suicide came before all of \$10,000,000, the original amount of the Turkish transaction, had been paid, leaving \$1,500,000 in default. By the agreement with the Turkish Government the International Match has been relieved of paying the \$1,500,000.

James N. Rosenberg, counsel for the Irving Trust, after announcing the successful conclusion of negotiations with the Turkish Government to recover the \$14,250,000, presented the stipulation regarding the sale of stock, later signed by the attorneys and approved by Referee Ehrhorn. The stipulation called for the sale of the 350,000 shares of Diamond Match at or above \$14.75 a share. The stock is said to represent working control of Diamond Match. The offer amounted in reality, it was said, to \$15 a share, the additional value being the June dividend, which is to be turned over to the trustee.

The sale of the stock, therefore, will leave a surplus of about \$1,450,000 after payment of the \$3,800,000 due the four banks. The surplus will be set aside by the trustee for later disposition. The banks participating

are the National City and the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh and the Continental Illinois & Trust Co. of Chicago.

Right to Sue Is Reserved. The stipulation reserved the right of the trustee to sue for the entire amount if it were shown that the money was transferred to the banks "illegally as a preference claim," and also gave the bondholders' committees and other interests represented by the signatures rights to start litigation.

J. Donald Duncan of Auchincloss & Duncan, attorneys for the Swedish liquidators of the Krueger companies, announced that he would start suit to recover the \$3,800,000 on the ground that the money was due the Swedish Match Co.

The signatories of the stipulation represented the four banks, Auchincloss & Duncan and the Irving Trust Co. The paper was approved by David L. Podell, counsel for the independent committee of bondholders of International Match, and by Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, counsel for the Perkins committee, another protective committee of securityholders.

Kreuger & Toll Agent Heard. Alexis Aminoff, a representative of the Kreuger & Toll Co., testified briefly at another hearing before Henry K. Davis, referee, at 140 Nassau Street, on an involuntary receivership petition filed against Kreuger & Toll.

Examined by Jacob Javits, attorney for the petitioning creditors, Mr. Aminoff described his duties as mainly clerical. He maintained an office at 41 Broad Street, in the Lee, Higginson & Co. building, he said, and Kreuger & Toll kept an account with the banking firm to cover his expenses. His principal duty, he said, was to open mail. Never did he have charge of any brokerage accounts on behalf of his employers and never did he have any connection with Diamond Match Co. stock dealings.—V. 134, p. 4505.

Laclede Steel Co.—Smaller Dividend.— The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 15c. per share on the capital stock, par \$20, payable June 30 to holders of record June 24. From June 30 1931 to and incl. March 31 1932 quarterly distributions of 25c. per share were made, as against 50c. per share in preceding quarters.—V. 134, p. 2161; V. 132, p. 4775.

Lake Superior Corp.—Protective Committee.— The corporation having failed to pay the interest due June 1 1932, on its collateral trust 40-year 5% gold bonds which mature June 1 1944, and Algoma Steel Corp., Ltd., having failed to pay the interest due June 1 1932, on its purchase money mtg. bonds which are owned by the Lake Superior Corp. and are pledged as security for the coll. trust bonds, and receivers and managers of the property of Algoma Steel Corp., Ltd., having been appointed, the committee (below), at the request of the owners of a large amount of bonds, have consented to act as a committee for the protection of the interests of the holders of the Lake Superior Corp. bonds who shall deposit their bonds under the terms of the bondholders' protective agreement, dated June 15 1932.

Holders of bonds are requested and recommended to immediately deposit the same with The Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, of Philadelphia, the depository, or with its agent, the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Canada. All bonds must be deposited in negotiable form, said bonds being accompanied by the coupon which matured June 1 1932, and all subsequent coupons.

The aggregate of all expenses and outlays of the committee of every nature whatsoever, is limited to 3% of the face value of their bonds.

In the judgment of the committee united action and co-operation are necessary on the part of the bondholders in order to protect their interests, and the committee therefore requests that bonds be deposited at once.

*Bondholders' Protective Committee.—*William Lilley, Chairman, (Lilley & Co.); Norman J. Greene, (Greene & Co.); Arthur V. Morton, (Vice-Pres., Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities); J. M. Wynn, (J. W. Sparks & Co.), Philadelphia, Pa.; Frederick Stelwagon, Sec., Packard Building, Philadelphia, Pa.; Randolph W. Childs, Counsel, Packard Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

See also Algoma Steel Corp., Ltd., above.—V. 134, p. 4505.

*Lawyers Mortgage Co., N. Y.—Annual Dividend Rate Reduced 80c. from \$1.40 per Share.—*The directors on June 21 declared a quarterly dividend of 20c. per share on the \$20 par value capital stock, payable June 30 to holders of record June 21. This compares with quarterly payments of 70c. per share made from June 30 1929 to and including Dec. 31 1931, and 35c. per share paid on March 31 1932.—V. 134, p. 2352.

*Lee Rubber & Tire Corp.—Change in Par Value.—*The stockholders will vote July 7 on changing the authorized capital stock from 300,000 shares of no par value to 300,000 shares, par \$5.—V. 134, p. 4506.

*Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.—Annual Dividend Rate Decreased from \$1 to 80c. per Share.—*The directors on June 22 declared a quarterly dividend of 20 cents per share on the no par capital stock, payable Aug. 31 to holders of record July 30. Distributions of 25 cents per share were made on Feb. 29 and May 31 last as against 30 cents per share in each of the four preceding quarters.—V. 134, p. 3469.

*Link-Belt Co., Chicago.—Dividend Rate Again Cut.—*The directors on June 21 declared a quarterly dividend of 20c. a share on the common stock, no par value, payable Sept. 1 to holders of record Aug. 15. Distributions of 30c. a share were made on March 1 and June 1 last, as against 40 cents a share on Dec. 1 1931, 50 cents a share on Sept. 1 1931 and 60 cents a share in each of the two preceding quarters.—V. 134, p. 3286.

*Liquid Carbonic Corp.—Dividend Action Postponed.—*The directors on June 23 postponed action on the regular July dividend, until July 15, due to the lack of a quorum. The last previous payment of 50 cents per share was made April 30.—V. 134, p. 3649.

*Lukens Steel Co.—Tenders.—*The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, 10 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until July 21 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 20-year 8% gold bonds dated Nov. 1 1920, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$100,170 at prices not exceeding 107 1/2 and interest.—V. 132, p. 4424.

*Macfadden Publications, Inc.—To Sell Control of "Graphic."—*See New York "Evening Graphic" below.—V.133, p. 298.

*McAleer Manufacturing Co.—Dividend Omitted.—*The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about July 1 on the no par common stock. From Oct. 1 1930 to and incl. April 1 1932 quarterly distributions of 37 1/2 cents per share were made on this issue.—V. 131, p. 1724.

*Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co.—Decreases Dividend.—*A quarterly dividend of 12 1/2 cents per share has been declared on the capital stock, no par value, payable July 2 to holders of record June 22. Previously, the company paid quarterly dividends of 15 cents per share.—V. 134, p. 1970.

McGraw Electric Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1931, 1930. Net sales after deduct. returns, allow. & cash disc'ts \$3,092,257, \$3,990,101. Cost of sales 1,787,793, 2,298,868. Selling expenses 837,601, 986,813. Administrative expenses 300,122, 341,852. Net profit from operations \$171,736, \$362,568. Other income 43,195, 114,770. Total profit \$214,932, \$477,338. Development and patent expense written off 16,955. Provision for Federal income taxes 26,000, 55,000. Net profit \$188,932, \$405,383.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Assets—1931, 1930. Cash \$339,908, \$302,535. Mktable securs. 324,679, 190,118. Notes & acct's. rec. 404,444, 569,647. Inventories 536,594, 614,700. Prepaid insurance, taxes, & empl. 32,814, 31,867. Officers' & empl. notes & acct's. 43,536, 30,616. Cent. West P. S. Co. prof. stock. 56,350. Miscell. securities. 40,395. Land, bldgs., machinery & equip. x734,966, 797,122. G'dwill, pat's., &c. 1,709,282, 1,700,224. Dev. & invest. exp. 45,904, 45,740. Total \$4,172,128, \$4,379,313. Liabilities—1931, 1930. Accounts payable. \$78,055, \$126,286. Wages, salaries & comm'n's. acerr d 11,000, 17,199. State & local taxes accrued. 10,847, 9,384. Provision for Fed'l inc. taxes acerr. 66,715, 92,077. Dividend payable. 125,000. Capital stock. y2,968,750, 2,968,750. Surplus, paid in. 823,550, 828,840. Earned surplus. 213,210, 211,778. Total \$4,172,128, \$4,379,313. x After depreciation of \$506,318. y Represented by 250,000 shares of common stock (no par).—V. 133, p. 4167.

*McLellan Stores Co.—Suspend Preferred Dividend.—*The directors at a meeting held on June 23 took no action on the quarterly dividend due July 1 on the 6% cum. conv. pref. stock, series A, par \$100. The last regular quarterly distribution of 1 1/2% was made on this issue on April 1 1932. See also V. 134, p. 4506.

Manati Sugar Co.—Bondholders Committee Requests Deposit of Bonds.—

The bondholders protective committee for 1st mortgage bonds has announced that 63% of the outstanding bonds have been deposited with it. In the arrangements made with the company's banks, there is a specific provision that no advances to meet current expenses or to finance the coming crop need be made after July 1 unless by that date 75% of the bonds have been deposited.

The committee is requesting the deposit of bonds with Bankers Trust Co., depository. Deposits may be made without cost or expense to bondholders.—V. 134, p. 1384.

*Monarch Mortgage & Investment, Ltd.—Div. Cut.—*A quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share has been declared on the pref. stock, par \$10, payable July 15 to holders of record June 30. Three months ago the quarterly payment on this issue was reduced to 12 1/2 cents per share from 20 cents.—V. 134, p. 2537.

Monsanto Chemical Works.—Subsidiary to Go on a Five-Day Basis.—

The Merrimac Chemical Co., Inc., a New England subsidiary, will go on a five-day week basis beginning July 1, against a 5 1/2-day week basis previously.—V. 134, p. 3469.

*Moto Meter Gauge & Equipment Corp.—Earnings.—*For income statement for quarter ended March 31, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31. Assets—1932, 1931. Cash \$18,295, \$56,610. Notes & acct's rec. a211,929, 313,811. Accrued int. rec. 832, 858. Inventories 606,883, 772,953. Investments 117,607, 117,607. Deps. on leases, &c. 19,911, 29,916. L'd, bldgs., mach., equipment, &c. b1,327,590, 1,791,006. Funds in closed bk. 27,594. Apprec. in assets of W. G. Nagel El. Co. 267,675. Other assets 86,224. Org. exp. (sub.) 229. Pat's., trade-m'ks and copyrights 1. Deferred charges. 445,277, 464,798. Total \$3,011,940, \$3,547,564. Liabilities—1932, 1931. Notes payable \$50,000, \$30,000. Acct's payable 188,747, 132,441. Accrued accounts 47,353, 68,424. Capital stock and surplus c2,725,839, 3,316,699. Total \$3,011,940, \$3,547,564.

a After reserves for doubtful accounts and allowances of \$23,640. b After reserves for depreciation of \$1,349,063. c Represented by capital stock without par value, authorized, 750,000 shares; issued and to be issued in connection with plan and agreement dated April 15 1929, 512,500 shares (7,461 shares in treasury carried in investments). d Includes also deficit of \$1,405,173. d Includes call loans.—V. 134, p. 1970.

*Nation-Wide Securities Co. (Md.)—Stock Offered.—*Calvin Bullock and associates are offering voting shares of this company at market (about \$7.50 per share).

Dividends payable Q-J. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York, transfer agent.

Company.—Has been organized in Maryland to provide a medium of investment in a broadly diversified fund of common stocks.

Portfolio.—Securities contained in the fund on June 8 1932 consisted of the following stocks in the proportions indicated:

Approximate Percentage. Utilities—Amer. Gas & Elec. Co., com. 1.79. Amer. Pow. & Light Co., com. .30. Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co. stock. 2.57. Col. Gas & Elec. Corp. com. .37. Commonwealth Edison Co. stk. .83. Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y. common. 4.21. Consol. Gas Elec. Light & Pow. Co. of Baltimore, common. 3.30. Detroit Edison Co. stock. 2.20. Edison Illuminating Co. of Boston stock. 2.13. Montreal Light, Heat & Power Consol. common. 1.13. Niagara Hudson Power Corp., common. .49. North American Co., common 1.78. Pacific Gas & Elec. Co., com. 2.95. Pacific Lighting Corp., com. 2.34. Pub. Serv. Corp. of N. J., com 3.97. Sou. Calif. Edison Co., com. 1.20. United Gas Impt. Co., com. 2.25. 34.61. Banks & Insurance Cos.—Hartford Fire Insurance Co. capital stock. 1.20. Ins. Co. of No. Amer. cap. stk. 1.89. 11.15. Industrials—Allied Chem. & Dye Corp, com. 4.50. American Can Co., common. 1.69. Amer. Tob. Co. common B. 2.91. Corn Prod. Refin. Co., com. 2.70. E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., common. 2.40. Eastman Kodak Co. of N. J., common. 2.42. General Electric Co., common. .77. General Motors Corp., com. 1.99. Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. of America, common. 3.44. Internat Harvester Co., com. .21. Internat Nickel Co. of Can., Ltd., common. .59. Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., common B. 1.20. National Biscuit Co., common 2.63. Natl Dairy Prod. Corp., com. 2.95. Otis Elevator Co., common. .15. R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., class B common. .86. Sears, Roebuck & Co. stock. .87. Standard Oil Co. of Calif. stk. 1.31. Standard Oil Co. (N. J.) com. 4.75. Texas Corp. stock. 1.22. Union Carbide & Carbon Corp. stock. 4.42. United Aircraft & Transport Corp., common. .60. U. S. Steel Corp., common. 1.21. F. W. Woolworth Co. stock. 1.49. 47.28. Railroads—Aetn., Top. & S. Fe Ry., com. 1.17. Norfolk & Western Ry., com. 3.05. Pennsylvania RR. stock. .62. Union Pacific RR., common. 2.12. 6.96. Banks & Insurance Cos.—Aetna Life Ins. Co. cap. stock. .45. Bankers Trust Co. cap. stock. 1.29. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., capital stock. 1.33. Connecticut General Life Ins. Co. capital stock. 1.88. Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., capital stock. 3.11. 100.00.

The assets of the company are held in trust by the Trust Company of New Jersey, trustee. Selection.—Not more than 5% of the fund may be invested in the securities of any one company.

Substitution.—Changes in the portfolio may result from conversion, exchange or redemption of any of the shares owned, or from the reorganization, consolidation, merger or sale of assets of any of the companies, the certificate of which is held. In order to anticipate changing conditions, the certificate of incorporation further permits the directors, if it shall deem it advisable to do so, to direct the sale of any stock in the portfolio. Shareholders will be notified quarterly of any changes that may have been made in the portfolio. Any money received in connection with any such change or sale may be reinvested only in stocks of one or more of certain companies.

Dividends.—Certificate of incorporation provides that there shall be distributed quarterly to shareholders approximately their pro rata share of net cash income as defined in the certificate of incorporation and determined by the board of directors, including proceeds of the sale of rights and warrants and of regular stock dividends. No other stock dividends, stock split-ups or profits and losses resulting from substitutions shall be taken into income account.

Repurchase.—Certificate of incorporation provides that upon request of any shareholders the company shall, but only out of surplus, purchase its shares for cash at the liquidating value of such shares. Such liquidating value will be computed on the basis of current market values of the company's assets, determined as of the first full business day, on which the New York Stock Exchange is open, next succeeding presentation for purchase (based in the case of active stocks on the closing sale price and, in the case of unlisted or inactive securities, on the average between the closing bid and closing asked prices) all as more fully set forth in the certificate of incorporation. Payment is to be made within four business days after the date fixing such liquidating value. Company may, to the extent necessary, sell any securities included in the portfolio to provide cash for the purchase of its shares.

Capitalization.—Initial authorized capital consists of 5,000,000 shares (par \$1) all of the same class and all having equal voting rights. Holders have no preemptive right to subscribe for additional shares. It is contemplated that the company's shares will be sold from time to time at prices based on liquidating value calculated as stated above. All sums received by the company as the net proceeds of the sale of its shares in excess of \$1 per share are to be allocated to surplus.

Price.—Company's shares are offered for sale at a price equivalent to their liquidating value (as above described) plus a premium of 9 1/2% of such liquidating value. In the event of odd fractions, the offering price is adjusted to nearest 1/4th point. Company receives the entire offering price of the shares less only the premium charged.

Supervision.—The management is closely identified with Calvin Bullock.

National Sewer Pipe Co.—Reduction in Dividend.

A quarterly dividend of 30c. per share was recently declared on the common stock, no par value, payable June 15. This compares with quarterly distributions of 50c. per share made on this issue from March 15 1930 to and incl. March 15 1932.—V. 134, p. 4507.

National Surety Co.—Listing of Capital Stock (\$10 Par) to Replace Shares of \$50 Par Value.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 300,000 shares of capital stock (par \$10) on official notice of issuance in exchange for its present outstanding 300,000 shares of capital stock (par \$50).—V. 134, p. 4507.

Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.—Dividend Again Reduced.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share, payable July 1 to holders of record June 24, thereby placing the stock on a \$3 annual basis, as against \$4 previously.

This is the third dividend reduction in three years. From April 1924 through April 1929 the company paid at an annual rate of \$12 per share; from July 1929 through July 1931 at an annual rate of \$8; and October 1931 through April 1932 at a \$4 rate.—V. 134, p. 687.

New England Fire Insurance Co., Pittsfield, Mass.—Omits Dividend.

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about July 1 on the capital stock, par \$10. The last regular quarterly distribution of 25 cents per share was made on April 1.

New England Southern Corp.—Trustee Resigns.

Notice has been given of the resignation of Lee, Higginson Trust Co. as trustee under the indenture dated June 1 1928, relating to the 5% notes due Dec. 1 1933, said resignation to take effect July 15 1932 or upon the earlier appointment of a new trustee under the indenture by the holders of notes and scrip as provided in the indenture.—V. 133, p. 3472.

New York "Evening Graphic."—Stock Control Offered to Employees.

Announcement of a plan to sell the New York "Evening Graphic" to its employees was made on June 3 by Bernarr Macfadden, founder and chief owner of the paper. Employees in all departments have subscribed enthusiastically to the plan and will pay for stock subscriptions out of their week's pay, it was said. A new corporation to take over the publication, the equipment, and the building will be formed at once.

Ralph Nicholson, general manager of the "Graphic" and other Macfadden newspapers, said it was the intention of Mr. Macfadden to let the employees buy not only a controlling interest but all of the stock of the newspaper as they were able to pay for it.

The new corporation, according to an announcement, will consist of 20,000 shares of non par value voting class A stock, and 80,000 shares of non-par value non-voting class B stock with a 6% annual dividend. Employees will subscribe to class B stock of the new corporation to the extent of from 10% to 25% of their weekly salaries, at the rate of \$25 a share. When 50,000 shares of class B stock have been fully paid for all stock shall become voting stock. This amount is 50% of the total amount of stock, and by buying an additional 1%, the employees may obtain control.

Mr. Macfadden said the present owners would continue to finance the paper and retain control until employees had paid for a majority of the stock.

All stock of the "Graphic" is now owned by the Macfadden Publications. Mr. Macfadden is the chief owner, but some of the stock is also held by officials of the Macfadden magazines and by the Macfadden Foundation, an institution for furthering physical culture. None of the present "Graphic" employees owns stock, though some of the executives own stock in the Macfadden publications.

The "Graphic," an afternoon tabloid, was established in 1924 and now has a circulation of 237,000, it is reported. (New York "Herald Tribune.")

New York Trap Rock Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Calendar Years	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net operating profit	\$2,099,470	\$2,884,294	\$3,041,954	\$2,742,017
Other income	64,198	60,264	69,241	84,444
Gross income	\$2,163,668	\$2,944,558	\$3,111,196	\$2,826,461
Interest charges	393,705	448,272	423,002	470,238
Prov. for deprec. & deple.	547,732	509,495	421,661	428,652
Prov. for doubtful acc'ts	31,499	39,375	30,486	—
Prov. for Fed. & State tax	215,287	297,992	239,761	274,062
Other deductions	35,935	17,704	6,669	38,501
Portion applc. to minority stockholders	7,541	11,269	—	—
Net income	\$931,969	\$1,620,451	\$1,989,605	\$1,615,010
Previous surplus	5,432,762	3,897,657	2,838,141	1,356,766
Credit adjustments	—	97,668	—	22,033
Total surplus	\$6,364,731	\$5,615,776	\$4,827,746	\$2,993,809
Dividends on preferred	105,566	140,000	140,000	140,000
Divs. paid min. stkhldrs.	—	—	—	15,668
Loss on plant	—	—	540,000	—
Adjustments	4,690	13,014	245,909	—
Adj. work. compensation	—	30,000	4,179	—
Profit & loss surplus	\$6,254,475	\$5,432,762	\$3,897,657	\$2,838,141
Shs. com. stk. out. (no par)	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000
Earnings per share	\$4.59	\$8.22	\$10.28	\$8.31
x Adjusted to give effect to changes in capital structure.				

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Mar. 31 '32.	Dec. 31 '30.
Cash	\$841,354	\$1,138,762
Notes and accounts receivable	b564,950	1,614,343
Marketable securities	—	13,335
Special dep., def'd acc'ts receivable, &c.	—	155,813
Crushed stone and lime dust	96,759	175,252
Materials, supplies and repair parts	479,425	493,686
Quarrying and other operating expenses preliminary to production of stone for market	309,936	—
Trade notes receivable not due within one year	23,000	—
Deposit in closed bank	7,668	—
Bonds purchased for sinking fund	100,040	—
Securities deposited with the Industrial Commissioner, N. Y. State Dept. of Labor	—	—
Preferred treasury stock	213,933	—
Property, plant and equipment	19,501,126	19,222,150
Deferred debit items	103,134	25,183
Total	\$23,347,876	\$22,838,525
Liabilities—		
Notes payable	\$600,000	\$501,224
Accounts payable	160,284	—
Accrued interest payable	118,198	—
Other accrued and miscellaneous acc'ts payable	40,126	—
Federal income taxes	46,171	244,207
Funded debt	5,810,500	6,210,500
Reserves	2,826,529	2,146,351
Equity min. stkhldrs. Carbonate of Lime Corp.	102,351	97,220
Preferred stock	2,000,000	2,000,000
Common stock	5,875,925	5,875,925
Capital surplus	32,836	330,336
Profit and loss surplus	5,444,957	5,432,762
Total	\$23,347,876	\$22,838,525

b After reserves of \$333,359. c Represented by 20,000 no par shares. d 180,000 no par shares.—V. 132, p. 3543.

Northern States Life Insurance Co.—Receiver Asked.

A receiver was asked June 22, for the company of Hammond, Ind., in a petition filed in Superior Court at Gary by James M. Ogden, Attorney-General of Indiana. Hearing on the petition will be held before Judge Charles A. Greenwald.

The company is capitalized at \$200,000. The abstract report filed in January showed that the company had written \$57,000,000 in insurance. Assets were listed at \$8,000,000. Bertram Day is President.

North Lake Mining Co.—Dropped from List.

See Algoma Mining Co. above.—V. 117, p. 1671.

North & South American Corp.—To Segregate Assets in Colombia.

The stockholders will vote July 6 on authorizing the segregation of the corporation's assets in Colombia to a newly organized subsidiary.—V. 134, p. 3992.

Nova Scotia Shipping Co., Ltd.—Dividend Deferred.

The directors recently voted to defer the quarterly dividend due May 31 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly payment of 1 1/4% was made on this issue on Feb. 28 1932.—V. 126, p. 1210.

Oilstocks, Ltd.—To Buy Shares.

President John L. Weeks on June 17 notified the stockholders that it is the intention of the directors to retire up to 30,000 shares of the company's stock through purchase in the New York Curb Exchange market. In his letter, Mr. Weeks said that directors have determined to make the purchases only when the current market price does not exceed \$5 a share, and also does not exceed approximately 60% of the liquidating value of the stock based on current market value of securities in the company's treasury.

At closing market prices on June 15, the letter said, the liquidating value a share of Oilstocks, Ltd., new \$5 par value stock was \$4.—V. 134, p. 2738, 3109.

Owens-Illinois Glass Co.—Listing of \$4,600,000 10-Year 5% Sinking Fund Gold Debentures due Jan. 1 1939.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$4,600,000 10-year 5% sinking fund gold debentures, dated as of Jan. 1 1929, and maturing Jan. 1 1939.—V. 134, p. 4507.

Pacific Commercial Co., Inc.—Div. Rate Reduced.

A semi-annual dividend of 50 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable June 30 to holders of record June 27. Semi-annual distributions of 70 cents per share were made on this issue from December 1929 to and incl. December 1931.—V. 130, p. 636.

Paraffine Cos., Inc.—Explains Passing of Dividend.

In connection with the omission of the current quarterly dividend, President R. S. Shainwald, June 14, in a letter to the stockholders, says: Since November 1931, there has been a continuing decline in business volume and prices in most of the lines which the company manufactures, and although there has been a slight improvement in the last 60 days, uncertainty in regard to the future is still great enough to warrant the belief on the part of the directors that the real interests of the shareholders would best be served by the passing of the June dividend. See V. 134, p. 4508.

Paramount Publix Corp.—Resignation.

B. P. Schulberg has retired as managing director of production and as a director of the company.—V. 134, p. 4170.

Parke, Austin & Lipscomb, Inc.—25c. Pref. Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the \$2 cum. conv. partic. pref. stock, no par value, payable July 15 to holders of record July 1. A like amount was paid on April 15.

After payment of the above dividend accumulations will amount to \$1 per share.—V. 134, p. 2739.

Parker Trading Corp.—Omits Class A Dividend.

The directors recently decided to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about June 1 on the class A participating convertible common stock, no par value. Regular quarterly payments of 30 cents per share had been made on this issue to and including March 1 1932.—V. 134, p. 1972.

Peabody Coal Co.—New Director.

Walter A. Fisher has been elected a director succeeding Samuel Insull.—V. 134, p. 863.

Perfect Circle Co.—Record Canadian Sales.

The company reports a gain of 38% in Canadian sales for the first five months of 1932 over the same period of 1931, setting a new all-time Canadian record. Sales for the month of May showed a gain of 48% over the same month last year.

Perfect Circle piston rings are now being manufactured in Canada, a new plant having been established in Toronto only a few months ago. The Jos. St. Mars organization with offices at Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal are the sole agents for these rings in the Dominion.—V. 134, p. 3994.

Phoenix Securities Corp.—To Change Par Value.

The stockholders will vote July 7 on a plan to change the par value of the preferred shares from no par to \$10 par and the common stock from no par to \$1 par as a means of reducing the transfer tax.—V. 134, p. 4508.

Philadelphia Insulated Wire Co.—Decreases Dividend.

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 75c. per share payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. A semi-annual dividend of \$1 per share was paid on Feb. 2 last and \$1.50 per share on Aug. 1 1931, prior to which the stock was on a \$5 annual dividend basis.—V. 134, p. 1596.

Pierce, Butler & Pierce Mfg. Corp.—Protective Committee Asks Deposits of Bonds.

The committee for the 1st mtge. 6 1/4% sinking fund gold bonds due Oct. 1 1924 in a notice to bondholders states:

While a substantial number of the bonds have already been received by the depository, Chase National Bank, New York, the committee wants again to emphasize the importance and vital necessity for the prompt deposit on the part of all bondholders.

You possibly may not be aware that the business such as is done by Pierce, Butler & Pierce Manufacturing Corp. is highly seasonal, and the time of year is about here when the corporation must prepare to do the major part of its annual business.

Your committee again offers to answer any inquiries that you may have and to give you whatever information there is available concerning the entire situation. We do, however, urge most strongly that bonds be deposited immediately to the end that a sufficient number of deposits will have been made not later than July 1 so as to make certain the consummation of the plan of reorganization.

Pioneer Mill Co., Ltd.—Reduces Dividend.—

A monthly dividend of five cents per share has been declared on the capital stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 21. Previously, the company made regular monthly distributions of 10 cents per share.

H. K. Porter Co.—Interest Defaulted on First Mortgage 6s—Protective Committee.—

Company defaulted in the payment of the semi-annual installment of interest due May 1 1932, on the \$840,000 first (closed) mortgage, 6% sinking fund gold bonds, dated May 1 1926.

The committee finds that the company has been operated at a continuous monthly loss for a period of over two years, and that its cash working capital is practically exhausted. As a result of conferences held with the management of the company, an examination of the financial statements which have been submitted to date, and an inspection of the mortgaged premises, it is apparent that prompt and concerted action by the bondholders is necessary for the preservation of their interests and, to that end, all bondholders are requested to deposit their bonds immediately under the bondholders' protective agreement.

Owing to the stagnant condition of the company's business, the first effort of the committee has been to bring about further reductions in the operating expenses, so as to enable the company to continue to function pending an increase in the volume of its orders, or until the committee has had sufficient opportunity to determine definitely what steps should be taken for the protection of the interests of the bondholders.

The members of the committee are serving thereon without compensation, but it is necessary that the committee be in a position to meet its legal and other expenses. Each depositing bondholder is therefore requested at the time of the deposit of his bonds with the depository to pay 1/2% of 1% of the face value thereof (or at the rate of \$5 a thousand).

Committee.—J. Howard Arthur, Chairman; William A. Steinmeyer, William M. Anderson, D. Frank Crawford, Taylor Alderdice. All communications to the committee may be addressed to Laird M. Arthur, Sec., 1809 Clark Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.—V. 122, p. 3222.

Procter & Gamble Co.—Record Sales, &c.—

Shippers of this company for the week ended June 18 set a record. Sales of toilet soaps, partly in anticipation of the 5% Government tax and partly because of the recent cut in price of 30% were particularly heavy.

The company has informed employees the customary semi-annual two week shutdown for overhauling of plants, scheduled for first half of July, has been indefinitely postponed. Inventories are said to be normal, except toilet soaps, which are considerably below average.

Business has been usually heavy of late. Extraordinary efforts were made to push sales in anticipation of the tax, which in case of Procter & Gamble, will affect Ivory and Camay soaps, which constitute one-quarter of the business. Sales of laundry soaps have been high because of materially lower prices. Crisco sales are understood to have declined because of exceptionally low current prices for lard and butter.

In February the company notified employees that, due to uncertainties of business, it might be necessary to modify the guaranteed employment plan, which assures workers 48 weeks a year work, if said a change, if made, probably would reduce by 25% or to 36 weeks, the guaranteed employment. Present indications are that the plan will be continued in present form.—V. 134, p. 2542.

Progress Laundry Co., Indianapolis—Reduces Div.—

A quarterly dividend of 20 cents per share has been declared on the no par value common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 30. Distributions of 25 cents per share were made on Jan. 2 and April 1 last against 35 cents per share in preceding quarters.—V. 134, p. 145.

Providence-Washington Insurance Co.—Omits Div.—

The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about June 30 on the \$10 par capital stock. A distribution of 45 cents per share was made on March 31 last against 55 cents per share previously each quarter.

President C. E. House states: "The premiums of fire insurance companies doing business in this country have decreased over 20% dividends and interest on the best investments and their market values have been materially reduced; stockholders were paid the March dividend of 4 1/2% on \$3,000,000 capital (\$2,000,000 of which was gifts to stockholders by stock dividends made during the past decade); and in view of these facts and the uncertainties of the immediate future, the directors deemed it advisable to postpone declaration of a dividend at this time. The company's financial condition is very sound, and it is able to pay a dividend now, but the conservatism always governing the company's management causes this action."—V. 134, p. 2357.

Quincy Mining Co.—Deposits May Be Made Until June 29.

Satisfactory progress is being made in exchanging Quincy Mining Co. shares for stock in the newly organized company, on a share-for-share basis and payment of a call of 50 cents per share. Stockholders have until June 29 to make the exchange and payment, and the success of the plan is predicted. It will provide funds to maintain the mine and operate the pumps. ("Boston News Bureau.") See also V. 134, p. 3471.

Real Estate Board of New York Building Co., Inc.—Committee Named to Protect Bondholders.

At a meeting held June 21 the bondholders named a protective committee to consider means of protecting the interests of about 400 bondholders. Those appointed to the committee are Charles G. Edwards, former President of the Real Estate Board and a member of the Roosevelt bondholders' protective committee; Robert E. Simon, George L. Allin, Warren Cruikshank and Colonel Lloyd G. Collis.

Regal Shoe Co.—Suspends Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have voted to suspend the quarterly dividend due July 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly payment on this issue was made on April 1.

Chairman Elmer J. Bliss states: "The directors felt it was sound judgment to conserve cash resources of the company to meet any emergency during this uncertain period. The preferred dividends are cumulative."—V. 134, p. 2543.

Republic Stamping & Enameling Co.—Regular Div.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, payable July 10 to holders of record July 1. President Henry C. Milligan stated that dividends for the fiscal year

ended May 31 were earned, with a substantial balance to add to surplus.—V. 133, p. 2115.

Remington-Rand, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929), rows for Net sales, Cost of sales, Selling and administrative expenses, Balance, Miscellaneous income, Net profit, Provision for deprec. of properties, Interest charges, Provision for Federal income taxes, Proportion to minority interest, Balance of profit, 1st pref. stock divs, 2nd pref. stock divs, Common dividend, Balance, surplus, Shares com. stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31.

Table with columns for 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931, rows for Assets (Properties, Cash, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Inventories, Rental machines in service and on hand at deprec. values, Other assets, Subscrip. due from employees, Deferred charges, Good-will, patents, &c.) and Liabilities (7% cum. 1st pref., 8% cum. 2d pref., Common stock, 20-yr. 5 1/2% deb., Int. of min. stock-holders in cap. & surp. of sub. cos., Accounts payable, Accrued charges, Accr. ren. tax. & int., Divs. payable, Res. Fed. inc. tax., Sundry reserves, Initial surplus, Earned surplus).

a Represented by 1,290,987 no par shares. b Including awards of Mixed Claims Commission, long-term notes receivable, insurance fund assets, &c. c After reserve of \$12,335. d After reserve of \$977,954. e After depreciation.—V. 134, p. 4336.

Reynolds Spring Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for quarter ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet March 31.

Table with columns for 1932, 1931, 1932, 1931, rows for Assets (Cash, Accts. & notes rec., Accrued int. rec., Inventories, Other assets, Investments, Fixed assets, Patents, good-will & development, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Com. stk. & surp., Mortgage payable, Notes & accts. pay, Acrr'd wages, &c., Acrr'd int. pay., Reserve for doubtful accts., &c., Deprec'n reserve, Res. for conting., Res. for inv't losses).

x Represented by 148,000 no par shares.—V. 134, p. 1974.

Riverhead (L. I.) Bond & Mtge. Co.—Liquidating Div.—

A liquidating dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the capital stock, payable July 1 and thereafter. A similar distribution was made earlier this year.—V. 134, p. 1389.

Rolland Paper Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929), rows for Earnings for year, Bond interest, Allowance for depreciation, Net profit, Previous surplus, Insurance reserve written back, Total surplus, Preferred dividends, Proportion of organ. exps. writ. off., Surplus Dec. 31, Earns. per sh. on 60,001 shs. common stock (no par).

a After operating expenses, Federal and general taxes and provision for bad and doubtful debts. b Before provision for income tax.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930, rows for Assets (Cash, Invest. securities, Receivables, less reserves, Inventories, Sundry invest'mts, Fixed assets, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Interest etc., and other accounts, Deprec'n reserve, Insurance reserve, 5 1/2% bonds, 6% pref. stock, Common stock, Profit and loss).

y Represented by 60,001 shares (no par).—V. 132, p. 1438.

Rosville Alcohol & Chemical Corp.—Registrar, &c.—

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent, and the National City Bank of New York as registrar, for 144,912 shares of 7% conv. pref. stock, \$25 par value, and 201,292 shares of no par value common stock.

This corporation is successor to the American Solvents & Chemical Corp. as per reorganization plan in V. 134, p. 1374.

Russ Mfg. Co.—Merger Approved.—

The stockholders on June 20 approved the plan for consolidating the Russ company with the Bastian Blessing Co. and voted to accept stock of Bastian Blessing in accordance with the exchange provision of the merger agreement.

The Ohio subsidiary of Bastian Blessing already has taken title to the Russ assets, and all transfers, including exchange of stock, have been completed, thereby making the new alignment operative. See also V. 134, p. 4508.

Saco-Lowell Shops.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930), rows for Earnings before charges, Interest charges, Depreciation, Carrying charges on idle plants, Total loss.

Sloan & Zook Reducing Co.—Smaller Dividend.—A quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable June 28 to holders of record June 25. This compares with 50 cents per share paid each quarter from March 31 1930 to and incl. March 29 1932. An extra distribution of \$1 per share was also made in March 1930.—V. 130, p. 2044.

(Howard) Smith Paper Mills, Ltd. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1931.	1930.
Net profit from operations		\$1,101,716	\$1,231,760
Bond interest		560,919	568,188
Depreciation		420,172	222,866
U. S. exchange on bond interest		54,306	---
Provision for income tax (subs.)		3,957	---
Net profit (before providing for income tax)		\$62,362	\$440,707
Preferred dividends		47.6 4	376,564
Common dividends		7,500	6,000
Net profit subject to income tax		\$7,258	\$58,143
Previous surplus		1,424,056	1,461,914
Total surplus		\$1,431,314	\$1,520,057
Loss on sale of company's shares to employees		---	75,000
Adjustment to investments in subs. companies		---	21,000
Adjustment prior preferred		230,722	---

Balance at credit Dec. 31, subject to minority stockholders' equity	\$1,200,593	\$1,424,056
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Consolidated Balance Sheet December 31.

1931.		1930.			
Assets—		Liabilities—			
Cash	273,183	211,982	Bank loans	1,152,500	1,637,000
Accts and notes rec., less res.	1,140,945	1,155,678	Notes of affil. cos. under disc.	31,426	482,751
Inventories	2,596,493	3,800,933	Accts. & bills pay.	538,184	551,617
Life Insur. policies	36,033	39,275	Accr. and oth. liab.	143,633	470,673
Mortg. receivable	27,486	30,126	Mortgages payable	120,300	142,104
Invest. in other cos.	71,203	85,266	x Bank loans due Jan. 2	1,199,304	1,199,304
Invest. in own and sub. co bonds	109,022	---	Notes pay. of Can. Pa. Co.	1,665,855	1,665,855
Bonds of sub. cos.	---	---	Accounts payable	320,879	---
cos. purch. in excess of sink. fd.	---	75,163	Bonds outstanding	9,696,000	9,840,200
Guarantee deposits	32,000	37,100	Pref. stock of sub. outstanding	2,290,700	2,290,700
Share in co. held for benefit of empl.	3,375	2,250	Min. stockholders equity in com. stock & surpluses	548,798	724,934
Cash with trustee	5,102	17,068	Res. for deprec., dprec., &c.	1,414,392	979,803
Cash held in sink. fund.	1,247	---	6% pref. stock	4,500,000	4,500,000
Deferred charges	55,352	80,708	Com. stock (220,000 shs. no par)	900,622	2,900,623
Fixed assets	22,483,592	25,569,565	Capital surplus	1,267,708	2,425,315
			Earned surplus	1,044,728	1,294,233
Total	26,835,033	31,105,113	Total	\$26,835,033	\$31,105,113

x All shares owned in a subsidiary company held as collateral.—V. 134, p. 3111.

Standard Oil Co. (Indiana).—Sues Standard Oil of Kansas Over Name—Charges Invasion of Rights.—

The Standard Oil Co. of Indiana sued in Federal Court at Wilmington, Del., June 18 to enjoin the Standard Oil Co. of Kansas from directly or indirectly using the name Standard Oil Co. of Kansas or any other similar to that of the complainant in 13 States.

The States listed in the bill are Oklahoma, Colorado, South Dakota, North Dakota, Mississippi, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Wyoming, Iowa, Montana and Indiana.

The bill of complaint states that the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana was licensed in 1913 to do business in Oklahoma and has since conducted business in Oklahoma as well as other mid-Western States. The trade name "Standard" was registered in Oklahoma in 1923.

The defendant company, the bill stated, was organized in Delaware, April 16 1932, and in the same month was granted a license to do business in Oklahoma.

The plaintiff declared that if the defendant were permitted to engage in the petroleum industry or any of its ramifications in Oklahoma, employing the name Standard Oil of Kansas or any similar name, it would confuse the public and cause "irreparable injury" to the complainant.

The bill alleged that the effort of the defendant to engage in the petroleum business in Oklahoma under its corporate name constituted unfair dealing and unfair competition and was an unlawful invasion of the plaintiff's rights.

Stock Purchase Plan.—

The third stock-purchasing plan which terminated at the end of March, resulted in the distribution of 375,428 shares of the company's capital stock to 17,282 employees. It is estimated that the employees now own 4.6%, or 778,702 shares, of the company's outstanding stock. The stockholders at their last annual meeting approved a fourth stock-purchasing plan similar in provisions to the third plan.—V. 134, p. 4336.

Standard Oil Co. (Kansas).—Sued Over Name.—Indiana Company Charges Invasion of Rights.—See Standard Oil Co. (Indiana) above.—V. 134, p. 4336.

Standard Oil Co. (Pa.).—Retirement.—

At the age of 60, J. A. Van Wynen, Vice-President and General Manager of this company, a subsidiary of Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey), will retire Aug. 31 after 44 years in service. Mr. Van Wynen also is Vice-President and director of both the Pennsylvania Lubricating and Stanco Incorporated, and a director of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and Tuscarora Oil Co.—V. 132, p. 2983.

Stanley Works, New Britain, Conn.—Reduces Div.—

A quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, par \$25, payable July 1 to holders of record June 16. Distributions of 37½ cents per share were made on Jan. 2 and July 1 last, as against 50 cents per share previously each quarter.—V. 134, p. 3997.

Starrett Corp.—Starrett-Lehigh Building Sold to Lehigh Valley RR.—

The Starrett Corp. has sold the Starrett Lehigh Building to the Lehigh Valley RR. The amount involved was not disclosed.

Arthur B. Walsh, Vice-President of Starrett Investing Corp., an affiliate of Starrett Corp., in announcing the sale, said:

"The Starrett Lehigh Building, Inc. has sold its property at 11th-13th Avenues and 26th-27th Streets to the Pioneer Real Estate Co., real estate subsidiary of the Lehigh Valley RR. who have found this building increasingly important as a freight terminal, and have desired to insure its permanence as such on Manhattan Island. The building carried a 5% first mortgage of \$4,500,000 due in 1935, which was held by the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., who are understood to have sold it to the Mutual Life Insurance Co. This transaction gives the Lehigh Valley RR. two important freight terminals and warehouses in the metropolitan district, the other being located in the Bronx."

The Starrett-Lehigh Building was erected during the past year.—V. 134, p. 2926.

(S. W.) Straus & Co., Inc.—New Protective Committee for Defaulted Bonds.—See last week's "Chronicle," p. 4437.—V. 134, p. 3997.

Sweets Co. of America, Inc.—Dividend Omission.—

The directors on June 23 voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable on the capital stock, par \$50, about Aug. 1. A distribution of 25 cents per share was paid on May 2 last in capital stock of a declared valuation of \$10 per share. From Feb. 1 1929 to and incl. Feb. 1 1932, the company made quarterly cash payments of 25 cents per share.—V. 134, p. 2741.

Taylor Milling Corp.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net sales		\$3,437,923	\$5,609,572	\$6,627,716	\$6,123,362
Net profit after deprec.		82,420	441,494	507,806	459,649
& Federal taxes		---	---	---	---
Earnings per sh. on 100,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)		\$0.82	\$4.41	\$5.07	\$4.59

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	
Cash		\$111,610	\$138,702	Accounts payable	\$62,360
Notes receivable		50,271	176,609	Acc. income tax	15,700
Accts. receivable		x272,450	248,191	Accrued salaries	24,175
Inventories		599,518	775,738	Dividends payable	25,000
Land, buildings, equip., &c.		y1,014,705	1,003,970	Capital stock	z1,613,481
Deferred charges		23,827	21,335	Surplus	331,664
Total		\$2,072,381	\$2,364,545	Total	\$2,072,381

x After deducting reserves for losses of \$29,841. y After deducting reserves for depreciation of \$156,089. z Represented by 100,000 shs. of no par value.—V. 134, p. 176.

Telautograph Corp.—Dividend Rate Decreased.—

The directors on June 23 declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the capital stock, no par value, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 15. This compares with quarterly distributions of 35 cents per share made from Feb. 1 1931 to and incl. May 1 1932.

President C. H. George states:

"The directors felt that reducing the dividend was the soundest policy for them to follow during a period when economic conditions are so disturbed. In paying out a smaller portion of its earnings than it has done in the past, the directors undertook to establish a dividend that they believe could be maintained, even though general business conditions should continue to show no improvement, and will result in placing the company in a stronger cash position."

The earnings from Jan. 1 to May 31 were \$138,874, which represents earnings of 60 cents per share for five months, or at the rate of \$1.44 for the year.

The current assets on May 31 were \$162,500, \$84,500 of which was in cash. Current liabilities were only \$7,600. The corporation has no bonded indebtedness, preferred stocks or bank loans.—V. 134, p. 3653.

Third Canadian General Investment Trust, Ltd.—Changes Par.—

The common shares of \$5 par value will be reduced to no par value following approval given by the shareholders. The entire interest in this trust, it is stated, is in Great Britain. No dividends have been paid on the shares since Oct. 1 1931.—V. 134, p. 866.

Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc.—Report.—

The report states that uncompleted work on contracts as of April 28 1932 amounted to \$2,950,550, comparing with \$19,710,678 on April 23 1931.

Comparative Income Account Years Ended.

	Apr. 28 '32.	Apr. 23 '31.	Apr. 24 '30.
Work executed	\$15,302,799	\$25,304,768	\$28,389,144
Net income from construction oper.	428,463	1,346,708	1,259,094
Miscell. income, incl. income from investments	149,960	438,995	710,504
Total income	\$578,423	\$1,785,703	\$1,969,598
Reserve for Federal income taxes	---	See x	224,000
Net income for year	x\$578,423	x\$1,785,703	\$1,745,598
Earned surplus at beginning of year	849,937	1,665,765	505,172
Adjustments (net)	---	49,305	6,203
Total surplus	\$1,428,360	\$3,500,774	\$2,256,973
Dividends on preference stock	234,388	482,951	532,851
Write-offs in respect of accounts and notes receivable, &c.	595,200	1,736,520	---
General reserve	383,903	370,025	---
Special prov. for adj. of book value of construction equipment	54,875	61,341	58,357
Earned surplus at close of year	\$159,993	\$849,937	\$1,665,765
x No provision for Federal income tax has been made, as company's return will show no taxable income.			

Paid in Surplus Account for Year (53 Weeks) Ended April 28 1932.

Balance as at April 23 1931, after giving effect to preference stock retired June 1 1931	\$1,312,114
Additional reserve to adjust investment in General Realty and Utilities Corp. to \$100,000 (stated value of common stock given in exchange therefor)	487,500
Reserve to reduce marketable securities to market value (charged hereto as authorized by board of directors)	104,792
Balance	\$719,822
Excess of stated value of \$21.87 per share over cost of 13,925 shares of preferred stock authorized May 23 1932 to be retired	30,199
Paid in surplus as at April 28 1932, after giving effect to retirement of preference stock as authorized	\$750,021

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets—	f Apr. 28 '32.	e Apr. 23 '31.	Liabilities—	f Apr. 28 '32.	e Apr. 23 '31.
Cash	\$817,093	\$1,678,845	Accts. payable & accrued liabls.	1,484,885	1,941,472
Notes rec. (due within 1 year)	536,679	549,751	Res. for claims for personal injuries	247,833	271,246
Accts. receiv. customers (owners)	1,385,959	1,389,518	General reserve	51,323	53,011
Accts. & notes rec., miscell.	62,250	77,375	Preferred stock	c2,642,741	2,947,350
Contract work unbilled	285,756	461,847	Common stock	4584,945	584,945
Securities	1,104,570	792,075	Surplus paid in	750,021	1,312,114
Notes rec. & acer. int. (due after 1 year)	332,180	495,985	Earned surplus	159,993	849,937
Investment in Gen. Realty & Utilities Corp.	100,000	587,500			
Miscel. invest'mts	461,250	1,191,361			
Cos. cap. stock	209,459	---			
Surr. value of life ins. policies	220,165	195,445			
Prepaid expenses	2,842	39,783			
a Land & bldgs.	286,269	292,283			
b Construc. equip. and materials	117,269	208,302			
Total	5,921,741	7,960,075	Total	\$5,921,741	\$7,960,075

a After reserve for depreciation. b After depreciation of \$481,884. c Represented by 120,811 no par shares. d Represented by 584,945 no par shares. e After giving effect as at that date to retirement of 25,264 shares of preference stock. f After giving effect as at that date to the retirement of 13,925 shares of preference stock.—V. 134, p. 1391.

Tide Water Associated Transport Corp.—Tenders.—

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co., as sinking fund agent, is notifying holders of 1st lien 10-year marine equipment 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due Feb. 15 1937, that it has sufficient funds to purchase \$68,000 of the bonds at prices not to exceed 101¼ and int. Tenders should be made before noon on June 30 to the bank, 22 William St., N. Y. City.—V. 134, p. 690.

Title Guarantee & Trust Co.—Lowers Dividend Rate.—

The directors on June 21 declared a quarterly dividend of 80c. per share on the capital stock, payable June 30 to holders of record June 22. Previously the company paid quarterly dividends of \$1.20 per share. On Dec. 31 1931

an extra dividend of 30c. per share was also distributed, as compared with extras of 60c. per share in each of the 10 preceding quarters.—V. 134, p. 2169.

Tip Top Tailors, Ltd.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Tip Top Tailors, Ltd. for periods ending Jan. 2 '32, Jan. 3 '31, Dec. 31 '29, and Dec. 31 '28. Includes rows for Net earnings, Depreciation, Reserve for income taxes, Net profits, Other income, Total profit, Pref. dividends, Organ. exp. written off & adjustment, Balance, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Investment reserve, and Special appropriation.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Comparative Balance Sheet for Tip Top Tailors, Ltd. comparing Jan. 2 '32 and Jan. 3 '31. Assets include Cash, Investments, Cash value insur., Receivable, Acct. with employ., Mtge. receivable, Inventories, Invest. in sub. co., Empl. sharing fund, Fixed assets, and Deferred charges. Liabilities include Loans, Payables, Income tax, Mtge. payable, Preferred stock, Common stock, and Surplus.

Truax-Traer Coal Co.—Earnings.—

Table showing earnings for Truax-Traer Coal Co. for periods ending April 30, 12 Months, and 16 Mos. Rows include Net sales, Costs and expenses, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Interest, Depreciation, Depletion, Federal tax, &c., Profit, Disc. realized on debentures retired, Net profit, Dividends, Surplus, and Shs. cap. stk. outstanding (no par).

A. H. Truax, President, says in part: During the past year Truax-Traer Lignite Coal Co., the owner and operator of certain lignite properties in Saskatchewan, Can., purchased from your company its North Dakota properties, including all of the stock of Northern Lignite Coal Co. In return for the assets transferred your company received \$900,000 of the first mortgage 6% gold bonds of Truax-Traer Lignite Coal Co. out of a total of \$1,200,000 outstanding, 12,000 shares of its preferred stock out of 15,015 1/2 shares outstanding and 60,000 shares, or one-half, of its common stock.

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30.

Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30. Assets include Coal property & equipment, Cash, Notes and accts. receivable, Inventory, Cash surr. val. of life insurance, Invest. in affil. cos., Miscellaneous investments, Good-will, trade names, &c., and Deferred charges. Liabilities include Common stock, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Acrued accounts, Equip. purch. notes, Prov. for contng. Fed. & State taxes, Employees' burial fund, &c., Purch. money notes, Deferred credit, Land pur. contr'rs, Real estate mtges., Land & equipment purch. contracts, Funded debt, Empl. com. stk. sub., Capital surplus, Appreciated surp., and Earned surplus.

Trust Shares of America.—Shares Valued at \$1 Each.

Distributors Guild, Inc., as depositor, has proposed to Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., as trustee, that the trust agreement be amended in order that each Trust Share of America have a face value of \$1.—V. 133, p. 3107.

Tubize Chatillon Corp.—Another Reduction in Rayon Prices.—

This corporation, a large producer of rayon in the United States, announced its second reduction in yarn prices within less than a month, effective June 21. The reduction amounts to 10 cents a pound on 150 denier Viscose lustrous and semi-dull yarns, and to 18 cents a pound on 150 denier Chardonize yarn. The larger reduction in the Chardonize product was made to bring the price more in line with other yarns, as this corporation made no change in Chardonize prices on May 26, when reductions were announced in other grades. In connection with the price reduction, the following announcement was made: "In view of the chaotic conditions which have existed in the

rayon market since the announcement of new price lists by leading producers during the latter part of May, which this company along with most of the consumers of yarn deplore, we believe it to be in the best interests of producers, users and distributors to announce a definite price policy on all types of synthetic yarns."

Heretofore the company guaranteed consumers against reductions in prices in the case of Chardonize yarn, but this guarantee has been withdrawn with the new price schedule now in effect.—V. 134, p. 4174.

Twin Disc Clutch Co.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about July 1 on the no par common stock. A distribution of 12 1/2 cents per share was made on April 1 last, 25 cents per share on Jan. 2 1932, 50 cents per share on July 1 and Oct. 1 1931 and 75 cents previously each quarter.—V. 134, p. 2360.

Union American Investing Corp.—To Reduce Capital.

At the annual meeting of the corporation to be held July 12, the stockholders will vote on approving proposals to reduce the authorized amount of common stock to 150,000 from 250,000 shares; and to reduce capital to \$409,100 from \$1,552,855 by the retirement of stock reacquired by the corporation and by the reduction of the stated value of the 81,800 shares of common outstanding to \$5 from \$15 a share.

Table showing dividends and interest for Union American Investing Corp. for periods ending May 31, 1932 and 1931. Rows include Dividends on stocks, Interest on bonds, Interest on call loans and bank balances, Total income, Interest on debentures, Amortization of discount on debentures, Taxes, and Other expenses.

Net income for year carried to undistributed income account \$53,443 1932; \$83,878 1931.

Notes.—Net loss realized on sale of securities during the year ended May 31 1932, which has been charged against a special account under surplus, amounts to \$780,935. Such net loss is computed by applying sales against the securities purchased at the highest cost.

Unrealized depreciation in market value of securities as compared with cost amounted to \$1,671,767 at May 31 1932, as compared with \$1,102,141 at May 31 1931.

Surplus Accounts for the Year Ended May 31.

Table showing surplus accounts for the year ended May 31, 1932 and 1931. Rows include Capital Surplus, Balance as at May 31, Transfer from earned surplus, Credit arising from repurch. of debts. at a discount, Total surplus, Cost of shares of com. stock repur. & canceled, Balance as at May 31, Realized Net Profit on Securities Sold, Amt. transferred from earned surp. as at May 31, Net loss realized on securities sold during year, Balance as at May 31, Undistributed Income Account, Balance of earned surplus as at May 31, and Prov. for Fed. Income & N. Y. State taxes.

Balance Sheet May 31.

Balance Sheet May 31. Assets include Securities owned, Cash, Int. acrued, divs., receivable, &c., Furn. & fixtures, and Unamor. disc. on debentures. Liabilities include 5% g. debts., ser. A, Payable for securities purchased, Accounts payable, Acrued exps. &c., Common stock, Capital surplus, and Realized net prof. on secur. sold.

Total \$4,264,653 1932; \$5,397,523 1931. Total \$4,264,653 1932; \$5,397,523 1931. a The cost of securities owned as at May 31 1932 was \$1,671,767 in excess of the aggregate market value thereof. b Represented by \$1,800 no par shares.—V. 132, p. 4608.

United Aircraft & Transport Corp.—May Business.—

Revenue passengers carried by United Air Lines in May totaled 8,367, compared with 6,885 in April, an increase of 31.5%, according to President P. G. Johnson. The May total was also an increase of 165% over the 3,149 transported in the corresponding month last year. Air mail in May totaled 160 tons, an increase of 2.4% over April. Air express showed a nominal increase.

During May, the company's planes flew 1,120,238 miles, and completed 98.3% of all mileage scheduled.

Passengers carried in May set a new high total for any month in the company's history, and brings the total so far this year to 26,052, an increase of 141% over the 10,985 transported in the first five months of 1931. April this year was the previous high record, exceeding the 1931 record month, August, when 6,264 passengers were transported.

The bulk of the company's passenger traffic is obtained from April through September.—V. 134, p. 3474.

United Artists Theatre Circuit, Inc.—Div. Deferred.

The directors recently decided to defer the quarterly dividend due June 15 on the 7% cum. conv. pref. stock, par \$100. The last regular quarterly payment of 1 1/4% was made on this issue on March 15.—V. 131, p. 3890.

United Piece Dye Works.—Omits Common Dividend.—

The directors on June 22 decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Aug. 1 on the common stock, no par value. Distributions of 25 cents per share were made on this issue on Feb. 1 and May 1 last as against 50 cents per share previously each quarter.

The company states this action was taken in view of the present business situation generally and in order to conserve cash resources.—V. 134, p. 2928.

United Shirt Distributors, Inc.—Suspends Dividends.—

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend due July 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$50. On April 1 last a regular quarterly payment of 1 1/4% and a distribution of 1 1/4% on account of accumulations were made on this issue.—V. 134, p. 2928.

United States Dairy Products Corp.—Proposed Acquisi-

The stockholders have approved a plan to acquire the assets of the Dairy Operators Co. which was formed several years ago as a holding company to enable employees and customers to acquire a financial interest in the United States Dairy Products Corp. The latter will issue its own preferred stock in exchange for stock and notes of the Operators company, which ultimately will be dissolved. A reorganization committee will declare the plan operative if assets are received from not fewer than 75% in amount of noteholders and 90% in amount of subscribers to units of A and B stock of the Operators company.—V. 134, p. 4000.

United States Electric Light & Power Shares, Inc. (Md.)—Stock Offered.—Calvin Bullock and associates are offering voting shares at market (about \$7.50 per share).

Dividends payable Q-J. Dividends exempt from present normal Federal income tax. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York, transfer agent.

Company.—Has been organized in Maryland to provide a medium of investment in a broadly diversified fund of public utility securities.

Portfolio.—Securities contained in the fund on June 8 1932 consisted of the following stocks in the proportions indicated:

Approximate Percentage		Approximate Percentage	
American Gas & Electric Co. com.	4.05	Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co. stock	1.23
American Lt. & Traction Co. com.	1.10	National Power & Light Co. com.	.97
American Power & Light Co. com.	.87	Niagara Hudson Power Corp. stock	1.01
American Tel. & Tel. Co. stock	6.76	North American Co. common	4.46
American Water Wks. & Elec. Co., Inc., common	.82	Pacific Gas & Electric Co. common	6.99
Brooklyn Union Gas Co. stock	4.41	Pacific Lighting Corp. common	5.15
Columbia Gas & Elec. Corp. com.	1.05	Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. stock	2.17
Commonwealth Edison Co. stock	1.46	Peoples Gas Lt. & Coke Co. stock	1.33
Consol. Gas, Elec. Lt. & Power Co. of Baltimore common	6.96	Public Service Corp. of N. J. com.	7.41
Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y. com	7.85	Public Service Co. of Northern Ill. common no par.	.96
Detroit Edison Co. stock	5.81	Southern Calif. Edison Co. Com.	5.26
Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston stock	7.46	United Gas Improvement Co. com	5.27
Hartford Electric Light Co. stock	2.08	Western Massachusetts Cos. com.	2.50
Illuminating Shares Co. class A.	.99		
Montreal Light, Heat & Power Consolidated common.	3.62		100.00

The assets of the company are held in trust by the Trust Co. of New Jersey, trustee.

Selection.—Portfolio consists primarily of securities of companies deriving their earnings essentially from generation, transmission, or sale of electric energy. The amount invested in any one security has relation to its investment quality, the size of the company and geographic distribution of its properties. The certificate of incorporation provides that additional capital shall be invested only in stocks of certain companies or in temporary investments (as defined). Not more than 10% of the fund may be invested in the securities of any one company.

Substitution.—Changes in the portfolio may result from the conversion, exchange or redemption of any of the shares owned, or from the reorganization, consolidation, merger or sale of assets of any of the companies, the stock of which is held. In order to anticipate changing conditions, the certificate of incorporation further permits the board of directors, if it shall deem it advisable to do so, to direct the sale of part or all of any stocks in the portfolio. Shareholders will be notified quarterly of any changes that may take place in the portfolio. Any money received in connection with any such change or sale may be reinvested only in stocks of one or more of certain companies (listed) or in temporary holdings (as defined in the certificate of incorporation).

Dividends.—Certificate of incorporation provides that there shall be distributed quarterly to shareholders approximately their pro rata share of net cash income as defined in the certificate of incorporation and determined by the board of directors, including proceeds of the sale of rights and warrants and of regular stock dividends. No other stock dividends, stock split-ups or profits and losses resulting from substitutions shall be taken into income account.

Repurchase.—Certificate of incorporation provides that upon request of any shareholder the company shall, but only out of surplus, purchase its shares for cash at the liquidating value of such shares. Such liquidating value will be computed on the basis of current market values of the company's assets, determined as of the first full business day, on which the New York Stock Exchange is open, next succeeding presentation for purchase (based in the case of active stocks on the closing sale price and, in the case of unlisted or inactive securities, on the average between the closing bid and closing asked prices) all as more fully set forth in the certificate of incorporation. Payment is to be made within four business days after the date fixing such liquidating value. Company may, to the extent necessary, sell any securities included in the portfolio to provide cash for the purchase of its shares.

Capitalization.—Initial authorized capital consists of 5,000,000 shares (par \$1), all of the same class and all having equal voting rights. Holders have no preemptive right to subscribe for additional shares. It is contemplated that the company's shares will be sold from time to time at prices based on liquidating value calculated as stated above. All sums received by the company as the net proceeds of the sale of its shares in excess of \$1 per share are to be allocated to surplus.

Price.—Company's shares are offered for sale at a price equivalent to their liquidating value (as above described) plus a premium of 9 1/4 % of such liquidating value. In the event of odd fractions, the offering price is adjusted to the nearest one-eighth point. Company receives the entire offering price of the shares less only the premium charged.

Supervision.—The management is closely identified with Calvin Bullock.

United States Shoe Co.—New Directors.—

Alfred H. Cohen, Charles H. Parks and Walter A. Draper have been elected directors, succeeding Irwin H. Krohn, E. M. Daniels and R. K. Leblond.

It was stated that the United States Shoe Corp., of which the United States Shoe Co. owns 49% of the stock, has enough orders on hand to keep its two largest plants running on a good operating schedule until late September.—V. 133, p. 2942.

United States Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 5 months ended May 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

The company issued the following statement:

"The directors at their regular quarterly meeting declared a dividend of 1 1/4 % (87 1/2 cents per share on the preferred stock and 25 cents per share on the common stock, payable July 15 1932 to stockholders of record at close of business July 1, 1932.

Net earnings, which are at the lowest metal market in the history of the company, are slightly more than the preferred dividend requirements of \$698,400 for the five months' period. Common dividend requirements for the same period at the current rate of \$1 per year amount to \$225,847.

"Since the first of the year there has been expended for acquisition and development of properties approximately \$1,125,000, which sum includes the cost of the 10,000 shares of common stock and 5,000 shares of preferred stock purchased and used in part payment for properties, as stated in the last annual report published in March. There has also been expended since the first of the year \$383,989 for purchase of the company's common and preferred stock, which has been added to the shares now held in the treasury for corporate purposes. After these expenditures and after payment of dividends the net current assets of the company are estimated at \$12,000,000, which includes more than \$1,500,000 in cash and Government securities.

"With the exception of outstanding bonds of subsidiary companies amounting to \$138,900, the consolidation has no funded debt or bank loans. The outstanding stock of the company at this date is: Preferred, 473,758 shares; and common, 535,493 shares."

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Av. silver pr. (5 mos.)--	29.156c.	28.263c.	42.602c.	55.874c.
Av. lead price (5 mos.)--	3.322	4.422	5.842	7.028
Av. zinc price (5 mos.)--	2.774	3.814	4.965	6.488

—V. 134, p. 3838.

United States Steel Corp.—Consolidates Manufacturing Operations.—

As part of a program of consolidation of manufacturing operations in the interest of economy and efficiency, the Minnesota Steel Co., a subsidiary, is being operated under lease by the American Steel & Wire Co., another subsidiary. The Minnesota plant remains under the direction of L. C. Reis as General Manager, and the company will retain its corporate entity, but as a holding company instead of an operating company.

The National Tube Co., also a subsidiary, has closed temporarily its plant at Gary, Ind., and in the meantime orders are being diverted to Lorain, Ohio.

New President of Illinois Steel Co.—

Eugene J. Buffington, who for 34 years has been President of the Illinois Steel Co., a subsidiary, will be retired on July 1 under the corporation's pension plan, it was formally announced on June 21. Mr. Buffington, who will attain the age of 70 years in July, asked that he be relieved of his duties. He will, however, remain a director of the parent corporation.

At the same time it was announced that the finance committee of the United States Steel Corp. has recommended that George G. Thorp, Vice-President of the Illinois Steel Co. be elected to succeed Mr. Buffington, and that George Cook Kimball be elected Vice-President of the Illinois Steel Co. to succeed Mr. Thorp.—V. 134, p. 4510.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Smaller Dividend.

The directors on June 20 declared a quarterly div. of 10c. per share on the capital stock, par \$50, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 2. This compares with 12 1/2 c. per share paid on May 2 1932, and with quarterly distributions of 25c. per share made from Aug. 1 1931 to and including Feb. 1 1932 and 50c. per share each quarter from Aug. 1 1930 to May 1 1931, inclusive.—V. 134, p. 4338.

United Wall Paper Factories, Inc.—Earnings.—

	1932.	1931.
Years Ended April 30—		
Net profit from operations after deducting selling, general, and other expenses	def \$100,721	\$355,594
Interest on mortgage bonds	114,405	119,955
Other interest	9,673	6,251
Provision for depreciation	225,231	207,731
Provision for contingencies, &c.	134,000	—
Amortization of bond discount and expenses	13,893	19,679
Organization expenses written off	7,305	7,305
Miscellaneous	4,257	3,319
Net loss for year	\$609,485	\$8,646
Common stock and surplus May 1	2,399,800	2,709,446
Total surplus	\$1,790,315	\$2,700,799
Miscellaneous surplus adjust. (net)	186,587	—
Dividends on prior preference stock	21,000	42,000
Dividends on preferred stock	129,500	259,000
Common stock and surplus April 30	\$1,453,228	\$2,399,799

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet April 30.

	1932.	1931.		1932.	1931.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash	\$406,341	\$352,110	Accounts payable	\$133,892	\$231,663
Customers' notes & accept. receiv.	321,099	346,787	Unclaim. divs. pay	30	26
Customers' accts. receiv. (less res.)	1,086,587	1,081,458	Matured bond Int.	1,260	1,095
Merchandise Inv.	598,100	1,008,426	Accruals	127,660	120,487
Other curr. assets	68,214	84,060	1st mtg. 20-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds	1,871,000	1,919,000
Notes receiv. not due within one year	—	—	Deferred credits—	4,942	1,528
Investments	107,244	305,259	6% prior preference stock	700,000	700,000
Land, bldgs., mach. & equip. (less res. for deprec.)	4,402,966	4,613,671	\$7 preferred stock	a3,700,000	3,700,000
Blocks and rollers	590,615	621,699	Common stock & surplus	b1,453,228	2,399,799
Inventory of factory and office supplies	75,251	98,315			
Deferred charges	281,255	469,848			
Total	\$7,992,011	\$9,073,609	Total	\$7,992,011	\$9,073,609

a Represented by 37,000 no par shares. b Represented by 287,090 no par shares.—V. 133, p. 3643.

Universal Leaf Tobacco Co.—Dividend Rate on Common

Stock Reduced to \$2 from \$3 per Share per Annum.—The directors on June 18 declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the no par value common stock, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 21. This compares with 75 cents per share paid each quarter from May 2 1927 to and incl. May 1 1932. In addition, a 35% stock payment was made on Sept. 10 1929.—V. 133, p. 1628.

Universal Products Co., Ltd.—Reduction in Dividend.—

A quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share has been declared on the no par common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 27. A payment of 25 cents per share was made on April 1 last as against 50 cents per share each quarter from Jan. 2 1930 to and incl. Jan. 2 1932.—V. 134, p. 2548.

Virginia Fire & Marine Insurance Co.—Omits Dividend.

The directors have voted to omit the dividend ordinarily payable about July 1 on the capital stock, par \$25. The company on Jan. 2 1932 made a distribution of 75 cents per share as against semi-annual dividends of \$1.50 per share previously paid.—V. 134, p. 340.

Vogt Mfg. Corp.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about July 1 on the common stock, no par value. Distributions of 15 cents per share were made on Jan. 2 and April 1 last, as against 25 cents per share on July 1 and Oct. 1 1931 and 50 cents per share previously each quarter.

President A. E. Vogt, June 20, stated: "At a meeting of the directors held on June 13 1932, it was decided, in view of the continued decline in the business of the corporation resulting from the drop in automobile production, to conserve the cash resources of the corporation, and omit further dividend declarations for the present."—V. 134, p. 2548.

Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.—Denies Insolvency.—

The company has filed an answer in U. S. District Court at Wilmington, Del., to the receivership and accounting suit of Harry Koplar of University City, Mo., denying the allegations of mismanagement and the necessity of appointing receivers for the corporation. The answer admits payments of large salaries to film stars formerly connected with other studios but declares that the corporation profited greatly from pictures made by these stars. The answer also denies that the corporation is insolvent.—V. 134, p. 4338.

West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co.—Dividend Decreased.—

The directors on June 21 declared a quarterly dividend of 15c. a share on the no par common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 21. This compares with 25c. a share in each of the two preceding quarters and 40c. a share on July 1 and Oct. 1 1931.—V. 134, p. 2549.

White Sewing Machine Corp.—To Pay Coupons.—

The board of directors has authorized the payment of coupons due Jan. 15 1932 on the 6% sinking fund debentures due 1936 and of coupons due May 1 1932 on the corporation's 6% and participating sinking fund gold debentures due 1940, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6% from their respective due dates. The board further authorized the payment to the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., trustee, of all sinking funds due to the present time on the respective issues of debentures.

Company, Opposing Receivership, Sees No Need for Such Action.—

Denial that there is any present need for appointment of a receiver and that it is in any immediate danger of having forced sales of any of its property, was made by the company in an answer filed in Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., June 21 to a receivership suit filed against it recently by Morris B. Levy of Youkers, N. Y.—V. 134, p. 3655.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—New Pres. of Sub.—

William J. Morris, Vice-President of the above company, has been elected President of the Continental Supply Co., a subsidiary. The latter sells machinery and equipment throughout the Mid-Continent and Southwestern oil fields and operates more than 50 stores, its principal office being at St. Louis, Mo.—V. 134, p. 4338.

Reports and Documents.

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THE NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY

EXTRACTS FROM REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE STOCKHOLDERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1931

To the Stockholders of

The New York Central Railroad Company

THE YEAR'S BUSINESS

The increased depression in general business conditions during the year is reflected in the large decreases in freight and passenger traffic and in the revenue therefrom. Operating revenues were \$382,190,182.89, a decrease of \$96,728,164.66 (20.20%).

Revenue freight amounted to 113,945,490 tons, a decrease of 36,100,789 tons (24.06%), the revenue therefrom being \$245,897,087.34, a decrease of \$61,280,487.95 (19.95%).

As shown by the appended statement of commodities handled (pp. 46-49 [pamphlet report]), decreases in tonnage were general throughout the list, there having been only a few increases and these of relatively minor importance. Some of the commodities in which major decreases took place, with accompanying serious losses in revenue, are listed in the following table:

	Tons.	Decrease.	Revenue.	Decrease.
Bituminous coal.....	46,816,676	12,632,666	\$54,356,558	\$12,646,729
Anthracite coal.....	5,437,667	1,672,349	6,733,058	2,378,728
Gravel, sand and crushed stone.....	5,124,079	2,712,519	3,659,453	1,818,971
Petroleum refined and all other gasolines.....	4,037,887	299,044	10,913,303	1,146,756
Iron and steel articles, rated 5th class.....	2,442,692	1,209,901	7,210,372	3,539,708
Products of mines—N.O.S.	2,233,567	1,547,764	2,717,798	1,559,405
Iron ore.....	1,823,290	3,120,768	890,149	1,728,410
Lumber, shingles and lath.....	1,585,007	829,934	3,821,135	1,929,100
Automobiles, auto trucks, parts and tires.....	1,424,260	492,049	11,219,402	3,866,674
Mill products, N.O.S.	1,083,317	367,874	2,433,507	1,192,048

The company carried 63,166,911 revenue passengers, a decrease of 9,784,104, these losses being distributed: inter-line passengers 1,012,871, a decrease of 29.77%, local passengers 3,874,136, a decrease of 20.38%, and commutation passengers 4,897,097, a decrease of 9.69%. The revenue received from passenger business amounted to \$86,304,507.96 a decrease of \$24,880,236.86 (22.38%).

Net railway operating income was \$28,075,578.56, a decrease of \$29,159,948.81; while net income amounted to \$2,430,101.13, a decrease of \$33,551,690.74.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

Including Boston & Albany Railroad, Ohio Central Lines, Michigan Central Lines, and Big Four Lines. (Results for January, 1930, as to the roads covered by the leases effective February 1, 1930, are included for purposes of comparison.)

	Year Ended Dec. 31, 1931.	Year Ended Dec. 31, 1930.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—).
	11,388.48 Miles Operated.	11,421.55 Miles Operated.	—33.07 Miles.
<i>Operating Income—</i>			
Railway operations	\$	\$	\$
Railway oper. revenues.....	382,190,182.89	478,918,347.55	—96,728,164.66
Railway oper. expenses.....	307,065,680.57	376,729,417.97	—69,663,737.40
Net revenue from railway operations.....	75,124,502.32	102,188,929.58	—27,064,427.26
Percentage of expenses to revenues.....	(80.34)	(78.66)	+(1.68)
Railway tax accruals.....	32,215,328.92	34,009,020.80	—1,793,691.88
Uncollectible ry. revenues.....	102,942.29	125,750.30	—22,808.01
Railway oper. income.....	42,806,231.11	68,054,158.48	—25,247,927.37
Equipment rents, net debit.....	11,772,767.61	10,288,151.34	+1,484,616.27
Joint facility rents, net debit.....	2,957,884.94	530,479.77	+2,427,405.17
Net railway operating income.....	28,075,578.56	57,235,527.37	—29,159,948.81
Miscellaneous operations			
Revenues.....	909,761.13	999,418.80	—89,657.67
Expenses and taxes.....	828,709.31	963,296.74	—134,587.43
Miscell. oper. income.....	81,051.82	36,122.06	+44,929.76
Total operating income.....	28,156,630.38	57,271,649.43	—29,115,019.05
<i>Non-Operating Income—</i>			
Income from lease of road.....	162,612.99	164,397.38	—1,784.39
Miscellaneous rent income.....	5,993,993.85	5,887,457.91	+106,535.94
Miscellaneous non-operating physical property.....	3,664,353.75	3,448,361.23	+215,992.52
Separately operated properties—profit.....	336,321.20	2,003,285.39	—1,666,964.19
Dividend income.....	16,143,262.36	14,916,581.73	+1,226,680.63
Income from funded securities and accounts.....	5,504,934.06	6,045,985.10	—541,051.04
Income from unfunded securities and accounts.....	3,566,470.35	4,377,680.68	—811,210.33
Income from sinking and other reserve funds.....	187,565.87	211,044.92	—23,479.05
Release of premiums on funded debt.....	31,056.76	-----	+31,056.76
Miscellaneous income.....	144,670.01	2,672,189.25	—2,527,519.24
Total non-oper. income.....	35,735,241.20	39,726,983.59	—3,991,742.39
Gross income.....	63,891,871.58	96,998,633.02	—33,106,761.44

	Year Ended Dec. 31, 1931.	Year Ended Dec. 31, 1930.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—).
	11,388.48 Miles Operated.	11,421.55 Miles Operated.	—33.07 Miles.

	Year Ended Dec. 31, 1931.	Year Ended Dec. 31, 1930.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—).
<i>Deductions from Gross Income—</i>			
Rent for leased roads.....	26,383,108.64	27,762,047.27	—1,378,938.63
Miscellaneous rents.....	1,495,709.56	1,523,115.86	—27,406.30
Miscellaneous tax accruals.....	1,936,442.32	2,097,182.75	—160,740.43
Separately operated properties—loss.....	114,193.86	148,657.42	—34,463.56
Interest on funded debt.....	28,159,311.42	27,217,659.95	+941,651.47
Interest on unfunded debt.....	2,067,979.83	1,414,406.50	+653,573.33
Amortization of discount on funded debt.....	508,949.31	539,844.68	—30,895.37
Maintenance of investment organization.....	14,922.25	35,277.11	—20,354.86
Miscell. income charges.....	781,153.26	278,649.61	+502,503.65

Total deductions from gross income.....	61,461,770.45	61,016,841.15	+444,929.30
Net income.....	2,430,101.13	35,981,791.87	—33,551,690.74

Per cent to capital stock outstanding.....	(0.49)	(7.21)	—(6.72)
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	Year Ended Dec. 31, 1931.	Year Ended Dec. 31, 1930.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—).
<i>Disposition of Net Income—</i>			
Sinking and other reserve funds.....	119,913.33	91,087.02	+28,826.31
Income appropriated for investment in physical property.....	100.00	-----	+100.00
Miscell. appropriations of income.....	833.46	-----	+833.46
Total appropriations of income.....	120,846.79	91,087.02	+29,759.77
Surplus for the year.....	2,309,254.34	35,890,704.85	—33,581,450.51

Dividends declared during the year.....	19,970,304.81	39,940,593.60	—19,970,288.79
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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance to credit of profit and loss, December 31, 1930.....\$286,783,925.88

<i>Additions—</i>			
Surplus for the year 1931.....	\$2,309,254.34		
Profit on securities sold (net).....	160,627.91		
Profit on property sold (net).....	54,197.48		
Sundry adjustments (net), unrefundable overcharges and uncollectible accounts.....	416,869.80		
		2,940,949.53	
			\$289,724,875.41

<i>Deductions—</i>			
Dividend appropriations of surplus.....	19,970,304.81		
Depreciation prior to July 1, 1907, on equipment retired during the year.....	145,395.22		
Loss on property retired.....	1,917,339.89		
		22,033,039.92	

Balance to credit of profit and loss, December 31, 1931....\$267,691,835.49

OPERATING EXPENSES.

Operating expenses were as follows:

Group—	Amount.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—).
Maintenance of way and structures.....	\$48,391,853.11	—\$16,441,042.40
Maintenance of equipment.....	81,509,925.10	—22,247,468.21
Traffic expenses.....	8,862,830.48	—731,485.01
Transportation expenses.....	146,301,548.92	—28,153,482.23
Miscellaneous operations.....	6,250,567.43	—1,897,567.80
General expenses.....	15,997,500.73	—666,845.35
Transportation for investment—credit.....	248,545.20	+474,153.60
Total.....	\$307,065,680.57	—\$69,663,737.40

In keeping with, and as a result of retracements made necessary by, the greatly diminished traffic, there were substantial reductions in nearly all items of operating expenses.

In accounts comprising the maintenance of way and structures group, the larger decreases appear in roadway maintenance, track laying and surfacing, tie and rail renewals, station and office, buildings, signals and interlockers and the cost of removing snow, sand and ice.

The decrease in the cost of maintaining equipment resulted from a reduced program of repairs and renewals, made possible by the diminished use of equipment. This decrease was offset to the extent of \$751,235.84 by an increase in charges for equipment depreciation resulting from the acquisition of additional equipment.

The decrease in traffic expenses is principally due to a reduction in personnel and salaries and in the cost of printing tariffs.

The decrease in transportation expenses is attributable to the diminished traffic handled. There were substantial decreases in nearly all accounts of this group, as shown in the statement on page 32 [pamphlet report].

The decrease in expenses of miscellaneous operations is principally in the cost of dining car service incident to the decrease in passenger traffic.

The savings in general expenses resulted mainly from a reduction of clerical forces, decreases in the pay of general officers and their office forces effective during the later months of the year and reduced cost of stationery and supplies. There was, however, an increase in pension payments amounting to \$369,352.19.

For comparative balance sheet, &c., see "Annual Reports" in Investment News columns.

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 24 1932.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet at 8 to 8¼c. for Rio 7s, and 10½ to 10¾c. for Santos 4s. Maracaibo, Trujillo, 9½ to 9¾c.; fair to good Cucuta, 10¼ to 10¾c.; prime to choice, 11 to 11½c.; washed, 10½ to 10¾c.; Oceana, 10¼ to 10½c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 10¼ to 10½c.; washed, 10½ to 10¾c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 10¾ to 11c.; Medellin, 12 to 12¼c.; Manizales, 10¾ to 11c. Mexican, washed, 14 to 15c.; Ankola, 25 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.; Guatemala, good, 11½ to 12c.; Bourbon, 10¾ to 11c. On the 20th inst. futures declined somewhat with trading cut to 32 lots Brazil sold. Coffee destroyed by the National Council during the week ended June 18, amounted to 338,000 bags which compares with 334,000 bags in the previous week. The total destroyed to date amounts to 7,786,000 bags, but in addition the Sao Paulo Coffee Institute destroyed 479,000 bags to June 30 1931. The quantity destroyed last week is in keeping with the plan of the council to destroy more than 1,000,000 bags a month. Private cables received here reported that the Coffee Exporting Corporation of Cuba, recently constituted, has sold 1,000,000 lbs. of coffee to the United States at 10c. per pound. On the 20th inst., reflecting the dull demand for coffee, the cost and freight offers from Brazil were in only fair supply at prices about unchanged, although there was an easiness in the quotations from a few shippers. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 10.30 to 10.90c.; 3s at 10.10 to 10.60c.; 3-4s at 10.25 to 10.50c.; 3-5s at 9.90 to 10.40c.; 4-5s at 9.95 to 10.05c.; 5s at 9.75 to 10.15c.; 5-6s at 9.60 to 9.90c.; 6s at 9.30 to 9.90c.; 6-7s at 9.15 to 9.35c.; 7s at 9.30c.; 7-8s at 8.85 to 9.90c.; Part Bourbon 2-3s at 10.85c.; Peaberry 3-5s at 10.15c.; 4s at 9.90c. and Victorias 7-8s at 7.50 to 7.65c. On the 21st inst. futures declined 8 to 15 points on some European and other selling and a lack of support. Up to date the organization has bought 14,600,000 bags and has destroyed 50%.

On the 21st inst. as a result of the season of small consumption of coffee in the United States being at hand, the cost and freight offers from Brazil were in small supply and prices were about unchanged, although there was an easiness in the quotations from a few shippers. Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here for prompt shipment at 10.80 to 10.90c.; 3s at 10.35 to 10.65c.; 3-4s at 10.35 to 10.45c.; 3-5s at 10.10 to 10.40c.; 4-5s at 9.95 to 10.15c.; 5s at 10 to 10.15c.; 5-6s 9.65 to 9.90c.; 6s at 9.45 to 9.90c.; 6-7s at 9.70c.; 7-8s at 9.50c.; Peaberry 3-5s at 10.15c.; 4s at 10.25c. On the 22nd inst. futures were almost neglected, the sales being only 12 lots. Prices fell 1 to 7 points with Brazilian cables off. Spot was dull with Santos 4s, 10 to 10¼c. and Rio, 7s, 8c. On the 23rd inst. futures closed generally 1 to 5 points higher with Brazilian stocks about 2,000,000 bags smaller since the last report. On May 31st stocks in Sao Paulo interior warehouses and at railroads were 12,008,000 bags exclusive of 10,387,000 bags owned by the National Coffee Council but including stocks in Minas Geraes. To-day Rio futures here closed 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 3,000 bags and Santos futures 2 to 5 points higher with sales of 3,000 bags of Rio and 6,000 bags of Santos. Final prices for the week are 10 to 16 points lower on Rio futures and 7 to 14 points lower on Santos.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial.....	8.00@	December.....	6.19@nom
July.....	6.19@6.20	March.....	6.20@nom
September.....	6.20@	May.....	6.20@nom

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial.....	10¼@	December.....	8.94@nom
July.....	9.43@	March.....	8.82@nom
September.....	9.16@nom	May.....	8.80@nom

COCOA to-day ended 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 106 lots. July ended at 3.86c.; Sept., 3.98c.; Dec., 4.11c.; March, 4.26c. Final prices are 15 to 17 points lower than a week ago.

SUGAR.—On the 20th inst., futures closed 1 point lower to 2 points higher after being 2 to 4 up; sales 32,100 tons. Spot 2.90c. Eight mills are to close in Cuba next year; sales 50,000 bags, shipment within 30 days at .90c. c. & f.; 35,000 bags of Porto Rico due July 11 at 2.90c. and 1,000 tons of Philippines at 2.90c. and 9,550 tons same July-August at 2.93c. Refined active at 3.90c. On the 21st inst., futures fell 3 to 5 points with total sales of 711 lots. The decline was due to a fear that Cuba was perfectly ready to sell at around prevailing prices, and withdrawals of refined sugar were in some cases smaller at 3.90c. Spot Cuban raws declined 8 points with sales of 15,000 bags. On the 22d inst., futures opened 2 to 3 points lower with Cuba selling but later came a rally, closing 1 point lower to 2 points higher as cables gave assurance that 800,000 tons of Cuba sugar would really be segregated; 40,000 bags of Porto Rico, June 30 loading sold at 2.80c. and reported 5,000 tons of Philippines July-August shipment at 2.85c. Some were dubious about the 800,000 tons segregation plan being carried out; at least they thought there would be some delay. With warmer weather refined was in good demand at 3.90c.

On the 23d inst., futures advanced 3 to 6 points as 800,000 tons earmarked for the United States will be eliminated from the market until the price reaches 1½c. and Cuba and Wall Street bought. To-day futures here closed 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 67,500. Final prices show an advance for the week of 2 to 3 points.

Closing quotations follow:

Spot unofficial.....	0.95@	January.....	0.96@
July.....	0.83@	March.....	1.00@
September.....	0.89@	May.....	1.04@
December.....	0.96@		

LARD.—On the 18th inst. futures advanced 7 to 10 points. Hogs were 3.90c. top. Western receipts were only 20,400 against 27,300 a year ago. Prime, 4.50 to 4.60c.; Middle Western, 4.25 to 4.35c.; refined to Continent, 4¾ to 4¾c.; South America, 5 to 5½c.; Brazil, 5¾ to 5¾c. On the 20th inst. futures advanced 7 to 13 points with grain up and shorts covering. On the 22d inst. prices closed 5 to 7 points lower though hogs advanced 5 to 10c., however strange that may seem. Prime cash, 4.55 to 4.65c.; refined for the Continent, 4¾ to 5c.; South America, 5¼ to 5½c., and Brazil 5¾ to 6c. On the 23d inst. prices advanced 12 to 20 points with hogs up 10c., rising to 4.25c., and receipts only 56,400 against 82,100 last year. To-day futures advanced 3 to 8 points on covering of shorts. Also the movement of hogs of late has been much smaller than that of a year ago. Final prices show an advance for the week of 20 to 33 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
July.....	4.10	4.17	4.17	4.10	4.25	4.30
September.....	4.17	4.25	4.25	4.20	4.32	4.40
December.....	4.20	4.27	4.27	4.20	4.37	4.40

Seasons' High and When Made—		Season's Low and When Made—			
July.....	5.50	Feb. 1 1932	July.....	3.62	June 2 1932
September.....	4.10	June 11 1932	September.....	3.72	June 2 1932
October.....	4.15	June 17 1932	October.....	3.77	June 2 1932

PORK steady; mess, \$17.25; family, \$15.25; fat backs, \$11.25 to \$13.75. Ribs Chicago, cash, 4.37 basis 5 to 60 lbs. Beef quiet; mess, nominal; packet nominal; family, \$12.50 to \$13; extra India mess nominal; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2; No. 2, \$3.50; six lbs. South America, \$10.50; pickled tongues, \$40 to \$50. Cut meats steady; pickled hams 14 to 16 lbs., 9c.; 10 to 12 lbs., 9¾c.; pickled bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 7½c.; 6 to 10 lbs., 7¾c.; bellies, clear dry salted, boxed 18 to 20 lbs., 5¾c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 6½c. Butter, lower grades to higher than extra 12 to 17½c. Cheese, flats held 18 to 20c. Eggs medium to special packs, 13¼ to 19c.

OILS.—Linseed prices were reduced 3 points by larger producers on the 23d inst. to 5.6c. for carlots and tank car quantities to 5c., June-September shipment. The seed markets in the Northwest were weak. Coconut, Manila Coast tanks, 2¾c.; tanks, New York, 3¼c. Corn, crude tanks, f.o.b. Western mills 3c. Olive, denatured spot, 59c.; shipment 60c. China wood, N. Y. drums, car lots, 6c.; tanks, 5½c.; Pacific Coast tanks, 5c. Soya Bean, tank cars f.o.b. Western mills, 2.80c.; car lot, delivered, N. Y., 3¾ to 4c. Edible, Olive, \$1.65 to \$2.15. Lard prime, 8¼c. extra strained, New York, 6c. Cod, Newfoundland, 21 to 26c. Turpentine, 43 to 48c. Rosin, \$3.15 to \$6.20. Cottonseed oil sales to-day including switches, nil. Crude S. E., 2¾ to 3c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot.....	3.40@	October.....	3.81@3.90
June.....	3.40@	November.....	3.84@3.94
July.....	3.65@3.71	December.....	3.92@3.98
August.....	3.60@3.80	January.....	3.98@4.05
September.....	3.81@3.88		

PETROLEUM.—Bulk gasoline advanced sharply early in the week. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey raised its price schedule in tank cars at Bayonne ½c. while the Standard

Oil Co. of Kentucky marked up its tank car prices 1c. The Sinclair Co. raised the tank car price 1c. at Jacksonville and Tampa and $\frac{1}{2}$ c. at New York. The Shell Co. advanced its minimum price in tank cars $\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ c. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey raised its prices of gasoline in tank cars $\frac{1}{2}$ c. at its southern deepwater terminals bringing them into line with New York. The points affected are Baltimore, Norfolk and Charleston, S. C. The Texas Co. advanced bulk gasoline $\frac{1}{2}$ c. at New York harbor. For unbranded gasoline in tank cars at its local refinery it is now quoting $8\frac{1}{4}$ c. while its Fire Chief gasoline is held at $8\frac{3}{4}$ c. same basis. It is now in line with the prices quoted by the Gulf Refining Co., Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and the Crew Leveck Co. The undertone was firmer. Bunker oil was firm at 85c. New York harbor refineries. Diesel oil was strong at \$1.85 same basis. Domestic heating oils were also firm. Kerosene was steady at $5\frac{1}{2}$ c. for 41-43 water white. Consumption is fair for this time of the year. The Standard Oil Co. of New York raised the price of grade C bunker fuel oil at Magpeteo, Beaumont and Galveston 10 to 70c., while Diesel oil was marked up 15c. to \$1.50 at these ports. Other companies are expected to make similar advances.

Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in an article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."

RUBBER.—On the 18th inst. prices closed 2 points lower to 4 points higher ending with June at 2.62c.; July at 2.65 to 2.67c.; Dec., 2.93c.; sales 120 tons. No. 1 "B" closed with June at 2.62c. and July at 2.65c. On the 20th inst. prices ended 3 points lower to 4 higher. Actual rubber was dull. Malayan shipments were estimated at 35,000 tons for June 17,000 having been shipped during the first half. If approximately correct, June shipments will prove to be the smallest of the year and compare with 40,297 tons during May and with 39,397 tons during June 1931. United Kingdom stocks also showed a further falling off of 2,950 tons. The decrease was the sharpest since May 14, when the drop for London and Liverpool was 4,075 tons. During the past four weeks United Kingdom supplies have fallen off about 8,000 tons. No. 1 standard contract closed with July 2.66c.; Dec., 2.90c.; Jan., 2.97c.; Mar., 3.40c.; sales 370 tons. No. 1 "B" closed with June, 2.66c.; July, 2.66c.; Aug., 2.71c.; Sept., 2.76c.; dull. "A" and "AB" June, 2.61c.; July, 2.64c.; Aug., 2.69c.; Sept., 2.74c. Stocks in London on June 18 totaled 52,636 tons, a decrease of 2,000 tons. Stocks in Liverpool were 58,601 tons, a decrease of 950 tons. On the 20th inst. the London rubber market closed steady, 1-16d. higher to 1-16d. lower. June, July, Aug. and Sept., 1 13-16d.; Oct.-Dec., $1\frac{1}{8}$ d.; Jan.-Mar., 1 15-16d. and April-June, 2d. Singapore closed dull and unchanged; July, 1 15-32d.; July-Sept., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. and Oct.-Dec., 1 17-32d.

On the 21st inst. futures closed 4 points lower to 1 higher. An early advance was followed by a reaction not for the first time lately. The sales of No. 1 standard were 550 tons closing with July 2.66 to 2.67c.; Dec., 2.91c.; Jan., 2.96c.; March, 3.06 to 3.09c.; No. 1 B standard June, 2.63c.; July, 2.66c.; Aug., 2.71c.; Sept., 2.76c.; "A" and "AB" June, 2.61c.; July 2.64c.; Aug., 2.69c.; Sept., 2.74c. Outside prices: Spot, June and July, $2\frac{3}{8}$ to $2\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Aug.-Sept., 2 13-16c.; Oct.-Dec., 2 15-16c.; Jan.-March, $3\frac{1}{2}$ c.; spot, first latex thick, $3\frac{1}{2}$ c.; thin pale latex, $3\frac{1}{2}$ c.; latex crepe No. 2, 3 1-16c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 2 9-16c.; rolled brown crepe, 2 5-16c. to $2\frac{3}{8}$ c.; No. 2 amber 2 11-16c.; No. 3, $2\frac{5}{8}$ c.; No. 4, $2\frac{1}{2}$ c.

On the 21st inst. London quiet and net unchanged; June, July, Aug. and Sept., 1 13-16d.; Oct.-Dec., $1\frac{1}{8}$ d.; Jan.-March, 1 15-16d., and April-June, 2d. Singapore closed steady and net unchanged; July, 1 15-32d.; July-Sept., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. and Oct.-Dec., 1 17-32d. On the 22d inst. prices closed 1 to 5 points lower on increased Far Eastern production. No. 1 standard contract closed with July 2.61c.; Dec., 2.86c.; Jan., 2.93c.; March, 3.05c.; sales 940 tons. No. 1 "B" June, 2.58c.; July, 2.61c.; Aug., 2.66c.; "A" and "AB" June, 2.56c.; July, 2.59c.; Aug., 2.64c. Outside prices: Spot, June and July, 2 11-16c., spot first latex thick and thin pale latex, $3\frac{5}{8}$ c.

On the 22d inst. London closed dull net unchanged to 1-16d. lower. June, July and Aug., $1\frac{1}{4}$ d.; Sept. and Oct.-Dec., 1 13-16d.; Jan.-March, 1 15-16d., and April-June, 2d. Singapore closed steady and net unchanged; July, 1 15-32d.; July-Sept., $1\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Oct.-Dec., 1 17-32d. On the 23d inst. prices closed with little change; sales of No. 1 standard, 340 tons. Closing prices were as follows: No. 1 standard, June, 2.58c.; July, 2.61 to 2.63c.; Oct., 2.75c.; Nov., 2.81c.; Dec., 2.87 to 2.88c.; Jan., 2.92c.; Feb., 2.98c.; March, 3.03c.; No. 1 "B" June, 2.58c.; July, 2.61c.; Aug., 2.65c. and dull. "A" and "AB" June, 2.56c.; July, 2.59c.; Aug., 2.63c.; Sept., 2.68c.; and dull Outside prices: Spot, June and July, $2\frac{3}{8}$ to 2 11-16c.; Aug.-Sept., $2\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Oct.-Dec., 2 13-16c.; Jan.-March, 3 1-16c.; spot first latex thick, $3\frac{5}{8}$ c.; thin pale latex, $3\frac{5}{8}$ c. To-day futures closed 4 to 6 points lower on No. 1 standard and "A" contracts, with sales of 146 lots No. 1 standard. July closed at 2.56c.; Sept. at 2.64c.; Oct. at 2.70c.; Dec. at 2.81c.; and March at 2.99 to 3c. Final prices show a decline for the week of 9 to 11 points.

HIDES.—On the 18th inst. futures closed 10 points lower to 20 points up; Sept. old ended at 3.65 to 3.75c.; new, 3.35 to 3.55c.; Dec. old, 4.20 to 4.30c.; new, 4.20c.; March old, 4.60c.; new, 4.65 to 4.75c. Sales of spot hides were 28,000 May-June branded at 4c., 5,000 May-June extra light Texas

steers, same price. These were the only domestic sales of consequence. In the Argentine however trading showed some improvement and 4,000 June frigorifico steers were sold at $4\frac{3}{4}$ c. The half year production of shoes was 5% smaller than in the same time last season. On 20th inst. prices closed 20 points lower to 20 higher on the new contract and 10 to 30 points higher on the old; 7,600 April-June light Texas steers sold at $3\frac{1}{4}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ c. Futures closed as follows: Sept. old, 3.80c.; new, 3.50c.; Dec. old, 4.30c.; new, 4.30c.; March old, 4.75c.; new, 4.80 to 4.85c. On the 21st inst. old contracts ended 10 to 30 points higher and new 20 points lower to 20 higher ending with Sept. old at 3.80c.; new, 3.50c.; Dec. old and new, 4.30c.; March old, 4.75c.; new, 4.80 to 4.85c. On the 22nd inst. old contract closed here unchanged to 5 points lower and new unchanged to 10 points lower, closing with Sept. old, 3.75 to 3.80c.; new, 3.50c.; Dec. old, 4.30 to 4.35c.; new, 4.30c.; March old, 4.75c.; new, 4.75 to 4.80c. On the 22nd inst. old contracts closed 10 to 20 points lower and new 10 to 15 points off ending with Sept. old, 3.65c.; new, 3.40c.; Dec. old, 4.20 to 4.25c.; new, 4.20c.; March old, 4.55c. and new, 4.60 to 4.75c. On the 23rd inst. futures declined 5 to 6 points with closing prices as follows: Sept. old, 3.59c.; new, 3.35c.; Dec. old, 4.15c.; new, 4.15c.; Mar. old, 4.50c.; new, 4.55 to 4.60c. 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; 7-9s, 60c.; 5-7s, 45c. Sales of River Plate frigorifico hides included 2,000 June-frigorifico cows at 6 3-16c. and 4,000 June frigorifico steers at 4 13-16c. City packer hides were slow. So were country and common dry. To-day futures here closed unchanged to 5 points higher with sales of 4 lots. July ended at 3.50c.; Sept., 3.39 to 3.63c.; Oct., 3.80c.; Dec., 4.10 to 4.25c.; March, 4.50c. Final prices show a decline for the week on Sept. of 20 points while other months are 5 to 10 points higher.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—The tone at one time was better. Rates declined later.

CHARTERS included grain 22 loads, Montreal to Antwerp-Rotterdam, 6c.; Hamburg, 7c., June 18-25; Montreal to Mediterranean, 9c.; option Adriatic, 11c., June 20-30. Wheat—3,300 tons fixed here, Montreal, July Sweden, Copenhagen, 11c. Grain booked: Four loads Hamburg, 6c. and 5c.; Havre-Dunkirk, 7c.; 5 loads Philadelphia, Antwerp, prompt 5c.; 12 loads Baltimore, Hull, June 1s. 9d.; 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ Montreal, Antwerp, June 6c.; 1 New York, Antwerp June 5c. and 1 New York, Hamburg, June 6c. Grain: 22 loads, Montreal to Antwerp-Rotterdam, 6c.; Hamburg 7c., June 18-25c.; Montreal to Mediterranean, 9c.; option Adriatic, 11c., June 20-30c. Time—2 round trips West Indies 85c., prompt; West Indies continuation, 85c. Coal—5,500 tons, prompt Hampton Roads, Rosario, \$1.90. Time—2 round trips West Indies 85c., prompt; West Indies continuation, 85c.

COAL.—The demand for both hard and soft coal has been small and prices so far as appearances underwent no change. A prompt cargo of Hampton Roads coal was sold to Rasario at \$1.90, a notable event.

TOBACCO has been in moderate demand here and about steady. Sales in the Southern markets during the past week were as follows: At Mayfield, 405,085 lbs. at an average of \$2.56, 63c. lower than the preceding week. At Murray, 18,985 lbs. at an average of \$1.65, or 78c. lower. At Hopkinsville, 113,900 lbs. of dark tobacco, averaging \$2.20, or 92c. lower. At Clarksville, 452,895 lbs., averaging \$4.15 for the week, or \$1.50 lower. At Springfield, 394,900 lbs. at an average of \$5.18, or 59c. lower. Havana, Cuba, to the "U. S. Tobacco Journal": No settlement of the cigarmakers' strike has been arrived at here. The Federation of cigarmakers has not made any concession in the scale of wages which prevailed before the strike was declared Jan. 14 last, and as the manufacturers could not open up their factories unless workers accepted a reduction, cigar producers are moving their plants away from Havana.

Boston: A sign of returning prosperity in New England, especially Boston, is the report that more than 500 persons were given employment in 21 new manufacturing plants which started operations during the month of May. In addition, the expansion of 13 existing companies indicates additional employment. Washington, D. C.: Growers' reports of intentions to plant on March 1 indicated that they were planning to reduce the acreage of flue-cured tobacco 27% below that harvested in 1931, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Wide publicity continues to be given to the opposition to recent reductions in import duty on tobacco leaf, by Australian tobacco growers, reports the Tobacco Division of the Department of Commerce. On Feb. 25 the import duty was reduced from 5s. 2d., \$1.255 (at par) per pound to 3s., \$729. At the same time the excise duty was increased from 2s. 4d., \$566, to 4s. 6d., \$1.093, per pound.

SILVER.—On the 21st inst. futures closed 12 points lower to 3 points higher with sales of 300,000 ounces. July ended at 27.60 to 27.62c.; Sept., 27.85c.; Oct., 28.08c.; Dec., 28.24 to 28.35c. On the 22d inst. futures closed 8 points lower to 4 points higher with sales of 375,000 ounces, ending with July, 27.55 to 27.70c.; Sept., 27.88c.; Oct., 28c.; Dec., 28.25c. On the 22d inst. prices closed unchanged to 12 points lower with sales of 150,000 ounces, ending with July, 27.52 to 27.60c.; Sept., 27.76c.; Oct., 27.92 to 28c. On the 23d inst. prices closed 5 to 22 points lower with sales of 1,575,000 ounces, ending with July at 27.37c.; Sept. at 27.57c. to 27.65c.; Oct. at 27.70 to 27.82c. and Dec. at 28.08 to 28.15c. To-day futures closed 47 to 75 points lower with sales of 1,450,000 ounces. June ended at 26.82c.; July at 28.66c.; Aug. at 26.99c.; Sept. at 27.10c.;

Oct. at 27.22c.; Dec. at 27.48c. Final prices show a decline for the week of 89 to 99 points.

COPPER was in better demand for export late in the week. On the 23d inst. the foreign sales amounted to 300 tons against less than 100 tons on the previous day. Domestic demand was still very quiet. Prices were firm at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. for domestic delivery and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for export. In London on the 23d inst. standard fell 10s. to £27 1s. 3d. for spot and £26 16s. 3d. for futures; sales, 50 tons spot and 400 tons futures; electrolytic off 10s. to £31 bid and £32 asked. On the 21st inst. futures closed 35 points lower with sales of 100 tons, July ended at 4.15c.; September at 4.25c.; December, 4.40c. On the 22d inst. prices closed unchanged with no sales. July ended at 4.15c.; September, 4.25c. On the 22d inst. futures here closed unchanged; no sales. July ended at 4.15c.; September at 4.25c. and December at 4.40c. On the 23d inst. futures here closed unchanged; July, 4.15c.; September, 4.25c.; December, 4.40c.; May, 4.65c. To-day futures here closed with July, 4.25c.; September, 4.80c.; December, 4.85c.; March, 5.15c., and May, 4.90c.; no sales. At a special meeting of the members of the National Metal Exchange on June 23, the amendments to the by-laws permitting the adoption of a new copper contract to be known as the "American Standard Contract" was unanimously approved. Trading in the new contract will begin on Monday, June 27, first delivery month being July 1932.

TIN advanced most of the week, but on the 23d inst., prices fell $\frac{1}{4}$ c. to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19.60c. for spot Straits. At the first session in London prices on all descriptions dropped £1 10s., while at the second session standard advanced 10s. with sales of 340 tons. On the 21st inst., prices closed net unchanged with July at 19.25c. There were no sales. On the 22d inst., futures here were net unchanged to 25 points higher with sales of 12 lots, ending with July at 19.25c.; September, 19.65c.; December 20.25c.; March, 20.85c., and May 21.25c. On the 22d inst., futures here closed 10 points higher with sales of 40 tons, including a switch of May to July at 200 points. The closing was with July at 19.35c.; September at 19.75c.; December at 20.35c. On the 23d inst., futures here closed 10 points lower; sales 50 tons. July ended at 19.25c.; September at 19.65c.; December at 20.25c.; March at 20.85c., and May at 21.25c. To-day futures here closed with July 18.90c.; September, 19.20c.; October, 19.40c.; December, 19.80c.; February, 20.20c.; March, 20.40c.; May 20.80c. Sales were 18 lots.

LEAD was steady at 3c. New York and 2.90c. East St. Louis. The demand is most for carlots for prompt shipment. London on the 23d inst. dropped 2s. 6d. to £9 11s. 3d. for spot and £9 16s. 3d. for futures; sales 50 tons spot and 450 tons of futures.

ZINC was easier of late at 2.775c. East St. Louis. In some cases 2.75c. was reported possible. Demand was very small. London on the 23rd inst. fell 1s. 3d. to £11 8s. 9d. for spot and £11 13s. 9d. for futures; sales 100 tons of spot and 350 tons of futures. Production throughout the world in May amounted to 74,165 short tons, against 75,827 in April and 95,580 in May 1931, according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics. The daily output of 2,392 tons in May is the lowest in many years and compares with 2,528 tons in April and 3,212 tons in May 1931.

STEEL.—Things remained in much the same state. Buying was small. It was to supply immediate needs. Automobile concerns bought sparingly. In short it was the old story.

PIG IRON was as dull as ever. Last week's sales were only about 1,000 tons.

WOOL.—Boston wired a Government report on June 23 as follows: "The volume of business on fleece wools is slightly larger and a number of houses are participating in the trade. While the volume is not large as compared with a normally active market, it is much better than a few weeks ago. Demand includes most grades of combing fleece wools. Prices on fleeces are mostly on the low side of ranges quoted a week ago. Strictly combing graded Ohio and similar wools bring 14 to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in the grease for 48s, 50s.; 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15c. for 56s; 15 to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for 68s, 60s, and 15 to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for fine Ohio delaines." Brisbane wool sales closed on June 23d. An average selection was offered and met with wider competition. Prices showed an upward tendency. The final series will be held on June 27-28.

WOOL TOPS futures to-day closed 50 points lower to 200 points higher. Boston unchanged at 52.50c. July here ended at 49c.; Aug. at 49c.; Oct., Nov. and Dec., 50.00c.; Jan., Feb., March, April and May, 50.50c.

SILK.—On the 22nd inst. futures here were 3 points lower to 2 points higher with sales of 590 bales, closing with June, \$1.16 to \$1.20; July, \$1.16; Sept., \$1.17 to \$1.19; Oct., \$1.18 to \$1.20; Nov., \$1.19 to \$1.21, and Dec., \$1.20 to \$1.22. On the 21st inst. futures here closed 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 280 bales, ending with July at \$1.19; Sept., \$1.20 to \$1.23; Oct., \$1.22 to \$1.25; Dec., \$1.25; Jan., \$1.24 to \$1.25. On the 22nd inst. futures ended

unchanged to 2 points lower with July at \$1.18 to \$1.19; Sept., \$1.20 to \$1.22; Dec., \$1.23 to \$1.24 and Jan., \$1.23 to \$1.24. On the 23rd inst. futures closed here 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 1,680 bales, ending with July, \$1.14 to \$1.17; Aug., \$1.17 to \$1.18; Sept., \$1.18 to \$1.20; Oct., \$1.18 to \$1.20; Nov., \$1.20, and Dec. and Jan., \$1.21. To-day futures here closed unchanged to 6 points higher with sales of 64 lots. June ended at \$1.22; July at \$1.19; Sept. at \$1.20; Oct., Nov., Dec. and Jan. at \$1.21. Final prices show no change for the week.

COTTON

Friday Night, June 24 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 40,793 bales, against 24,783 bales last week and 30,591 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1931, 9,554,709 bales, against 8,417,552 bales for the same period of 1930-31, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1931 of 1,137,157 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	425	766	1,353	423	450	50	3,467
Texas City							327
Houston	288	561	1,059	335	393	1,240	4,476
Corpus Christi							90
New Orleans	7,414	3,365	5,246	6,295	3,291	1,294	26,905
Mobile	941	147	113	46	741	185	2,173
Pensacola							197
Savannah	646	83	837	233	522	268	2,589
Charleston	12	47	7	17	11	10	104
Lake Charles							29
Wilmington	77	18	5	39	25	13	177
Norfolk	9	27	3		5		44
Baltimore							215
Totals this week	9,812	5,019	9,361	7,527	5,443	3,631	40,793

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 24.	1931-32.		1930-31.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1931.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1930.	1932.	1931.
Galveston	3,467	2,263,973	1,291	1,396,546	546,635	471,811
Texas City	327	243,371		111,548	21,573	15,677
Houston	4,476	3,166,056	1,799	2,833,867	1,184,411	832,962
Corpus Christi	90	428,945		573,513	48,752	31,604
Beaumont		27,331		25,240		
New Orleans	26,905	2,032,269	7,255	1,442,108	973,683	646,851
Gulfport						
Mobile	2,173	501,255	1,475	594,728	134,233	248,950
Pensacola	197	73,610	3,481	67,510		
Jacksonville		27,763		493	17,071	1,348
Savannah	2,589	331,347	4,391	714,537	232,216	351,071
Brunswick		43,410		49,050		
Charleston	104	133,131	329	293,603	99,257	150,642
Lake Charles	29	138,036	50	60,608	55,914	
Wilmington	177	52,998	63	63,894	11,762	6,891
Norfolk	44	65,183	452	155,780	48,863	60,075
N'port News, &c.						
New York				1,175	203,523	228,346
Boston		933	3	6,586	14,989	3,533
Baltimore	215	25,021	617	26,754	3,488	1,083
Philadelphia		77		12	5,389	5,253
Totals	40,793	9,554,709	21,134	8,417,552	3,601,759	3,066,097

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	3,467	1,291	2,092	3,715	8,392	5,190
Houston	4,476	1,799	4,075	1,628	5,719	2,581
New Orleans	26,905	7,255	6,610	2,595	8,430	13,850
Mobile	2,173	1,475	1,260	274	1,264	685
Savannah	2,589	4,319	8,269	787	2,854	6,836
Brunswick						
Charleston	104	329	8,372	2,306	942	2,505
Wilmington	177	63	8	70	473	404
Norfolk	44	452	175	196	1,349	1,439
N'port N., &c						
All others	858	4,151	1,798	1,519	1,422	3,353
Tot. this week	40,793	21,134	32,659	13,090	30,851	36,843
Since Aug. 1—	9,554,709	8,417,552	8,141,499	8,974,983	8,227,656	12,550,654

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 98,739 bales, of which 5,661 were to Great Britain, 2,474 to France, 19,155 to Germany, 3,748 to Italy, nil to Russia, 59,618 to Japan and China, and 8,083 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 48,382 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 8,159,121 bales, against 6,404,462 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended June 24 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—						Total.	
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger-many.	Italy.	Russta.	Japan & China.		Other.
Galveston		436	4,158			8,023	1,552	14,169
Houston		964	5,740			11,043	341	18,088
Texas City			648					683
New Orleans	2,578	974	4,746	3,648		20,279	4,007	36,232
Mobile	2,668		1,686			20,273	200	24,827
Pensacola	97			100				197
Savannah			1,271				1,300	2,571
Charleston			906					906
Norfolk	318	100						418
Total	5,661	2,474	19,155	3,748		59,618	8,083	98,739
Total 1931	10,394	777	10,488	5,765		17,088	3,870	48,382
Total 1930	9,289	2,242	4,678	706	18,231	7,171	1,786	44,103

From Aug. 1 1931 to June 24 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston---	253,252	113,239	246,541	174,626	----	964,137	312,743	2,064,538
Houston---	218,677	208,353	556,413	214,891	----	92,444	362,830	2,543,608
Texas City---	26,022	16,758	47,114	8,064	----	43,236	31,403	172,597
Corp. Christi---	81,020	19,161	31,464	32,850	----	139,205	38,021	341,721
Beaumont---	8,763	2,278	6,767	-----	----	6,059	3,307	27,174
New Orleans---	302,266	81,561	222,449	152,674	----	423,031	117,941	1,299,922
Mobile---	118,678	10,349	138,128	17,668	----	228,041	25,774	538,638
Jacksonville---	4,937	-----	7,086	100	----	-----	122	12,245
Pensacola---	14,761	-----	62,462	374	----	11,449	1,966	91,012
Savannah---	100,563	179	103,963	750	----	197,887	15,033	418,375
Brunswick---	16,228	-----	26,367	-----	----	200	615	43,410
Charleston---	65,113	3	70,026	-----	----	35,046	17,287	187,475
Wilmington---	186	-----	11,893	23,900	----	-----	2,358	38,337
Norfolk---	23,792	622	13,663	-----	----	7,863	2,761	48,701
New York---	3,171	250	2,077	100	----	18,974	3,161	27,733
Boston---	959	-----	42	100	----	-----	3,741	4,842
Baltimore---	45	-----	-----	-----	----	-----	-----	45
Philadelphia---	-----	-----	34	-----	----	-----	-----	34
Los Angeles---	24,848	610	12,143	1,842	----	145,752	6,205	191,400
San Francisco---	2,084	-----	142	-----	----	41,769	1,565	45,560
Seattle---	-----	-----	-----	-----	----	-----	892	892
Lake Charles---	6,208	9,507	28,004	7,261	----	-----	9,882	60,862
Total	1,271,573	462,870	1,586,778	635,200	----	3,245,093	957,607	8,159,121

Total '30-'31. 1,074,725 930,181 1,663,629 471,694 29,279 1,491,272 743,682 6,404,462
 Total '29-'30. 1,252,692 814,108 1,729,292 653,970 96,271 1,208,912 693,077 6,448,322

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 May the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 20,966 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 11,565 bales. For the ten months ended May 31 1932 there were 176,852 bales exported, as against 184,722 bales for the ten 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 24 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.	
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign	Coastwise.		
Galveston	1,500	1,000	2,400	6,000	500	11,400	535,235
New Orleans	2,364	3,299	2,992	19,245	810	28,710	944,973
Savannah	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	232,216
Charleston	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Mobile	1,283	-----	-----	9,773	-----	11,056	99,257
Norfolk	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	129,177
Other ports*	1,000	2,000	3,000	17,000	-----	23,000	48,863
Total 1932.	6,147	6,299	8,392	52,018	1,310	74,166	3,527,593
Total 1931.	5,183	5,390	8,115	51,890	2,337	72,915	2,993,182
Total 1930.	6,409	6,575	8,976	42,974	2,290	67,174	1,612,581

* Estimated.

COTTON closed at a small net advance for the week, owing mainly to detrimental rains in parts of the belt, more or less talk of weevil danger, and a steady demand for spot cotton. These things offset the bearish factors which included more or less steady liquidation of July as the time approaches for the first issuance of notices.

On the 18th inst. prices declined 8 to 9 points on warmer weather, lessened rains and July liquidation, but much of this was regained on a firmer tone in stocks and covering of shorts and trade buying. The weather forecast was better. A reaction was due after a recent rise of nearly 40 points. The quantity shipped was stated by the "Chronicle" at about 80,000 bales, or some 20,000 bales larger than on the same date last year. As regards the outlook an illuminating report came from Montgomery, Ala., which said: "The middle of June finds the cotton crop of the whole belt in a more or less critical stage because of the rains that have prevailed. All sections complain of too much rain, with the exception of Texas, which, it is stated on good authority, cannot have too much rain. Up to and including the 10th of the month these rains were beneficial, but since then they have been excessive to such an extent that the plant is beginning to show signs of sappiness. Dry, sunshiny weather is badly needed in the entire belt. Rains were intermittent, and as a result crops are remarkably clean of grass and weeds. The plant seems universally healthy and in a thriving condition, but small in many cases, principally in those sections where no fertilizer has been used. From all sections chopping is reported 90% to 100% completed. In about 50% of the area in cotton the plant is squaring, and blooms are reported quite generally in South Texas and the southern parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. In the main, temperatures have been seasonable. Many sections report weevil infestation, that is, South Georgia, South Alabama, West Alabama and parts of Mississippi. Thus far the weevil has done no harm, but presumably there will be greater damage than last year, because, although not generally true, they are very numerous in many sections.

On the 20th inst. prices advanced 6 to 8 points on two points, persistent buying by spot houses and reports of increased boll weevil activity. With it went increased covering. Cotton goods trade, too, was better. Favorable crop reports were offset by the bullish factors. The plant is undersized, though otherwise making a good appearance. Fossick stressed the weevil danger while recognizing the

favorable crop features. There was a good deal of covering of hedges.

On the 21st inst. prices made a net final rise of 3 to 4 points. July was up about 10 points on bad weather, but later reacted when stocks declined and profit-taking set in. Liverpool advanced, however, 10 points on spots and futures. Oklahoma had heavy rains. They hurt. They gave rise to fears of weevil. More or less alarm in regard to weevil was felt in Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia and North Carolina. In Arkansas they are said to be puncturing the squares. Nor was it reassuring to be told that the Oklahoma Agricultural College reported weevils were found in each of 23 fields examined in eight counties averaging 33.8 to the acre compared with 19.5 last year and 12 two years ago. Worth Street was firm but quiet. Also the very sharp reduction in cotton mill activity in the United States has necessitated a downward revision of estimates of world consumption of American cotton this season, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. It now appears probable that the total consumption of the American staple will be around 12,400,000 or 12,500,000 bales as compared with earlier indications of 12,750,000 or 13,000,000. Consumption of the United States is tentatively put at 4,700,000 bales, compared with 5,084,000 last season, it says. Consumption by England promises to total around 1,400,000 bales against 944,000 bales. The Continent will probably record a total of about 3,500,000 bales compared with 3,497,000 bales last season. The Orient and minor countries promise to spin an aggregate of approximately 2,800,000 or 2,900,000 bales against 1,588,000 bales last season. The outstanding features of the consumption record for this season are the great increases by Great Britain and the Orient compared with the reduction by the United States to an extremely low level.

The weekly weather summary said: In general, the weather during the past week was favorable for cotton in the western half of the belt, but unfavorable because of too much rain in much of the East. Temperatures averaged near normal in the Eastern belt, but decidedly above normal in the West. In the Southeast, especially in Georgia, there has been entirely too much rain for the cotton crop, with many complaints of lack of cultivation, sappy growth, and unusually favorable conditions for weevil activity. In the Western belt conditions were more favorable. In Texas the warmer weather was helpful though the crop is shedding badly where not irrigated; in the dry southern part of the State fields are generally clean and stands good. In Oklahoma the progress of the crop is good, with cultivation advancing, though plants are late and small, especially in the Northwest. In the Mississippi Valley States progress was rather poor in some sections, particularly in parts of Tennessee and Mississippi, though in general it was satisfactory. In some sections there were a good many complaints of weather favorable for weevil activity.

On the 23rd inst. prices advanced 2 to 3 points on weevil talk, though the weather for the moment was favorable and July liquidation was still on. Also print cloths declined. Moreover, Japanese, the South and New Orleans sold, but there was that insatiable trade demand, the buying by spot houses disposed to take advantage of very low prices, and also purchases by Liverpool and the Continent. Despite bearish factors, there was a slight net advance suggesting the ancient simile "the hand of iron in the glove of velvet." Price fixing is there all the time. In Liverpool Bombay bought. Selling pressure ceased. Manchester had a fair inquiry for cloth from India. A wire on the 23rd inst. said that the Clemson College weevil report for June 23 shows increasing infestation in the Piedmont section and look for considerable damage, as the weather has been favorable for weevil. Weevil infestation in South Carolina is the heaviest in Anderson County, 2,250 to the acre. Other Piedmont sections 100 to 1,150; lower part of State heaviest infestation is in Calhoun County, with 85%; squares punctured. Infestation of the State outside of Piedmont section, 25%.

New Orleans wired on June 23 that the first bale of the new cotton crop was reported picked on June 16 at Rio Grande, Tex. The first bale to be picked last season was on June 26, and two years ago on June 21. The earliest bales to be picked on record was ginned May 26 in 1921.

To-day there was an early advance of a few points, but it was soon lost with the weather favorable and more or less July liquidation. The failure of a Chicago bank was noted by some, although it had no great effect, if any. Local operators, New Orleans and others sold. In South Carolina, for three days past, the weather has been much better. That excited comment. Print cloths were more generally 3 to 4c. On popular sizes, a decline from recent prices of 1/16c. On the other hand, the decline was small. Texas crop news was in some cases bullish. In Liverpool there was calling and covering. Moreover, Alexandria advanced 11 to 21 points, and this had some effect in Liverpool. Manchester reported a better demand for cloths from India. Finally there was steady calling here and also buying by spot houses and by the Continent, all of which kept the decline within very moderate limits, the ending being 3 to 5 points net lower for the day. Final prices for the week are unchanged to 2 points higher. Spot cotton ended at 5.30c. for middling, an advance for the week of 5 points.

The Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange denied the petition to make Saturday, July 2, an Exchange holiday. A New York Cotton Exchange membership sold at \$9,500, a decline of \$500.

Staple Premiums 60% of average of six markets quoting for deliveries on June 30 1932.

Differences between grades established for delivery on contract June 30 1932 Figured from the June 23 1932 average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Table listing various cotton grades such as Middling Fair, Strict Good Middling, Good Middling, etc., with their corresponding prices and market types (Mid., do, Basins, off, etc.).

*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:

Table showing daily cotton prices for the week ending June 24, 1932, with columns for Sat, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri.

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 comparing Spot Market Closed and Futures Market Closed prices against SALES (Spot, Contr't., Total) for each day of the week.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Large table showing the range of future prices for various cotton options from June 18 to June 24, 1932.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending June 24 1932 and since trading began on each option:

Table showing the range of future prices for each option from June 1932 to May 1933, including dates of trading.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows: Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening.

Table showing the Visible Supply of Cotton, including Stock at Liverpool, London, Manchester, and various international locations, with columns for 1932 and 1931 figures.

Total European stocks... Total American... Total East India, &c...

Table showing Continental imports for the past week, broken down by location such as Liverpool, Manchester, and various ports.

The above figures for 1932 show a decrease from last week of 150,667 bales, a gain of 537,174 over 1931, an increase of 2,345,032 bales over 1930, and a gain of 3,820,533 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:

Large table showing movement to June 24 1932 and June 26 1931 for various towns, including Receipts, Shipments, and Stocks.

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 26,551 bales and are to-night 539,180 bales more than at the same time last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS:

The quotations for middling upland at New York on June 24 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1932 ----- 5.30c.	1924 ----- 29.35c.	1916 ----- 13.60c.	1908 ----- 11.80c.
1931 ----- 9.80c.	1923 ----- 28.55c.	1915 ----- 9.60c.	1907 ----- 13.00c.
1930 ----- 13.25c.	1922 ----- 21.90c.	1914 ----- 13.25c.	1906 ----- 10.90c.
1929 ----- 18.30c.	1921 ----- 11.05c.	1913 ----- 12.30c.	1905 ----- 9.30c.
1928 ----- 22.25c.	1920 ----- 38.25c.	1912 ----- 11.55c.	1904 ----- 11.05c.
1927 ----- 16.80c.	1919 ----- 33.50c.	1911 ----- 15.00c.	1903 ----- 13.25c.
1926 ----- 18.55c.	1918 ----- 30.45c.	1910 ----- 15.05c.	1902 ----- 9.25c.
1925 ----- 24.20c.	1917 ----- 27.15c.	1909 ----- 11.60c.	1901 ----- 8.15c.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AIG. 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:

June 24— Shipped—	—1931-32—		—1930-31—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis.....	675	152,671	2,754	249,713
Via Mounds, &c.....	50	25,253	705	56,369
Via Rock Island.....	—	583	—	1,602
Via Louisville.....	237	8,387	75	18,317
Via Virginia points.....	3,215	169,302	3,641	176,176
Via other routes, &c.....	3,425	419,862	11,897	572,993
Total gross overland.....	7,602	776,058	19,072	1,075,170
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c....	215	26,287	620	34,527
Between interior towns.....	158	12,348	347	14,987
Inland, &c., from South.....	946	205,270	8,519	307,761
Total to be deducted.....	1,319	243,905	9,486	357,275
Leaving total net overland*.....	6,283	632,153	9,586	717,895

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 6,283 bales, against 9,586 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 85,742 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	—1931-32—		—1930-31—	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to June 24.....	40,793	9,554,709	21,134	8,417,552
Net overland to June 24.....	6,283	632,153	9,586	717,895
South'n consumption to June 24.....	75,000	4,042,000	80,000	4,080,000
Total marketed.....	122,076	14,228,862	100,720	13,215,447
Interior stocks in excess.....	*26,551	659,827	*32,277	387,245
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to June 1.....	—	513,472	—	125,845
Came into sight during week.....	195,525	—	78,443	—
Total in sight June 24.....	—	15,402,161	—	13,728,537
North. spinners' takings to June 24.....	4,800	905,486	12,060	1,028,055

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1930—June 29.....	97,226	1929.....	14,597,688
1929—June 30.....	109,644	1928.....	15,439,900
1928—July 1.....	122,825	1927.....	13,941,952

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended June 24	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, June 18.	Monday, June 20.	Tuesday, June 21.	Wednesday, June 22.	Thursday, June 23.	Friday, June 24.
Galveston.....	5 10	5.15	5.15	5.15	5.20	5.15
New Orleans.....	5 15	5.21	5.24	5.20	5.20	5.16
Mobile.....	4 90	5.00	5.05	5.00	5.00	4.95
Savannah.....	5 08	5.14	5.18	5.12	5.14	5.11
Norfolk.....	5.20	5.25	5.30	5.25	5.30	5.25
Baltimore.....	5.25	5.25	5.35	5.30	5.30	5.30
Augusta.....	5.06	5.13	5.19	5.13	5.25	5.19
Memphis.....	4.70	4.80	4.85	4.80	4.80	4.75
Houston.....	5.05	5.10	5.15	5.10	5.10	5.10
Little Rock.....	4.62	4.69	4.72	4.67	4.69	4.65
Dallas.....	4.75	4.80	4.85	4.80	4.85	4.80
Fort Worth.....	—	4.80	4.85	4.80	4.85	4.80

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, June 18.	Monday, June 20.	Tuesday, June 21.	Wednesday, June 22.	Thursday, June 23.	Friday, June 24.
June.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
July.....	5.16-5.17	5.21-5.22	5.24	5.20-5.21	5.22	5.16-5.17
August.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
September.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
October.....	5.36	5.40-5.41	5.44	5.38-5.40	5.41-5.42	5.36-5.37
November.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
December.....	5.51	5.56	5.59	5.54-5.55	5.57	5.51-5.52
Jan. (1933).....	5.58	5.63	5.66	5.61	5.62	5.58
February.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
March.....	5.74	5.80	5.81-5.83	5.78	5.80	5.74-5.75
April.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
May.....	5.89	5.94	5.96	5.92-5.93	5.95	5.89-5.90
June.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tone.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Spot.....	Quiet.	Quiet.	Steady.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.
Options.....	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.

FIRST BALE OF COTTON FROM 1932 CROP.—The first bale of the new cotton crop was reported picked on June 16 at Rio Grande, Texas, according to a dispatch from New Orleans to the "Wall Street Journal" on June 24. The first bale to be picked last season was on June 26 and two years ago on June 21. The earliest bale to be picked on record was ginned May 26 in 1921.

ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON-SPINNING INDUSTRY FOR JUNE.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that generally the weather during the week in most sections of the cotton belt has been favorable for cotton. Temperatures have been higher and there has been less rain.

Texas.—The weather has been helpful, but the crop is shedding badly where not irrigated in the dry southern part of the State. Fields are clean and stands good.

Memphis, Tenn.—It has been dry all week. The cotton crop is making good progress and blooms are reported.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer.			
Galveston, Texas.....	3 days	0.74 in.	high 88	low 73	mean 81	
Ablene, Texas.....	1 day	0.20 in.	high 96	low 64	mean 80	
Brenham, Texas.....	1 day	0.10 in.	high 98	low 72	mean 85	
Brownsville, Texas.....	—	dry	high 90	low 72	mean 81	
Corpus Christi, Texas.....	2 days	0.72 in.	high 94	low 74	mean 84	
Dallas, Texas.....	2 days	1.10 in.	high 96	low 68	mean 82	
Henrietta, Texas.....	1 day	0.52 in.	high 100	low 66	mean 83	
Kerrville, Texas.....	—	dry	high 96	low 64	mean 80	
Lampasas, Texas.....	1 day	0.02 in.	high 98	low 68	mean 83	
Longview, Texas.....	1 day	0.06 in.	high 100	low 70	mean 85	
Luling, Texas.....	—	dry	high 98	low 70	mean 84	
Nacogdoches, Texas.....	—	dry	high 96	low 68	mean 82	
Palestine, Texas.....	—	dry	high 96	low 70	mean 83	
Paris, Texas.....	—	dry	high 96	low 68	mean 82	
San Antonio, Texas.....	—	dry	high 98	low 74	mean 86	
Taylor, Texas.....	1 day	0.01 in.	high 94	low 68	mean 81	
Weatherford, Tex.....	2 days	0.74 in.	high 94	low 62	mean 78	
Ada, Okla.....	1 day	0.84 in.	high 95	low 64	mean 80	
Holly, Okla.....	2 days	0.31 in.	high 105	low 64	mean 84	
Okmulgee, Okla.....	3 days	1.49 in.	high 97	low 62	mean 79	
Oklahoma City, Okla.....	2 days	1.05 in.	high 95	low 63	mean 79	
Helena, Ark.....	—	dry	high 98	low 62	mean 80	
Eldorado, Ark.....	—	dry	high 102	low 70	mean 86	
Little Rock, Ark.....	1 day	0.20 in.	high 96	low 70	mean 83	
Pine Bluff, Ark.....	1 day	0.78 in.	high 95	low 69	mean 82	
Alexandria, La.....	—	dry	high 101	low 74	mean 87	
Amite, La.....	2 days	0.28 in.	high 95	low 67	mean 81	
New Orleans, La.....	2 days	0.16 in.	high 96	low 76	mean 86	
Shreveport, La.....	1 day	0.36 in.	high 98	low 72	mean 85	
Columbus, Miss.....	—	dry	high 105	low 73	mean 89	
Greenville, Miss.....	—	dry	high 99	low 71	mean 85	
Vicksburg, Miss.....	1 day	0.64 in.	high 95	low 72	mean 83	
Mobile, Ala.....	2 days	0.16 in.	high 94	low 74	mean 83	
Birmingham, Ala.....	1 day	0.54 in.	high 98	low 66	mean 82	
Montgomery, Ala.....	1 day	0.20 in.	high 98	low 70	mean 84	
Gainesville, Fla.....	2 days	1.90 in.	high 95	low 69	mean 82	
Madison, Fla.....	3 days	0.10 in.	high 99	low 70	mean 84	
Savannah, Ga.....	2 days	0.40 in.	high 99	low 65	mean 82	
Athens, Ga.....	1 day	0.38 in.	high 99	low 68	mean 83	
Augusta, Ga.....	2 days	0.37 in.	high 100	low 71	mean 85	
Columbus, Ga.....	2 days	1.13 in.	high 101	low 72	mean 86	
Charleston, S. C.....	2 days	0.83 in.	high 95	low 71	mean 83	
Greenwood, S. C.....	1 day	1.89 in.	high 94	low 67	mean 80	
Columbia, S. C.....	—	dry	high 96	low 70	mean 83	
Conway, S. C.....	1 day	1.45 in.	high 99	low 67	mean 83	
Charlotte, N. C.....	2 days	1.92 in.	high 95	low 66	mean 79	
Newbern, N. C.....	2 days	1.05 in.	high 97	low 68	mean 82	
Weldon, N. C.....	—	dry	high 94	low 64	mean 79	
Memphis, Tenn.....	2 days	1.52 in.	high 96	low 64	mean 83	

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:

	June 24 1932.	June 26 1931.
New Orleans.....	Above zero of gauge—	2.4
Memphis.....	Above zero of gauge—	12.1
Nashville.....	Above zero of gauge—	9.1
Shreveport.....	Above zero of gauge—	10.3
Vicksburg.....	Above zero of gauge—	15.6
		Feet.
		Feet.
		6.7
		7.4
		6.4
		17.2

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 June 20 in full below:

TEXAS.

WEST TEXAS.

Abilene (Taylor Co.)—Weather the last week has been perfect for cotton, and plant has grown rapidly. Farmers are generally well up with their work notwithstanding the grain harvest came on at the time the cotton needed work. Another week or two of favorable weather and the plant will catch up to normal size.

Lubbock (Lubbock Co.)—Hail and rain did considerable damage in spots all over the plains. Sand has also done considerable damage the past three days. This is confined to the sandiest land. Where it has not been stirred since the recent rains, the balance of cotton is doing fine, but about 10 days late. We have sufficient moisture for several weeks. Some sections report a few grasshoppers.

Shamrock (Wheeler Co.)—Since our last report this territory has had lots of heavy rains, with some hail in sections, and has caused 50% to 65% of our cotton crop to be replanted. Some of this land failed to get back in cotton, farmers thinking too late and planted feed, which will cause our cotton acreage to be reduced about 15%. Cotton crop now 20 days late, and stands very poor, other row crops very good. We are having the weather we need now, hot and dry.

Snyder (Scurry Co.)—Past week has been very favorable for cotton, dry and warm. State of cultivation has improved, however it is still bad. Would estimate the present condition at 75% of normal.

Stamford (Jones Co.)—Cotton crop has made good progress the past week. It is practically all planted and up to a good stand. Cultivation is fairly well up. Fair weather for a week or two longer will be beneficial. General condition is good though slightly late.

NORTH TEXAS.

Clarksville (Red River Co.)—No rain fell this week, chopping over second time. Stand and growth good, squaring well, some cotton blooming. Weather fine, weevils in sandy land.

Forney (Kaufman Co.)—Weather past two weeks favorable for growth and cultivation of cotton. Some grassy fields but generally well cultivated and clean. Some small acreage affected by alfalfa- or leaf-worm. Chopping practically finished. Condition 75% normal.

Nevada (Collin Co.)—5% decrease in acreage, 80% chopped. Some crops weedy, stands impaired in chopping, few squares. Flea damage general. Need dry warm weather.

Terrell (Kaufman Co.)—Cotton crop is doing as well as one could wish in this territory. Early planting is making a healthy stalk and is mostly chopped out. Late planting is mostly in the grass, but with eight or nine days of dry weather it will be chopped out. It is reported a hail storm north

of Elmo, seven miles from Terrell, did considerable damage to all crops yesterday. Dry, hot weather is needed.

CENTRAL TEXAS.

Bartlett (Bell Co.)—Cotton is all chopped. Stands are good. Fields generally are clean. Have heard of some insect damage. Plant is making satisfactory progress.

Navasota (Grimes Co.)—Cotton crop this county doing fairly well on average, but grasshoppers quite numerous in some river crops and doing much damage. Some farmers poisoning but not effectually. Weevils and fleas also present in crop, but not very active. Dry warm weather needed.

Waco (McLennan Co.)—Crop has made further favorable progress and chopping is practically completed. Fields appear in good condition although, due to lateness of crop, they do not have a normal stand. However, with continued dry, hot weather this advantage can be overcome. We believe crop fully two weeks late. Complaints, particularly about weevils have been increasing and we consider this the biggest danger to the crop, particularly if showers should set in again and we believe that with the mild winter we have had and with the lateness of the crop, the danger of weevils and other insects will be with us until the crop is actually made.

Wazahachie (Ellis Co.)—Weather very favorable during past week, crop making good progress.

Cameron (Milam Co.)—Condition past week good for growing, but lots of complaints of weevils and fleas. Some cotton squaring and blooming about two weeks late.

SOUTH TEXAS.

Alice (Jim Wells Co.)—Applies to Jim Wells, Duval and Nueces Counties Cotton has been doing wonderfully well, stalks being low, well limbed and chock full of fruit ranging all the way from tiny squares to half grown bolls. However cotton is beginning to feel the effects of scorching rays. Some farmers report cotton is beginning to shed.

San Marcos (Hays Co.)—Weather favorable, crop progress good, few insects reported.

OKLAHOMA.

Hugo (Choctaw Co.)—Weather favorable. Cultivation fair. Some squares and blooms. Progress fine. Continued hot dry weather needed to check weevil which are plentiful from recent rains.

McAlester (Pittsburg Co.)—Weather has been about right the last two weeks. It is rather hot and the winds are drawing the moisture out of the ground rather too fast now. Cotton as a whole is doing well, about 50% is rather small, but has been worked out and is looking healthy. Some complaint of grasshoppers and weevils but not enough to make any difference.

ARKANSAS.

Ashdown (Little River Co.)—Scattering showers past week were beneficial but as a whole we need rain badly. Plant too small, making slow growth. Weevil are plentiful, also hoppers.

Conway (Faulkner Co.)—Cotton has made good progress past week. Rainfall and temperature have been about right. The larger part of the crop is small but fields are clean and well cultivated. We are hearing more complaints of boll weevil.

Little Rock (Pulaski Co.)—Heavy rains first part of week, some hail but little damage. Weevils in a few sections have done some damage. Crop has made progress and is now up to average normal growth at this date.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—

The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1931-32, 1930-31. Rows include Visible supply June 17, American in sight to June 24, Bombay receipts to June 23, etc.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 4,042,000 bales in 1931-32 and 4,080,000 bales in 1930-31—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 14,221,801 bales in 1931-32 and 13,053,571 bales in 1930-31, of which 9,579,001 bales and 7,670,471 bales American.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—

The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports, Stocks at Interior Towns, Receipts from Plantations. Rows for Mar, Apr, May, June.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1931 are 10,141,383 bales; in 1930 were 8,857,662 bales, and in 1929 were 8,577,599 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 40,793 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 14,242 bales, stock at interior towns having decreased 26,551 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were nil bales and for 1930 they were 10,145 bales.

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 for Bombay, 1931-32, 1930-31, 1929-30. Includes columns for Receipts at Bombay, Exports from Bombay, etc.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 41,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 29,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 1,749,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Table showing Alexandria Receipts and Shipments for 1931-32, 1930-31, 1929-30. Includes columns for Receipts (Cantars), Export (Bales).

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending June 22 were 4,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 18,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is steady. Demand for yarn and cloth is improving. 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. Columns include 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/2 Lb. Shirts, etc.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 98,739 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

Table showing Shipping News for NEW ORLEANS, including destinations like Bremen, Japan, Oporto, etc.

GALVESTON —To Oslo—June 16—Stureholm, 225.....	225
To Gothenburg—June 16—Stureholm, 721.....	721
To Copenhagen—June 16—Stureholm, 406.....	406
To Japan—June 21—Santos Maru, 710; Atlantic Maru, 5,504.....	6,214
To China—June 21—Santos Maru, 800; Atlantic Maru, 1,009.....	1,809
To Havre—June 21—Syros, 192.....	192
To Dunkirk—June 21—Syros, 244.....	244
To Ghent—June 21—Syros, 200.....	200
To Bremen—June 21—Tannenfels, 3,563..... June 22—Youngs- town, 595.....	4,158
MOBILE —To London—June 2—Arizpa, 150..... June 3—Phoenicia, 25.....	175
To Barcelona—June 3—Phoenicia, 50.....	50
To Liverpool—June 13—Mercian, 2,493.....	2,493
To Japan—June 7—Liberator, 3,137..... June 10—Silveryew, 1,050..... June 9—Tofuku Maru, 9,811.....	13,998
To China—June 7—Liberator, 3,200..... June 9—Tofuku Maru, 100..... June 10—Silveryew, 2,975.....	6,275
To Bremen—June 15—Hastings, 1,447.....	1,447
To Hamburg—June 15—Hastings, 239.....	239
To Antwerp—June 15—Hastings, 150.....	150
HOUSTON —To Havre—June 17—Silverfir, 150..... June 23— Syros, 808.....	958
To Bremen—June 17—Silverfir, 50..... June 20—Youngstown, 3,377..... June 22—Lisbon Maru, 1,694.....	5,121
To Japan—June 18—Atlantic Maru, 4,696; Santos Maru, 1,060, June 21—Lisbon Maru, 4,061.....	9,817
To China—June 18—Atlantic Maru, 691; Santos Maru, 225 June 21—Lisbon Maru, 310.....	1,226
To Hamburg—June 21—Patricia, 619.....	619
To Dunkirk—June 23—Syros, 6.....	6
To Guayaquil—June 15—Stella Lykes, 200.....	200
To Rotterdam—June 23—Syros, 100.....	100
To Buena Ventura—June 15—Stella Lykes, 41.....	41
CHARLESTON —To Bremen—June 18—East Borough, 500.....	500
To Hamburg—June 18—East Borough, 406.....	406
PENSACOLA —To Genoa—June 28—American Press, 100.....	100
To Liverpool—June 20—Afoundria, 17.....	17
To Glasgow—June 20—Afoundria, 80.....	80
NORFOLK —To Liverpool—June 22—Hoxie, 229.....	229
To Manchester—June 22—Hoxie, 89.....	89
To Havre—June 23—City of Baltimore, 100.....	100
SAVANNAH —To Bremen—June 23—Eastborough, 1,271.....	1,271
To Rotterdam—June 23—Eastborough, 1,300.....	1,300
TEXAS CITY —To Bremen—June 15—Griesheim, 648.....	648
To Gothenburg—June 16—Stureholm, 416.....	416
To Copenhagen—June 16—Stureholm, 267.....	267
98,739	

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 Density	Stand-ard		High Density	Stand-ard		High Density	Stand-ard
Liverpool	.45c.	.60c.	Stockholm	.50c.	.65c.	Shanghai	*	*
Manchester	.45c.	.60c.	Trieste	.50c.	.65c.	Bombay	.40c.	.55c.
Antwerp	.45c.	.60c.	Flume	.50c.	.65c.	Bremen	.45c.	.60c.
Havre	.27c.	.42c.	Lisbon	.45c.	.60c.	Hamburg	.45c.	.60c.
Rotterdam	.35c.	.50c.	Oporto	.60c.	.75c.	Piraeus	.75c.	.90c.
Genoa	.40c.	.55c.	Barcelona	.35c.	.50c.	Salonica	.75c.	.90c.
Oslo	.50c.	.65c.	Japan	*	*	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:

	June 3.	June 10.	June 17.	June 24.
Forwarded	49,000	51,000	42,000	41,000
Total stocks	624,000	600,000	600,000	629,000
Of which American	297,000	279,000	280,000	302,000
Total imports	67,000	19,000	37,000	77,000
Of which American	37,000	8,000	22,000	53,000
Amount afloat	131,000	143,000	153,000	103,000
Of which American	75,000	85,000	79,000	29,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.	More demand.	Quieter.	Quiet.
Mid. Upl'ds	4.34d.	4.29d.	4.39d.	4.37d.	4.38d.	4.41d.
Sales						
Futures.						
Market opened	2 to 3 pts. decline.	Steady, unch'd to 1 pt. adv.	Steady, 2 to 5 pts. adv.	Quiet but st'dy, 5 to 6 pts. dec.	Steady, 3 to 4 pts. advance.	Sty. unch'd. to 1 point decline.
Market, 4 P. M.	Quiet, 4 to 6 pts. decline.	Steady, 1 to 2 pts. advance.	Steady, 10 to 11 pts. advance.	Quiet, 10 to 12 pts. decline.	Steady, 4 to 5 pts. advance.	Sty. unch'd. to 3 points advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

June 18 to June 24.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12.15	12.30	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00
	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.
New Contract.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
June	4.03	3.99	4.04	4.09	4.15	4.07
July	4.01	3.97	4.02	4.07	4.13	4.05
August	4.02	3.98	4.03	4.08	4.14	4.06
September	4.01	3.98	4.03	4.07	4.13	4.05
October	4.01	3.98	4.03	4.07	4.13	4.05
November	4.02	3.99	4.04	4.08	4.14	4.06
December	4.04	4.02	4.06	4.10	4.17	4.08
January (1933)	4.06	4.04	4.08	4.12	4.19	4.11
February	4.09	4.07	4.11	4.15	4.22	4.13
March	4.12	4.10	4.14	4.18	4.25	4.16
April	4.14	4.12	4.16	4.20	4.27	4.18
May	4.17	4.15	4.19	4.23	4.29	4.21
June	4.19	4.17	4.21	4.25	4.32	4.23

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, June 24 1932.

FLOUR advanced at one time but on the 21st inst. reacted with trade slow.

WHEAT shows only a small decline for the week in spite of the fact that the export demand has been poor for there is growing uneasiness about the reports of grasshoppers at the Northwest and some fear that the Southwestern harvest may be delayed by rains. Reports of grasshoppers from parts of Canada are regarded as more or less serious. Fear of this pest is also expressed in advices from Minnesota and

the Dakotas. On the 18th inst. prices closed $\frac{3}{8}$ to $1\frac{1}{8}$ c. The decline was greater at one time but a rally came with covering. The early prices were the lowest of the season. American interests sold freely in Liverpool which closed $2\frac{1}{4}$ to $2\frac{3}{4}$ d. lower. Winnipeg declined only $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ c. In Liverpool the price was down to 50c. which is unprofitable to the exporting countries of the world. The official estimate of the carryover is 360,000,000 bushels, a new high record. Producers are receiving 30c. less for No. 2 hard winter at country loading stations in the Southwest. Some Texas farmers refuse to harvest the fields.

On the 20th inst. prices advanced 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. on the eve of levying the Government tax on transactions. Also damage by storms was feared. New wheat might be damaged by heavy rain and wind storms in the Southwest. And Liverpool was unexpectedly strong advancing 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. as a natural rally after the recent sharp break. Export business was small. It was 300,000 bushels of Manitoba. On the 21st inst. prices declined $\frac{7}{8}$ c. net or $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. from the early high with stocks lower and the tax on 5,000 bushels \$1.25. Besides there was some hedge selling by the Southwest. Export business was only 500,000 bushels. On the 22nd inst. prices declined to new lows but inspired by the strength of Winnipeg rallied later and closed $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ c. net higher. The technical position in Chicago and Winnipeg seemed to be rather better. Also reports of black rust and grasshoppers had some effect. But export business was small and stocks were somewhat lower. Wheat did not show much real snap.

On the 23d inst. prices ended unchanged to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. lower in ironical response to reports of black rust in the Dakotas. People are waiting to see. They included Minneapolis elevator companies. A hot wave is feared. That would tend to spread the rust. No great export demand appeared. The stock market was irresolute. To-day prices closed $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ c. lower after an early advance on reports of grasshoppers in the Northwest and rains in the Southwest which delay harvest, but later on selling pressure set in and prices fell nearly to the lowest of the season on general liquidation due partly to a decline in stocks and dullness of the export trade. The export sales were estimated at only 250,000 bushels. Foreign crop news was favorable. Parts of Canada need rain. Final prices here show a decline for the week of 1c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BONDED WHEAT AT NEW YORK.

July	49	50	49½	49½	49	48½
October	51	52	51½	52	51½	51

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 red	62½	63½	62½	63	63¼	63½
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

July	48	48½	47½	48½	48½	47½
September	50½	51½	50½	50½	50½	50½
December	53½	54½	53½	53½	53½	53½

Season's High and When Made— | Season's Low and When Made—

July	73¼	Nov. 7 1931	July	46½	June 22 1932
September	68½	Apr. 14 1932	September	49½	June 22 1932
Dec. (new)	66¼	Apr. 26 1932	Dec. (new)	52½	June 22 1932

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

July	54	55	54½	54½	54½	53½
October	56½	57	56½	56½	56½	56
December	57	58	57½	58½	57½	57½

INDIAN CORN has acted well advancing 1 to 2c. in spite of the fact that the weather has been very favorable for the new crop and that the cash demand of late has been late. The country offerings however, have been small and elevator interests have been among the most persistent buyers. Besides corn is already very low. On the 18th inst. prices advanced $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ c. Domestic shipping sales were 168,000 bushels. The cash demand was enough to offset the decline in wheat especially as there was an export demand said to be brisk. On the 20th inst. prices advanced $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1c. in a local market helped by wheat but otherwise without distinctive feature. On the 21st inst. prices declined $\frac{1}{2}$ c. after an early advance. In the end the decline in wheat told. The tax on corn in 5,000 bushel lots at this level is 75c.

On the 22d inst. prices ended unchanged to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. higher moving down early with wheat and up later with that cereal. December was sold rather freely early. On the 23d inst. prices closed $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ c. higher on covering and lack of pressure to sell. But crop reports were good and the Eastern demand was poor. So no marked rise was possible though it is frequently remarked that prices are already very low. To-day prices closed $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. lower on some liquidation and continued very favorable weather. Also the cash demand was small. Elevator concerns were the best buyers. Country offerings were small but there was no buying power. The decline in wheat had some effect. Final prices show an advance for the week however, of $\frac{3}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: No. 2 yellow, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and values for each day.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: July, September, December, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and values for each day.

Season's High and When Made and Season's Low and When Made. Table with columns for months and years.

OATS show practically no change for the week with trading light and without interesting features of any sort. On the 18th inst., prices closed 1/8 to 1/4c. higher and the East bought December on a fair scale.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: No. 2 white, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and values for each day.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: July, September, December, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and values for each day.

Season's High and When Made and Season's Low and When Made. Table with columns for months and years.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with columns: July, October, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and values for each day.

RYE has in general followed the course of wheat, that is to say it shows a net decline of 1c. The great trouble with rye is that there is no export demand or not enough to act as a stimulus in an otherwise dull market.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: July, September, December, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and values for each day.

Season's High and When Made and Season's Low and When Made. Table with columns for months and years.

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Table listing prices for Wheat, New York; Corn, New York; Barley, New York; and Chicago, cash.

FLOUR.

Table listing prices for Spring pat. high protein, Spring patents, Clear, first spring, Soft winter straights, Hard winter straights, Hard winter patents, Hard winter clears, Fancy Minn. patents, City mills, Rye flour patents, Seminola, bbl., Nos. 1-2, Oats goods, Corn flour, Barley goods, Coarse, Fancy pearl, Nos. 2, 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.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Mobile, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Boston.

* 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, June 18 1932, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from—, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Mobile, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1931 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Col., Other countries.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, June 18, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

Table with columns: United States, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include United States, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans, Galveston, Fort Worth, Buffalo, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Wichita, Hutchinson, St. Joseph, Mo., Peoria, Indianapolis, Omaha, On Lakes, On Canal and River.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats—New York, 40,000 bushels; total, 40,000 bushels, against 83,000 bushels in 1931. Barley—New York, 1,000 bushels; Erie, 282,000; total, 283,000 bushels, against 663,000 bushels in 1931. Wheat—New York, 1,025,000 bushels; Boston, 993,000; Buffalo, 1,350,000; Erie, 126,000; On Lakes, 282,000; Canal, 684,000; total, 4,463,000 bushels, against 4,795,000 bushels in 1931.

Table with columns: Canadian, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Other Canadian.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Wichita, Sioux City, Buffalo (Lake).

Table with columns: Exports, Wheat, Corn. Rows include North Amer., Black Sea, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countr's.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, June 18 follows:

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED JUNE 22.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended June 22, follows:

In most central and eastern portions of the country showers were rather frequent during the week, but they were of a spotted nature and largely of a local character. With reaction to warmer weather than had prevailed during the preceding week in most eastern sections, temperatures were rather uniform, without noteworthy day-to-day changes.

Chart I shows that the week in general was somewhat warmer than normal, with the relatively highest temperatures in Northern States from western New England westward to the Rocky Mountains, and in the Southwest. In these sections the weekly means ranged from about 3 degrees to nearly 10 degrees above normal; elsewhere they were very close to the seasonal average. The Southwest had some high maximum readings, with 100 degrees or more reported from western Texas, southeastern New Mexico, southern Arizona and the Great Valley of California.

Chart II shows that, at some time during the week, most of the principal agricultural States had good rains, with the area from the Mississippi Valley westward to the Rocky Mountains, except the southern portions, again receiving well-distributed, substantial showers. East of the Mississippi, rain was less general. The Southeast again had some heavy falls, the middle Atlantic area was favored with needed moisture, and much of the Ohio Valley had helpful showers. The Northeast and Lake region continued mostly dry.

In relation to agriculture, there were a few rather unfavorable aspects in the weather of the past week, but in general a favorable situation was maintained over much the greater portion of the country. Seasonal farm work made about normal advance, except in a few areas. These include principally the Great Plains, where there was more or less interruption by rain to small grain harvest in the South and to cultivation of row crops in parts of the North. Also, wet fields retarded field work in some upper Mississippi Valley sections, principally northern and eastern Iowa and central Illinois, while further rains in the Southeast, principally in Georgia and some adjoining sections, kept the soil too wet for work. Wheat harvest made about seasonal progress northward to Virginia, central Illinois, and the lower Missouri River situation, conditions continued favorable in the West, and the week brought some improvement in the East. Good rains were very helpful in most of the middle Atlantic area, especially the Virginias and Maryland, while further showers were of benefit in the Ohio Valley, though in this latter area, especially in the eastern valley, they were decidedly local and in many places insufficient. The Lake region and Northeast continue unfavorably dry, with urgent need of rain in Michigan, New York, about one-third of Pennsylvania, and in considerable portions of New England.

Except for dryness in the extreme South, the entire area from the Mississippi Valley westward to the Rocky Mountains has maintained a favorable condition. There were further widespread showers and soil moisture is ample for present needs nearly everywhere, which, together with favorable temperatures, made an excellent growing week. Compared with recent years, the Northwest continues to maintain an outstandingly favorable position.

SMALL GRAINS.—Winter wheat harvest has advanced in the western Ohio Valley northward to Springfield, Ill., and to Knox County, in Indiana; in the eastern part of the valley progress of wheat was fair to very good, but the condition is disappointing, with apparent deterioration in places and heads are poorly filled in many localities. In Missouri harvest has advanced to the Missouri River, and wheat is turning in Iowa, stands are reported rather poor. In Kansas cutting is in progress in most of the eastern two-thirds, although delayed by rain, and more than half has been cut in the extreme south-central and southeast. In Oklahoma harvest was interrupted by rain at the close of the week, with considerable damage to standing grain by excessive rains, wind and hail; cutting is mostly completed in Texas, with threshing progressing.

Winter wheat advanced satisfactorily in the Northwest, and is ripening in the warmer localities of the North Pacific States; threshing continues in the Southeast, with cutting advancing northward to Virginia; rains were reported too late for a full crop in parts of the middle Atlantic area.

In the spring wheat region favorable weather conditions continued, with rapid advance toward heading in the general with color fine in the important producing sections. Winter oats continue to follow winter wheat in condition in the western part of the belt, but in the Ohio Valley much improvement occurred, with heads filling rather well wherever there was adequate moisture, although in the eastern part they were fair to poor and heading very short. Spring oats are mostly good in the immediate Northwest, except for some local lodging. Winter rye is largely headed and flax advanced favorably, with some early in bloom in North Dakota; rice is doing very well in Louisiana.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Cool; heavy rainfall decidedly beneficial to all crops. Transplanting sweet potatoes and tobacco completed. Cutting wheat well started; oats poor. Meadows and pastures improved. Fruits developing rapidly.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Moderate temperatures, ample sunshine, and showers in nearly all sections made favorable week for growth of crops, especially in north and west where rain was needed. Progress of cotton very good, though one to two weeks late. Tobacco improved. Corn, truck, sweet potatoes, peaches, and dewberries doing well. Wheat headed in mountains and ripe in Piedmont; harvesting delayed in some sections by rain.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Intermittent showers and seasonable temperatures favorable. Condition and progress of cotton fair to good. Corn good growth; old crop laid by and setting ears coming from low country. Tobacco curing and tomato harvest begun. Cucumber, snap bean, and cantaloupe harvests progressing. Sweet potato transplanting continues.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Warm weather, with almost daily rain, although excessive, with hail, at only a few scattered places. Frequency of rain now unfavorable, interfering with farm work, causing sappy growth, and favoring unusually great weevil activity. Growth of cotton good and plants look fine; chopping finished and blooming as far north as Macon. Progress of corn very good, except some damage on very low ground from standing water. Cane, peanuts, pastures, and melons doing well.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Progress and condition of cotton good, except rains unfavorable on lowlands. Locally heavy rains unfavorable for truck and melons. Citrus doing well; much new growth and June bloom. Peanuts, cane, cowpeas, and sweet potatoes good. Early corn excellent.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Frequent, locally-heavy showers and farm work delayed, with many fields grassy. Progress and condition of corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, truck, pastures, and miscellaneous crops mostly fair to good. Progress and condition of cotton mostly poor to fair in south and mostly fair to good in north; too much rain in south; plants generally small; chopping practically finished.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Good showers, but moisture needed in numerous localities, especially in northwest. Progress of cotton rather poor to fairly good; early-planted showing squares and some bloom in south and central, but favorable for weevil and shedding in south. Progress of corn mostly fair, except in dry localities. Progress of gardens, pastures, and truck fair to good.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Light to heavy rains and warmth favorable for rapid growth of all crops except insufficient moisture in northwest for good growth of corn and gardens. Cultivation generally active. Cotton advancing very favorably; squaring generally. Corn, sugar cane, sweet potatoes, truck, meadows, and pastures making excellent progress.

Texas.—Houston: Warm, with generally light to heavy rains in northwest and light to moderate falls over remainder of north portion last week; dry elsewhere. Warm weather improved cotton in most districts, though badly shedding in extreme south where unirrigated; elsewhere generally good; fields mostly clean and stands good. Corn progress good; tasseling and silking generally, but rain needed. Harvesting wheat, oats, and barley mostly completed; threshing progressing and yields mostly fair to

good, but some poor. Pastures and minor crops generally favorable, but need rain.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Warm, clear weather favorable for field work and growth of crops. Harvest of wheat and oats advanced rapidly, but interrupted by general rain at close of week, with considerable damage to standing grain in north portion by excessive rain, wind, and hail. Progress and condition of cotton good; cultivating and chopping. Progress and condition of corn very good; transplanting and sowing; crop late and plants small in northwest. Pastures and minor crops good.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton very good, due to light to moderate showers and warmth; crop clean, well cultivated, and beginning to bloom in south and central; condition very good. Progress of corn very good in most portions and condition very good. Wheat and oat harvests completed in some portions.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Light to moderate rains, but dry in sections. Progress and condition of corn excellent. Progress and condition of cotton poor to good; forming squares and well cultivated, but needs rain. Wheat varies considerably, with condition poor to fair. Oats rather short account dryness. Transplanting and resetting tobacco nearly completed.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Seasonable temperatures; rainfall light to excessive and very irregular. Pastures thriving in west-central and east. Tobacco setting and replanting being completed. Wheat ripening in north; harvest commencing in central and near completion in southwest; condition fair to very good. Progress of corn very good to excellent; condition variable, ranging from fair to excellent, but improving generally.

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

The Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce at Washington on June 14 issued its statement on the foreign trade of the United States for May and the 11 months ended with May. The value of merchandise exported in May 1932 was estimated at \$132,000,000, as compared with \$203,970,000 in May 1931. The imports of merchandise are provisionally computed at \$112,000,000 in May the present year, as against \$179,694,000 in May the previous year, leaving a favorable balance in the merchandise movement for the month of May 1932 of approximately \$20,000,000. Last year in May there was a favorable trade balance in the merchandise movement of \$24,276,000. Imports for the 11 months ended May 1932 have been \$1,619,738,000, as against \$2,258,619,000 for the corresponding 11 months of 1930-31. The merchandise exports for the 11 months ended May 1932 have been \$1,834,750,000, against \$2,896,353,000, giving a favorable trade balance of \$215,012,000 for the 11 months, against \$63,734,000 in the same period a year ago.

Gold imports totaled \$16,715,000 in May 1932, against \$50,258,000 in the corresponding month of the previous year, and for the 11 months ended May 1932 were \$499,959,000 as against \$339,908,000 in the same period a year ago. Gold exports in May were \$212,229,000, against only \$628,000 in May 1931. For the 11 months ended May 1932 the exports of the metal foot up \$1,007,727,000, against \$107,054,000 in the corresponding 11 months of 1930-31. Silver imports for the 11 months ended May 1932 have been \$23,982,000, as against \$31,158,000 in the 11 months ended May 1931, and silver exports were \$18,711,000, compared with \$37,035,000. The following is the complete official report:

TOTAL VALUES OF EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF THE UNITED STATES (Preliminary Figures for 1932 Corrected to June 14 1932.)

MERCHANDISE.

	May.		5 Months Ending May.		Increase (+) Decrease (-)
	1932	1931.	1932.	1931.	
Exports.....	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Dollars.....	132,000	203,970	726,428	1,128,890	-402,462
Imports.....	112,000	179,694	636,254	933,696	-297,442
Excess of exports.....	20,000	24,276	90,174	195,194	
Excess of imports.....					

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE, BY MONTHS.

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.
Exports—						
January.....	150,028	249,598	410,849	488,023	410,778	419,402
February.....	153,921	224,346	348,852	441,751	371,448	372,438
March.....	155,242	235,899	369,549	489,851	420,617	408,973
April.....	133,236	215,077	331,732	425,264	363,928	415,374
May.....	132,000	203,970	320,034	385,013	422,557	393,140
June.....	—	187,072	294,701	393,186	388,661	366,966
July.....	—	180,772	266,761	402,861	378,984	341,809
August.....	—	164,808	297,765	380,564	379,006	374,751
September.....	—	204,905	312,207	437,163	421,607	425,267
October.....	—	180,228	326,896	528,514	560,014	488,075
November.....	—	193,540	288,978	442,254	544,912	600,940
December.....	—	184,070	274,856	426,551	475,845	407,641
5 months end'g May	726,428	1,128,890	1,781,016	2,229,902	1,989,328	2,009,327
11 months end'g May	1,834,750	2,896,353	4,398,923	4,980,270	4,488,410	4,611,134
12 months end'g Dec.		2,424,289	3,843,181	5,240,095	5,128,356	4,865,375
Imports—						
January.....	135,520	183,148	310,968	368,897	337,916	356,841
February.....	130,978	174,946	281,707	369,442	351,035	310,877
March.....	131,189	210,202	300,460	383,818	380,437	378,331
April.....	126,567	185,706	307,824	410,666	345,314	375,733
May.....	112,000	179,694	284,683	400,149	353,981	346,501
June.....	—	175,455	250,343	353,403	317,249	354,892
July.....	—	174,460	220,558	352,980	317,848	319,298
August.....	—	166,879	218,417	369,358	346,715	368,875
September.....	—	170,384	226,352	351,304	319,618	324,154
October.....	—	168,708	247,367	391,003	355,538	355,739
November.....	—	149,480	203,593	338,472	320,565	344,269
December.....	—	153,773	208,636	309,809	339,408	331,234
5 months end'g May	636,254	933,696	1,485,642	1,932,972	1,768,683	1,768,283
11 months end'g May	1,619,738	2,258,619	3,598,628	3,938,484	3,830,251	3,897,132
12 months end'g Dec.		2,090,633	3,060,908	4,399,361	4,091,444	4,184,742

GOLD AND SILVER.

	May.		5 Months Ending May.		Increase (+) Decrease (-)
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.	
	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.
Gold—					
Exports.....	212,229	628	541,721	749	+540,972
Imports.....	16,715	50,258	127,780	176,054	-48,274
Excess of exports.....	195,514	—	413,941	—	—
Excess of imports.....	—	49,630	—	175,305	—
Silver—					
Exports.....	1,865	2,099	7,001	12,881	-5,880
Imports.....	1,547	2,636	9,352	11,609	-2,317
Excess of exports.....	318	—	—	1,212	—
Excess of imports.....	—	537	2,351	—	—

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GOLD AND SILVER, BY MONTHS.

	Gold.				Silver.			
	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.	1,000 Dollars.
Exports—								
January.....	107,863	54	8,948	1,378	1,611	3,571	5,892	8,264
February.....	128,211	14	207	1,425	942	1,638	5,331	6,595
March.....	43,909	26	290	1,635	967	2,323	5,818	7,814
April.....	49,509	27	110	1,594	1,617	3,249	4,646	5,752
May.....	212,229	628	82	467	1,865	2,099	4,978	7,485
June.....	—	40	26	550	—	1,895	3,336	5,445
July.....	—	1,009	41,529	807	—	2,305	3,709	6,795
August.....	—	39	39,332	881	—	2,024	4,544	8,522
September.....	—	28,708	11,133	1,205	—	2,183	3,903	4,374
October.....	—	398,604	9,266	3,805	—	2,158	4,424	7,314
November.....	—	4,994	5,008	30,289	—	872	4,102	8,678
December.....	—	32,651	36	72,547	—	2,168	3,472	6,369
5 mos. end. May	541,721	749	9,637	6,499	7,001	12,881	26,665	35,910
11 mos. end. May	1,007,727	107,054	119,170	111,741	18,711	37,035	68,716	80,960
12 mos. end. Dec.	—	466,794	115,967	116,583	—	26,485	54,157	83,407
Imports—								
January.....	34,912	34,426	12,908	48,577	2,097	2,896	4,756	8,260
February.....	37,644	16,156	60,198	26,913	2,009	1,877	3,923	4,458
March.....	19,238	25,671	55,768	26,470	1,809	1,821	4,531	6,435
April.....	19,271	49,543	65,835	24,687	1,612	2,439	3,570	3,957
May.....	16,715	50,258	23,552	24,098	1,547	2,636	3,486	4,602
June.....	—	63,887	13,938	30,762	—	2,864	2,707	5,022
July.....	—	20,512	21,889	35,525	—	1,603	3,953	4,723
August.....	—	57,539	19,714	19,271	—	2,685	3,492	7,345
September.....	—	49,269	13,680	18,781	—	2,355	3,461	4,111
October.....	—	60,919	35,635	21,321	—	2,573	3,270	5,403
November.....	—	94,430	40,159	7,123	—	2,138	2,652	5,144
December.....	—	89,509	32,778	8,121	—	3,215	2,660	4,479
5 mos. end. May	127,780	176,054	218,261	150,745	9,352	11,669	20,566	27,712
11 mos. end. May	499,959	339,908	328,403	236,635	23,982	31,158	51,771	64,378
12 mos. end. Dec.	—	612,119	396,054	291,649	—	28,664	42,761	63,940

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, June 24 1932.

Retail sales of textile products in recent days have continued to approximate fair proportions, with some acceleration in more than one quarter, it is reported, but meagre hand-to-mouth buying continues the rule, applicable to the public as well as to the various divisions of the trade itself, and general conditions in textiles are considered to be as bad as any yet experienced during the depression. Many observers, however, expect a decided improvement toward the middle of the coming month. Extensive curtailment of production, it is pointed out, is the more impressive in that it does not reflect important accumulations of goods in primary channels. It is predicted that clothing consumption in coming months will prove relatively heavy on the theory that values have been subjected to more thoroughgoing downward readjustment in relation to deflated purchasing power than have many other lines, and also on the theory that purchases by the public have already been delayed to a point where any strengthening of confidence, consequent upon constructive developments in the financial and political situations, might easily stimulate a decisive improvement in demand. A very great deal depends, it is generally conceded, upon the outcome of the international conferences at Lausanne and Geneva. At present the outlook at both places is somewhat brighter, though Wall Street, where a quick reflection of any improvement might be expected to appear, has not yet shown any disposition to bank on the current indications that a fairly substantial amount of disarmament may be achieved, with resultant great savings in expenditures, nor much inclination to anticipate a satisfactory solution of the international debts and reparations problems which is being confidently predicted in certain responsible quarters. Meanwhile Washington has not faded from the picture as a factor of the first order. While an early adjournment of Congress is considered vitally necessary to any nearby improvement in general trade, relief measures have yet to be acted upon by that body. The Senate yesterday adopted the Wagner Bill, which has now to be adjusted to the satisfaction of the House. How soon this readjustment will be made is uncertain, and meanwhile certain features of the Wagner Bill which have been widely criticized may possibly be enlarged by the House, which has shown a decidedly less conservative legislative disposition than the Senate. These are the

same uncertainties which have been in evidence for the past few months, and there appears to be little prospect of any far-reaching improvement in business sentiment until they are finally settled. Curtailment of production, though general and intensive, does not yet appear to be disturbing buyers, who are at present intent on liquidating inventories. They are understood to be having little trouble in acquiring odd lots of quick-selling merchandise. However, some manufacturers are said to have found it impossible to secure needed goods of a semi-staple character, and have been thus more or less forced into placing orders for future production.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The moderately increased volume of business which was in evidence in the cotton goods trade a short time ago has not been sustained. Volume has fallen again to the point of practical stagnancy, relative to the capacity of the industry, and new business is very scarce. However, sentiment is encouragingly hopeful, considering the numerous sources of uncertainty which are present in the general situation, and a constructive view is being taken in most quarters of the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants' report for May, despite the fact that it revealed the smallest volume of unfilled orders in five years, increased stocks on hand, and a sharply higher volume of production than of sales. The point is made that the increase in stocks, 4.4%, is very small in comparison with that registered during April. While the decrease in unfilled orders was rather sharp, the amount of "billings" during May amounted to 92.8% of production as opposed to "sales," which were equivalent to only 79.3% of production. Production, meanwhile, showed a sharp decrease in comparison with the previous month, while sales increased substantially, greatly reducing the discrepancy between sales and production registered in April. A still more marked reflection of curtailed output is expected to be revealed in the June and July reports. A consensus of opinion seems to incline to the belief that there will be a sharp revival in activity toward the end of the summer, and some venture to hope that seasonal dullness in July and August will not prove so marked this year. One of the most encouraging features in cotton goods is the large increase in sales of cotton trousers for men. These are very excellently styled, combining quality and distinction with that price attractiveness which is so important in these times. Gray goods markets this week have been unusually slack, and price-shading has again been in evidence. A few contract orders are reported to have been placed in print cloths. Trading in sheetings is perfunctory. Narrow drills continued quiet. Fine goods continued similarly restricted, with very small lots of scattered varieties sold from time to time. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's construction are quoted at 2 3/16c., and 28-inch 64x60's at 2 7/16c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's constructions are quoted at 3 1/2c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 4c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—As fall buying of woollens and worsteds has got under way, with the result that a number of mills now have rather substantial bookings in hand, there is considerable talk of lifting prices, though there has been no definite move as yet to translate such inclinations into action. It is remarked that current prices on worsteds do no yield a profit, and cutters are said to be in favor of an advance, in many instances, on the theory that retailers would then be less prone continually to press them for concessions, as they are doing now. Meanwhile, retailers are doing a brisk business in seasonal lines, both in regular and light weight men's clothing. Flannels and tropicals are selling very well in some stores, and as far as the present volume is concerned almost all stores express satisfaction, the price consideration, of course, being less favorable. One adverse factor is the competition suffered from seersuckers and linens, as regards tropicals. Retailers are said to be anticipating one of the most successful summer seasons in years, notwithstanding the depression. Business placed on men's wear woollens and worsteds for fall has so far centered in low-priced goods, reputedly wholesaling at from 80c. to \$1.25 per yard. Some nibbling at goods which range between \$1.25 and \$1.75 is reported, with fair-sized orders from certain chain stores within this range, but higher-priced fabrics are not attracting interest. Good business in woolen goods is expected during July, with fairly well sustained activity foreshadowed through August and September, on both men's and women's wear fabrics.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Both linen suitings and dress fabrics continue to sell in good volume at retail, as the summer season, unexpectedly active in many quarters, has got under way. There is also a somewhat better demand from some directions for household lines. Both the price basis and the statistical position continue sound. Local importers, by contracting for dyeing and finishing of linens in this country, are able to fill business in more exact quantities and with more accuracy with regard to shades than previously, it is reported. Burlaps fluctuated narrowly during the week, the prevailing trend being downward. Buying, practically negligible, continues to reflect greatly deflated consumer needs. Light weights are quoted at 3.05c., and heavies at 4.20c.

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NEWS ITEMS

Arkansas.—Injunction Suit Filed on Issuance of Road Revenue Bonds.—According to a dispatch from Little Rock to the "Wall Street Journal" of June 17 a suit has been filed in the Chancery Court asking that the State Revenue Bond Board be enjoined from issuance of \$2,572,666 in revenue bonds to be exchanged for the bonds of 19 Pulaski County road improvement districts, as authorized by an act of the recent legislative session—V. 134, p. 4352.

Chicago, Ill.—July 1 Bond Payments to Be Made.—The following notice of the city's intention to pay all its July 1 bond and certificate maturities is taken from the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of June 22:

Notice of Payment of City of Chicago Bonds and Interest Due July 1 1932.—The holders of City of Chicago bonds and City of Chicago water certificates are hereby notified that principal and interest on such indebtedness due July 1 1932, will be paid promptly at either the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York City or the office of the City Treasurer in Chicago.

Approved: M. S. SZYMCAK, Comptroller.
A. J. CERMAK, Mayor.

City School Bonded Indebtedness of the United States Placed at \$1,789,962,000.—In an oral statement made on June 18 by Dr. William John Cooper, United States Commissioner of Education, he placed the total of city school bonded indebtedness at \$1,789,962,000, which is said to be an increase of over a billion dollars in eight years, or more than 175%. The "United States Daily" of June 20 carried the following account of Dr. Cooper's statement:

"City school bonded indebtedness has reached the 'alarming total of \$1,789,962,000,' Dr. William John Cooper, United States Commissioner of Education, stated orally June 18.

"The debt increased over \$1,000,000,000 in eight years, thereby registering a 175.2% advance, with the largest increases between 1922 and 1926, Dr. Cooper pointed out.

"Although alarming, there is no need for undue apprehension," Dr. Cooper said. "Within the next 10 years cities will curtail the debt considerably without adding materially to it, he explained. The following additional information was supplied:

"The Office of Education through its Division of Statistics finds that the cities of the nation with a population of 10,000 and more were saddled with outstanding school bonds amounting to \$650,527,000 in 1922. The rise from this amount to nearly \$1,800,000,000 by the end of 1930 was indeed sharp.

"Numerous factors operated to cause the sudden floating of bonds. After the war a larger number of pupils entered the public schools. New courses were added and space for both the increased school population and curricula was necessary. Most of the debt has been incurred for building construction.

"Also during the periods of the largest bond issues, the nation was very prosperous. School officials began building when circumstances were favorable.

"School construction is now almost at a standstill, and no bonds are being floated. There will be little need for the great construction in the near future as in the immediate past because needs to meet extraordinary circumstances have been met in a large measure. Certainly in the primary schools, school construction will not be a great problem. The fall in the birth rate will tend to make the enrollments stationary by having stricter compulsory school attendance offset the apparent decrease.

"High schools present a somewhat different problem. More persons of high school age are attending school now than ever before. If a larger number enroll, a certain amount of expansion will be inevitable.

"In addition to outstanding bonds, other forms of debt amount to \$39-438,000, making a total debt of over \$1,800,000,000. The interest on this indebtedness is \$79,524,362, or more than three times that in 1922.

"In 1929-30, the cities paid \$65,880,930 from current and sinking funds to reduce their bonded indebtedness. At this rate, it would take 27 years to liquidate bonds outstanding."

Connecticut.—Changes in List of Legal Investments.—In a bulletin issued on June 22 by George J. Bassett, State Bank Commissioner, the following changes were made in the list of investments considered legal for savings bank funds:

Additions.
Central Maine Power Co. 1st mtge. 5s, 1939.
Central Maine Power Co. first and general B, 6s, 1942.
Central Maine Power Co. first and general D, 5s, 1955.
Central Maine Power Co. first and general E, 4½s, 1957.
Central Maine Power Co. first and general F, 5½s, 1961.
New York State Electric & Gas Corp. 1st mtge., 4½s, 1960.
State of Virginia refunding 4s, 1962.

Deductions.
Omaha, Nebraska and Pawtucket, R. I.

Fort Pierce, Fla.—Suit Filed to Enjoin Acceptance of Bonds for Payment of Taxes.—Five holders of bonds of the above city aggregating \$428,000, have filed suit in the U. S. District Court at Miami to enjoin the municipal officials from accepting bonds or coupons in payment of municipal taxes, according to news reports from Miami on June 20.

Louisiana.—Legislature Approves Plan for Bonding Liquidation Debt.—A constitutional amendment introduced by Representative Anzalone of Tangipahoa Parish, authorizing the State Board of Liquidation to fund into bonds the \$3,482,154.11 of debts incurred by the Board during the administration of Governor Long, and \$1,000,000 owed by the Louisiana State University, has been adopted by the Legislature. The bill was adopted by the House on June 13 and passed the Senate on June 16. This proposed amendment will be submitted to the people for adoption or rejection at the Congressional election in November. The New York "Journal of Commerce" of June 21 carried the following dispatch of the previous day from New Orleans on this action:

Adoption of a proposed constitutional amendment authorizing the State Board of Liquidation to fund the surplus in the State bond and interest tax fund to pay \$3,500,000 outstanding loans of the State Board of Liquidation and \$1,000,000 debts of the State University has been effected by the Louisiana Legislature. The measure has passed both houses and awaits presentation to Gov. Allen for signature. The proposed amendment is an administration measure, and will be signed. Action by the voters will be at the next general election in the fall.

While advancing the measure for funding unsecured State debts rising from loans negotiated by the State Board of Liquidation, the Legislature also is approving steps to fund debts of subordinate political subdivisions. The Senate passed House Bill 57, already approved by the lower branch

proposing a constitutional amendment to enable municipalities, New Orleans excluded, to issue certificates of indebtedness or other securities to pay floating indebtedness and to pledge two mills of their alimony for payment of the certificates.

Coincident with the passage of the two measures, the Legislature adopted Senate Bill 212, authorizing tax collectors of the parishes (counties), Orleans excepted, to postpone collections of 1931 taxes until Dec. 5 1932.

A commission to study sources of tax revenue as a possible means of alleviating the tax burden was authorized by the State Legislature, which adopted \$25,000 for the purpose. A tax expert will be employed to conduct the investigation.

Legislature Passes Short-Session Amendment to Federal Constitution.—According to a news dispatch from Baton Rouge on June 22, the House of Representatives has passed a bill ratifying the so-called "lame duck" amendment to the Federal Constitution. It is said to have previously been passed by the Senate. Louisiana will be the 12th State to ratify the amendment, it is stated.

Merced Irrigation District, Calif.—Protective Committee Recommends Prompt Deposit of Bonds.—The following statement was issued to the holders of the defaulted bonds of this district by the Bondholders' Protective Committee—V. 134, p. 4352—urging upon them the necessity for the prompt deposit of outstanding bonds and July 1 1932 interest coupons, in order that a settlement of the default may be more quickly consummated:

To the Holders of Bonds of Merced Irrigation District:
The undersigned Merced Irrigation District Bondholders' Protective Committee, organized in April 1931, has since that time maintained close contact with the affairs of the district, has gained an intimate knowledge of conditions within the district, and has acted in the interests of all bondholders.

The district has evidenced its willingness to reopen negotiations with bondholders by recently appointing an able intermediary to treat with the bondholders. There are more than 5,000 holders of bonds of the district. It is obvious that there can be no successful negotiations between the district and unorganized individual bondholders, and that a satisfactory solution can be reached only under the guidance of a responsible, well-informed committee representing a substantial portion of the bonds. Accordingly, further delay in the deposit of bonds will only bring about a continuance of the present unsettled conditions, delay in the settlement of the financial affairs of the district, delay in the recovery of the market price of Merced Irrigation District bonds, and a serious impairment of the tax-paying ability of the district.

If a plan is agreed upon, the deposit agreement provides that such plan be submitted by mail to the depositors for their individual approval. Based upon precedent, the committee intends that such plan will provide that the district assume the expenses of the committee, in which case the depositing bondholders will have had, without cost to themselves, the protection of unified representation. The committee again emphasizes that every member is serving without compensation of any kind.

The Treasurer of the district maintains that no presentation of interest coupons can be made until the date on which the coupons are due, and that any attempt to present coupons prior to their due date, either personally or by registered mail, is ineffective. The committee recommends that bondholders deposit their bonds promptly with one of the depositories named below, and further recommends that such deposit be made prior to June 20, in order that the depositor may have the benefit of the committee's services in making presentation of coupons due July 1 1932. All money collected for the account of such coupons will be remitted to depositing bondholders. Please direct all inquiries to the Secretaries of the committee, W. L. Temple, 485 California Street, San Francisco, or B. P. Lester, 634 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,
Livingston B. Keplinger, Chairman
Thos. W. Banks, Vice-Chairman
Milo W. Bekins
Mark C. Elworthy,
Victor Etienne, Jr.,
Robert Fullerton, Jr.,
M. Vilas Hubbard,
Fred W. Kiesel,
J. L. Osborne,
C. A. Sheedy,
Frank Weedon,

Depositories.—San Francisco, Anglo-California Trust Co., Sansome and Market Streets; Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association, 485 California Street. Los Angeles, Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, 457 South Spring Street; Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, 561 South Spring Street.

Pennsylvania.—Special Legislative Session Called for Unemployment Relief.—Following a conference with State officials, it was announced on June 20 by Governor Pinchot that he would issue a call for a special session of the State Legislature to convene at 9 p.m. on June 27 in order to consider measures for unemployment relief and balancing the budget, according to a special dispatch from Harrisburg to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of June 21. The newspaper report gave the following outline of the proposed program for consideration:

The 14-point program to which support has been pledged follows:
(1) A bill permitting all cities and other political subdivisions to make in 1932 emergency loans against uncollected delinquent taxes for unemployment relief and to pay the salaries of full-time employees; also, to refund such loans annually on an emergency basis for the four years 1933-1936, inclusive.

(2) A constitutional amendment providing for the following State loans:

"(A) A loan in an amount to be determined by the Legislature to reimburse counties, cities and town districts for amounts previously expended by them for food, clothing, fuel or shelter for the unemployed.

"(B) \$25,000,000 to meet the expenses of the State Government during the two-year period beginning June 1 1933, if the 1933 session of the Legislature determines such a loan to be necessary.

"(C) Loans from the Federal Government if and when the Legislature authorizes the Governor to make them.

"(3) An Act allowing all political subdivisions of the State by ordinance to permit local taxes to be paid in monthly installments.

"(4) An Act extending the taxpaying power of Philadelphia.

"(5) An Act giving all political subdivisions of the State more effective power to collect delinquent taxes.

Would Restore Appropriations.
"(6) An Act allowing the Council of Philadelphia to fix the number and compensation of employees of Philadelphia County.

"(7) An Act restoring appropriations for mothers' assistance, hospitals and universities, abated by the passage of the Talbot Act.

"(8) An Act revising the method of taxing foreign corporations so as to compel them to pay more nearly on an equality with domestic corporations.

"(9) Eliminating the exemption from the 8-mills gross-receipts tax of natural gas companies, artificial gas companies, water companies and steam-heat companies.

"(10) Reduction of State building appropriations.

Closed Banks Involved.
"(11) Legislation authorizing the creation of limited dividend housing companies. The purpose of these companies is to construct improved dwellings for workers in large cities. Maximum rentals are fixed by the legislation.

"(12) Authorizing the Secretary of Banking to pledge the assets of closed banks so as to enable him to make loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and also, with the approval of the court, to lease real estate of closed banks for terms not exceeding ten years.

"(13) Authorizing building and loan associations within certain limitations to borrow money from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

"(14) A constitutional amendment authorizing the State Government to distribute, in whole or in part, among political subdivisions of the State, axes collected by it."

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. O. Galleher, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) on July 11, for the purchase of \$484,715.64 6% special assessment improvement bonds, divided as follows:

\$262,295.34 bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$26,295.34 in 1933; \$26,000 from 1934 to 1941, incl., and \$27,000 in 1942.
195,891.15 bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$39,891.15 in 1933, and \$39,000 from 1934 to 1937, inclusive.
26,529.15 bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,529.15 in 1933; \$1,000 from 1934 to 1946, incl., and \$2,000 from 1947 to 1952, incl.

Each issue will be dated Aug. 1 1932. Bonds will be issued in coupon form, registerable as to principal only, or exchangeable for registered instruments. Principal and int. (April and October) will be payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the order of the Director of Finance, is required.

AKRON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Summit County, Ohio.—NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—In a notice issued under date of June 21, Irene M. Moses, Clerk of the Board of Education, advises holders of Akron school bonds, due April 1 1932, that payment of same will be made on July 1 1932, if presented to the usual paying agents. (The Board of Education was obliged temporarily to postpone meeting of this maturity because of court litigation pertaining to the right of the Board to use funds derived from the tax levy for operating purposes to meet bond service requirements. This procedure has been sustained by the Court of Appeals, which reversed a previous decision by the Court of Common Pleas.—V. 134, p. 4354.)

ALBANY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Albany), Shackelford County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$28,000 issue of 5% school refunding bonds that was sold recently—V. 134, p. 4022—was registered on June 13 by the State Comptroller. Due \$2,000 from 1933 to 1946, optional on any interest paying date.

ALDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Alden), Erie County, N. Y.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposed \$85,000 school building construction bond issue was defeated for the second time on June 20, when it was rejected by a vote of 213 to 136. At a previous election the adverse vote was 120 to 114.—V. 134, p. 4354.

ALDERWOOD WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Everett), Snohomish County, Wash.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 11—V. 134, p. 3502—the voters approved the proposed issuance of \$75,000 in water bonds by a wide margin.

ALLEN COUNTY (P. O. Lima), Ohio.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—Application has been made to both the State Relief Commission and the State Tax Commission, at Columbus, for permission to issue \$84,000 poor relief bonds, pursuant to authority contained in the Espy-Roberts poor relief bond act, the validity of which has been upheld by the State Supreme Court.—V. 134, p. 3502.

ALLIANCE, Stark County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$7,500 5% coupon water works improvement bonds offered on June 23—V. 134, p. 4523—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated July 1 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 in 1933, and \$1,000 from 1934 to 1940, inclusive.

AMERICAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT (P. O. Sacramento), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on July 27, by C. H. Merry, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, for the purchase of a \$565,000 issue of improvement bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 7% payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan 15 1932. Due on July 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1936 to 1941; \$10,000, 1942 to 1949; \$15,000, 1950 to 1958; \$20,000, 1959 to 1962; \$25,000, 1963 to 1965; \$30,000, 1966 and 1967, and \$35,000, 1968 to 1970. These bonds were authorized by an election held on Sept. 17 1931, in said District for Flood Control purposes, under that certain Act of the Legislature known as "American Flood Control District Act." Bids will be received for all or any of said \$565,000 principal amount of said bonds, but in no event for less than 90% of their face value. The approving opinion of Orrick, Palmer & Dahlquist, of San Francisco, will be furnished. A certified check for 5% of the total amount bid, payable to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, is required. (These bonds were offered for sale without success on March 1—V. 134, p. 1809.)

AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Austin), Travis County, Tex.—CORRECTION.—We are informed that the report appearing in V. 134, p. 355, to the effect that an issue of \$150,000 school site bonds was voted at an election held on Dec. 21, was erroneous.

BALTIMORE, Md.—CITY TO OBTAIN FURTHER LOAN.—CURRENT BORROWINGS ALREADY TOTAL \$9,000,000.—Mayor Jackson announced on June 22 that the city would borrow a further loan of \$1,000,000 from local banks, bearing interest at 3%. The city, it was said, has already obtained \$9,000,000 on short-term notes since the beginning of the year, at interest rates ranging from 4 to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ %. The Mayor said that he hoped the city would be able to get along without any additional loans during the remainder of this year.

BARBERTON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Floyd S. Dutt, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on July 5 for the purchase of \$104,051.92 5% bonds, divided as follows:

\$73,501.92 Johnson's Corners Water Line, special assessment bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,901.32 in 1933, and \$8,000 from 1934 to 1941, inclusive.
31,200.00 Johnson's Corners Water Line, city's portion bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,200 in 1933, and \$3,500 from 1934 to 1941, inclusive.

Each issue is dated July 1 1932. Principal and interest (April and October) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Bids to be made subject to approval of issue by attorney for the purchaser.

BARNESVILLE, Clay County, Minn.—BOND SALE PENDING.—It is reported that the State of Minnesota will purchase at par the \$30,000 issue of 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % street paving bonds that was voted at the election on June 14—V. 134, p. 4354.

BAY COUNTY (P. O. Bay City), Mich.—BOND SALE.—In connection with the report in V. 134, p. 4523 of the submission of a bid of 90.09 at the offering on June 15 of \$333,000 4% courthouse construction bonds. County Clerk Oscar LaLonde informs us that the offer was made by Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., of Toledo, and has been accepted by the county. The discount in dollars is \$33,000 and the net interest cost of the financing to the county is about 5.74%. Bonds are dated June 1 1932 and mature annually on June 1 from 1933 to 1944, incl. C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago, bid for an option on the bonds, and named a discount of \$36,724.

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Bedford), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—PURCHASER.—The issue of \$10,000 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % poor relief bonds reported sold in V. 134, p. 4523—was purchased at a price of par by the Fisher Bros. Co., of Bedford. Dated Sept. 15 1931. Due \$2,000 on Sept. 15 from 1933 to 1937, incl.

BELLEVILLE, Essex County, N. J.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The notice of sale calling for sealed bids until June 28 for the purchase of six issues of coupon or registered 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % bonds aggregating \$616,000, described in—V. 134, p. 4523—has been rescinded and a further notice issued in its place, soliciting tenders for the purchase of the bonds until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 5. Offers should be addressed to John J. Daly, Town Clerk. No changes have been made in the particulars of the various bond issues as previously reported, although the provisions of sale have been elaborated upon as follows: The bonds cannot be sold for less than 99% of their par value, and the several amounts necessary to be raised by the sale of said bond issues (exclusive of the amount of any interest accrued on the bonds), respectively, are as follows, viz.: In the case of the assessment bonds, series A, \$26,730; in the case of the assessment bonds, series B, \$89,300; in the case of the assessment bonds, series C, \$163,350; in the case of the assessment bonds, series D, \$148,500; in the case of the assessment bonds, series E, \$49,500; and in the case of the assessment bonds, series F, \$153,460; and no more bonds of any issue will be sold than will produce the amount necessary to be raised by the sale of such issue (exclusive of accrued

interest), and an additional sum of less than \$1,000 for each issue. If less than the maximum authorized amount of any issue is sold, the unsold bonds of that issue will be those last maturing.

BEREA, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Parshall, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on July 1 for the purchase of \$9,889.69 6% special assessment portion improvement bonds. Dated May 1 1932. One bond for \$889.69, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$889.69 in 1933, and \$1,000 from 1934 to 1942, incl. Interest is payable in April and October. Bids for the bonds to bear int. at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$100, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The unconditional approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, will be furnished the successful bidder.

BERGEN COUNTY (P. O. Hackensack), N. J.—\$1,000,000 LOAN REPAID.—The \$1,000,000 temporary loan obtained on March 16 through the sale of 6% tax anticipation bonds to a group composed of the Chase National Bank, the Bankers Trust Co. and the Bank of New York & Trust Co.—V. 134, p. 2199—has been repaid from tax collections for the first half of 1932, it was reported on June 22. At the same time it was reported that the names of six municipalities in the county which have not paid their taxes for the first half of this year have been referred to County Counsel Stanton T. Lawrence for legal action. These municipalities together with the amount of taxes owing, were reported as follows: North Arlington, \$29,814; Garfield, \$92,697; Fairview, \$27,549; Cresskill, \$12,039, and Lodi Borough, \$41,409. Lyndhurst has paid \$21,000, but still owes \$40,000 and is on the delinquent list. North Arlington owes \$20,000 from the last half of 1931 and Garfield owes \$174,992 for the same period.

BETHEL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Fredericksburg), Lebanon County, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania has approved of a \$10,000 public road and funding bond issue contemplated by the township.

BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The three issues of bonds aggregating \$550,000, offered for sale on June 21—V. 134, p. 4192—were not sold as there were no satisfactory bids received. It is stated that the sale has been indefinitely postponed. The issues are described as follows:

\$250,000 5% grade crossing abolition bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1928. Due on Oct. 1 1934 and 1935.
160,000 6% public impt. bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Due from July 1 1933 to 1942 incl.
170,000 5% bridge bonds. Dated April 1 1930. Due from April 1 1935 to 1938.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Granville Wells, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on July 8, for the purchase of \$16,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % center Township road impt. bonds. Dated June 16 1932. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943.

BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan, awarded a \$3,000,000 temporary note issue on June 21 to the Shawmut Corp. of Boston, which named a rate of interest of 2.25%. Issue is dated June 22 1932 and matures on Oct. 6 1932. This loan brings the total of such borrowings so far this year to \$20,000,000, of a total borrowing capacity for 1932 of \$30,000,000, according to report. At the last previous sale on June 5 the city obtained \$2,000,000, due Oct. 7 1932, at an interest cost of 1.64%, the most favorable terms at which a sale has been arranged during the present year.—V. 134, p. 4354. Bids received on the present occasion were as follows:

	Discount Basis
Shawmut Corp. (successful bidder)	2.23%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	2.27%
First National Bank of Boston (plus \$13 premium)	2.38%

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Albert P. Briggs, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on June 27 for the purchase at discount basis of a \$400,000 temporary loan. Dated June 27 1932 and due on Nov. 8 1932.

BUCYRUS, Crawford County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance recently adopted by the city council provides for the sale of \$10,000 6% road improvement bonds, \$2,000 of which, representing the city's portion, will mature \$500 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1936, incl., while the special assessment portion of \$8,000, will mature \$1,000 on April 1 from 1934 to 1941, incl. All of the bonds will be dated Oct. 1 1932.

BURLINGTON, Des Moines County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. on June 27 by Robert Schlamp, City Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$105,000 sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1935 to 1947, and \$10,000, 1948 to 1951, all incl. Sealed bids will be received up to the hour of calling for open bids. The printed bonds and the approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will be furnished. (This report supplements that given in V. 134, p. 4523.)

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on July 14 by Charles G. Johnson, State Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$244,000 issue of 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % State Park bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 2 1929. Due on Jan. 2 as follows: \$61,000 in 1950 and \$183,000 in 1951. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 2) payable in gold at the office of the State Treasurer, or at the fiscal agency of the State in New York City. Bonds cannot be sold for less than par and accrued interest. A certified check for 1-10th of the amount of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the above State Treasurer, is required. (The preliminary report of this offering appeared in V. 134, p. 4523.)

CANTON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Samuel E. Barr, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on July 11 for the purchase of \$97,607.45 6% bonds, divided as follows: \$35,608.15 street impt. bonds. Dated June 1 1932. Due June 1 as follows: \$3,608.15 in 1934; \$4,000, 1935; \$3,000, 1936; \$4,000, 1937; \$3,000, 1938; \$4,000, 1939; \$3,000, 1940; \$4,000, 1941; \$3,000, in 1942, and \$4,000 in 1943.

30,720.00 street impt. bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Due July 1 as follows: \$3,220 in 1934; \$3,000, 1935; \$3,500 in 1936, and \$3,000 from 1937 to 1943 incl.
27,440.65 street impt. bonds. Dated June 1 1932. Due June 1 as follows: \$5,440.65 in 1934, and \$5,500 from 1935 to 1938 incl.
3,838.65 street impt. bonds. Dated June 1 1932. Due June 1 as follows: \$838.65 in 1934; \$500, 1935; \$1,000, 1936; \$500 in 1937, and \$1,000 in 1938.

Prin. and int. (Jan. and July, and June and Dec.) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer's office. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a lesser rate will also be considered. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. A certified copy of the abstract showing the legality of each issue will be furnished the successful bidder.

CASPER, Natrona County, Wyo.—BONDS CALLED.—It is reported that Nos. 1 to 10 of the water bonds of July 1 1917 are called for payment at any bank in Casper, on July 1, on which date interest shall cease. Due on July 1 1947, and optional on July 1 1932.

CHICAGO, Cook County, Ill.—ADDITIONAL WARRANTS CALLED.—Lewis E. Myers, President of the Board of Education, announced on June 20 that the following described tax-anticipation warrants are called for payment, on or before June 24, at the office of the City Treasurer, Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago, or the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York: Educational fund, 1930, Nos. E-89 to E-93, for \$250,000 each, 6%, dated June 5 1930.
Building fund, Nos. B-1813 to B-1904, for \$5,000 each, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ %, dated Nov. 1 1930.

CHILLICOTHE, Ross County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance recently adopted by the City Council provides for the issuance of \$41,500 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % special assessment improvement bonds, to be dated July 2 1932. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due annually on Jan. 2 from 1934 to 1942 incl. Principal and interest (Jan. and July 2) are payable at the Ross County National Bank, Chillicothe.

CLEBURNE, Johnson County, Tex.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$114,673 issue of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % funding bonds that was purchased by H. C. Burt & Co. of Houston—V. 134, p. 2379—was awarded at a price of 98.50, a basis of about 5.64%. Due as follows: \$1,673 in 1932; \$2,000, 1933 to 1939; \$3,000, 1940 to 1945; \$4,000, 1946 to 1950; \$5,000, 1951 to 1955, and \$6,000, 1956 to 1961, all incl.

CLIFTON MILLS, Breckenridge County, Ky.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$20,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. funding bonds offered on June 20—V. 134, p. 4524—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated June 1 1932. Due \$1,000 from June 1 1933 to 1952 incl.

CODY, Polk County, Wyo.—BONDS CALLED.—It is stated that the city is desirous of retiring the 6% sewer bonds of July 1 1924 and they will be paid if presented to the Shoshone National Bank of Cody.

CRANFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cranford), Union County, N. J.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—A group composed of C. A. Prelm & Co. of New York; Adams & Mueller and C. P. Dunning & Co., both of Newark, made public offering on June 22 of \$174,000 6% coupon or registered bonds at prices to yield 5.75%. These are the bonds for which no bids were received at the competitive offering on June 14, a 1/2 which were sold later privately at a price of 99, a basis of about 6.185%.—V. 134, p. 4524.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Muncie), Ind.—NOTE SALE.—The \$76,290 6% poor relief bonds offered on June 11—V. 134, p. 4192—were awarded at a price of par on the joint bid of the following Muncie institutions: Merchants Trust & Savings Bank, Merchant National Bank and the Delaware County National Bank. Only one bid was received. Notes are dated May 15 1932 and mature \$38,145 on May and Nov. 15 1933.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Media), Pa.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—Moncure Biddle & Co. of Philadelphia, are making public offering of \$81,000 4 1/2% bonds, due April 1 from 1950 to 1957, at prices to net a yield of 4%.

DELAWARE RIVER JOINT COMMISSION (P. O. Camden), Camden County, N. J.—BANKERS ADVISE AGAINST EARLY OFFERING OF PROPOSED \$42,000 ISSUES.—Following a conference on June 23 between the finance committee of the Joint Commission and representatives of leading investment banking institutions in New York and Philadelphia regarding the proposed sale of \$42,000,000 bonds—V. 134, p. 4524—it was announced that the bankers had advised against the early offering of the issue, pointing out that "the market at the present time is not favorable for the successful flotation of such an issue." The statement of the finance committee in connection with the result of the conference is reproduced herewith, in part:

"The Finance Committee of the Delaware River Joint Commission met this afternoon in the Administration Bldg., Bridge Plaza, Camden, with representatives of investment banking syndicates to discuss the proposed Delaware River Bridge bond issue.

"One syndicate representing 30 large firms and banks was headed by L. H. Appar of the National City Co. of New York; John S. Linen, Vice-President, Chase Harris Forbes Corp., New York; and E. C. Williams, Manager, Municipal Bond Department Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York. The other syndicate was represented by Percy E. Hall of Drexel & Co., with affiliations of many institutions.

"The committee was told definitely by the representatives of the two syndicates that the market at the present time was not favorable for the successful flotation of an issue of either \$32,000,000 to repay Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Philadelphia for their investment in the bridge, or a total issue of \$40,000,000 combining the repayment and the amount necessary to construct the proposed high-speed transit line across the bridge.

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"The committee was advised that both syndicates had a high appreciation of the merits of the proposed bonds but that it would be unwise to pledge the bridge revenues for 30 or 40 years at the inordinately high rate of interest that the present market would demand. They pointed out the prospects of increased attractiveness of high-grade tax-exempt bonds such as those discussed to-day and assured the committee of their renewed interest when conditions in the security market improved.

"The committee announced after the conferences that it would report at the next meeting of the Commission the counsel received from the bankers and from any other investment houses which may interest themselves in the proposed bond issue.

"Later in the day Winthrop H. Battles and Henry L. Matthews of Battles & Co., Philadelphia, conferred with the committee.

"The Finance Committee was represented by Barton F. Sharp, Chairman; Lucius E. Hires, I. Norwood Griscom, J. Willison Smith and William H. Folwell. Others who took part in the conferences were T. Harry Rowland and Harold D. Saylor, counsel for the Commission, and Joseph K. Costello, General Manager of the bridge."

DETROIT, Wayne County, Mich.—BANKERS TO ASSIST IN FORMULATION OF FINANCIAL PROGRAM.—City Controller G. Hall Roosevelt is reported to have stated recently that negotiations are in progress with a New York banking syndicate to formulate a fixed financial program for the city during the 1932-1933 fiscal year, which will include the sale of \$14,128,500 refunding bonds, authority for which has already been requested of the State Loan Board at Lansing. The various bonds included in the refunding program have been listed as follows: Presently outstanding refunding bonds amounting to \$4,400,000; emergency bonds, \$2,266,000; lighting bonds, \$824,000; general public improvement bonds, \$3,338,000; library bonds, \$64,000; and \$2,836,500 school bonds. In connection with the proposed \$300,000,000 Federal relief fund to States, Mr. Roosevelt is further reported as saying that the city's share of the fund will be about \$4,200,000, and expressed the belief that repayment on its part will not be necessary, as the money will be deducted from the usual quota of Federal road aid funds to the State of Michigan.

DOOR COUNTY (P. O. Sturgeon Bay), Wis.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$270,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. highway bonds offered on June 10—V. 134, p. 4192—was not sold as there were no bids received. Due from 1942 to 1944.

DOUGLAS COUNTY (P. O. Superior), Wis.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$200,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. highway impt. bonds offered on June 22—V. 134, p. 4356—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated May 1 1931. Due from May 1 1936 to 1940.

DUBUQUE, Dubuque County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$90,000 issue of storm sewer bonds offered for sale on June 20—V. 134, p. 4356—was awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, as 4 1/2%, paying a premium of \$1,460, equal to 101.62, a basis of about 4.37%. Dated June 1 1932. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1941; \$25,000, 1942 and 1943; \$20,000, 1944, and \$10,000 in 1945. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, will furnish the legal approval.

DURHAM, Durham County, N. C.—NOTE SALE.—A \$200,000 issue of revenue anticipation notes was offered for sale on June 14 and purchased by the Fidelity Bank of Durham at 6%. Dated June 27 1932. Due on Dec. 27 1932. (This report corrects the preliminary sale notice given in V. 134, p. 4524.)

EAST LIVERPOOL, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance recently adopted by the City Council provides for an issue of \$26,500 6% garbage disposal plant bonds, to be dated July 1 1932 and mature on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,500 in 1933; \$3,000, 1934; \$5,000 from 1935 to 1937 incl., and \$6,000 in 1938. One bond for \$1,500, others for \$1,000.

ENGLEWOOD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—Although no formal bids were received at the offering on June 21 of \$1,012,000 coupon or registered bonds—V. 134, p. 4524—the city sold the obligations privately, as 6s, at a price of 99, giving an annual interest cost basis of about 6.09%, to a syndicate composed of C. A. Prelm & Co. and B. J. Van Ingen & Co., both of New York; Adams & Mueller of Newark, H. L. Allen & Co. of New York, and C. P. Dunning & Co. of Newark. The sale comprised:

\$800,000 school bonds. Due June 1 as follows \$20,000 from 1934 to 1968 incl., and \$25,000 from 1969 to 1972 incl.

212,000 general impt. bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1934 to 1939 incl., and \$10,000 from 1940 to 1956 incl.

Each issue is dated June 1 1932. Public re-offering of the bonds is being made at prices to yield 5.25% for the 1934 maturity; 1935 to 1938, 5.50%; 1939 to 1941, 3.60%; 1942 to 1950, 5.70%, and 5.75% for the maturities from 1951 to 1972 incl. Legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York and New Jersey, according to the bankers.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—The County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on June 28 for the purchase at discount basis of an issue of \$10,000 industrial farm maintenance notes, dated June 28 1932 and due June 28 1933.

FORT WAYNE, Allen County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The city has issued a call for sealed bids to be received until July 12 for the purchase of \$800,000 4 1/4% water works plant improvement bonds, of an authorized

issue of \$2,500,000. (Previous notices to the intention of the city to sell this block of bonds, together with details of the initial award of \$1,000,000 was made in V. 134, p. 4356.)

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$601,600 poor relief bonds offered on June 22—V. 134, p. 4192—were awarded as 6s, at a price of par, to a syndicate composed of the BancOhio Securities Co. of Columbus, and the following Cincinnati associates: Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc.; Seasongood & Mayer; Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.; Van Lahr, Doll & Ipsporhing; Fifth-Third Union Securities Co., and the Weil, Roth & Irving Co. Dated June 1 1932. Due on March 1 as follows: \$103,600 in 1934; \$113,000, 1935; \$120,000, 1936; \$127,000 in 1937, and \$135,000 in 1938.

GARFIELD, Bergen County, N. J.—CITY NEGOTIATES FOR LOAN FROM RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION.—City Auditor George W. Botbyl has announced that negotiations are in progress for a loan of \$300,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, of which about \$270,000 would be used to pay State and county taxes. Of this amount, \$175,000 has been due since last December, it was said. Botbyl said recent legislation entitles the city to the loan if its tax anticipation certificates are approved by the city depository, the First National Bank of Garfield. He expects the loan will be made in a month.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—E. H. Malone, City Auditor, advises that no bids were received at the offering on June 18 of two 6% special assessment bond issues aggregating \$94,353.74—V. 134, p. 4356. Mr. Malone states that the bonds will be disposed of at private sale.

GARRETT SCHOOL CITY, DeKalb County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on July 2 for the purchase of \$28,000 5% refunding bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$500. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1933; \$2,000 from 1934 to 1943 incl., and \$3,000 in 1944. Principal and semi-annual interest are payable at the Garrett State Bank. Bids should be addressed to the Treasurer of the School Board, at the Garrett State Bank, and must be accompanied by a certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the school city. Purchaser to procure his own opinion as to the legality of the issue. The total assessed value for taxation of all taxable property within the city of Garrett is \$3,644,040 and the total of said school city of Garrett, including the indebtedness to be incurred by this issue of bonds is less than 2% of the said assessed value.

GENOA, LEDYARD, VENICE AND LANSING CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Kings Ferry), Cayuga County, N. Y.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The issue of \$150,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds unsuccessfully offered on May 31—V. 134, p. 4193 is being re-advertised for award at 3 p. m. (eastern standard time) on June 27. Sealed bids will be received until that time by Charles H. Long, District Clerk. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1934 and 1935; \$2,000, 1936 to 1941; \$3,000, 1942 to 1949; \$4,000, 1950 to 1953; \$5,000, 1954 to 1957; \$6,000, 1958 to 1960; \$7,000, 1961 and 1962; \$8,000, 1963 and 1964; \$9,000 in 1965 and 1966, and \$10,000 in 1967. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (January and July) are payable at the office of the Irving Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 2% must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

GERMAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. McClellandtown), Fayette County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—F. M. Lardin, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. on July 5 for the purchase of \$85,000 5% coupon refunding bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1933 to 1937 incl., and \$9,000 from 1938 to 1942 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) are payable at the Second National Bank, Uniontown. No good faith deposit is required. Bonds are being issued under authority of Section 506 of School Laws of Pennsylvania.

Financial Statement As of June 16 1932.

Assessed valuation, realty only, 1932 \$6,135,753. Total actual valuation (est.) 18,000,000. Total bonded debt (excl. this issue) 35,000. Sinking fund 8,391. Floating debt 21,800.

Tax rate per \$1,000, 1932, \$33. Population: 1920 census, 14,582; present (est.), 16,500.

GLADEWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gladewater), Gregg County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 13—V. 134, p. 4356—the voters approved the proposed issuance of \$100,000 in 5% school bonds by what was reported to have been a margin of about 2 to 1. Due \$20,000 from Dec. 20 1932 to 1936 incl.

GLOUCESTER, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$45,000 water department bonds recently authorized by the city council—V. 134, p. 4525—has been purchased as 4s by the Gloucester National Bank at a price of 100.138, a basis of about 3.98%. Dated July 1 1932. Due \$3,000 annually from 1933 to 1947, incl. Principal and interest (January and July) are payable at the First National Bank, of Boston.

GLOUCESTER, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Wilmot A. Reed, City Treasurer, reports that the \$100,000 temporary loan offered on June 22 was awarded to the First National Old Colony Corp. of Boston at 4.19% discount basis. Dated June 27 1932 and due on Feb. 24 1933.

GOLDENDALE, Klickitat County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance is reported to have recently been passed by the Town Council calling for an election on July 5 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$20,000 in street improvement bonds.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Lewis V. Brewer, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on July 15 for the purchase of \$21,600 4 1/2% bonds, comprising the following issues:

- \$8,600 Grant Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$430. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. 6,500 Beech Creek Twp. road bonds. Denom. \$325. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. 6,500 Beech Creek Twp. road bonds (further issue). Denom. \$325. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. Each issue is dated July 15 1932. Principal and interest (Jan. and July 15) are payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

HADDONFIELD, Camden County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—John G. Hann, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (day-light saving time) on July 5 for the purchase of \$40,000 6% coupon or registered street assessment bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on July 1 from 1933 to 1936 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) are payable at the Haddonfield National Bank, or at the Chase National Bank, New York. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$40,000. A certified check for 2%, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 poor relief bonds offered on June 17—V. 134, p. 4193—were awarded as 5 1/2s to a group composed of Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc.; Van Lahr, Doll & Ipsporhing, and the Weil, Roth & Irving Co., all of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$711, equal to 100.07, a basis of about 5.73%. Dated June 1 1932. Due March 15 as follows: \$180,000 in 1934; \$190,000, 1935; \$200,000, 1936; \$210,000 in 1937, and \$220,000 in 1938. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

The issue of \$403,371.63 Deer Park sewer construction bonds offered on the same day—V. 134, p. 4024—was awarded to a group composed of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago; the BancOhio Securities Co. of Columbus; the Davies-Bertram Co. of Cincinnati; and Breed & Harrison, Inc., also of Cincinnati, as 4 3/4s, at par plus a premium of \$405.38, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 4.74%. Dated June 1 1932 and due as follows: \$11,371.63 March 15 and \$10,000 Sept. 15 1933; \$11,000 March and \$10,000 Sept. 15 in 1934 and 1935, and \$10,000 March and Sept. 15 from 1936 to 1952 incl.

OTHER BIDS.—The one other bid received for the \$1,000,000 poor relief issue was submitted by a group composed of the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.; Seasongood & Mayer, and the Fifth-Third Securities Co., all of Cincinnati, which named a price of par plus a premium of \$100 for the bonds at 5 1/2% int. The offer was rejected in favor of the 5 3/4% int. tender as it was conditioned upon the award to the group of both of the issues offered, which named a 5% rate for the \$403,371.63 sewer bonds as compared with that of 4 1/4% by the Harris Trust syndicate.

Public re-offering of the \$1,000,000 poor relief bonds is being made at prices to yield 4.70%. They are described by the bankers as being direct obligations of Hamilton County, issued under authority of an act of the Ohio Legislature, the validity of which has been upheld by the Supreme Court of the State. (See "Chronicle" of April 30 1932—V. 134, p. 3316.) They are payable from direct ad valorem taxes levied against all taxable property in the County, additionally secured by an excise tax levied by the State against Public Utilities operating within the State.

Tenders for the \$403,371.63 sewer issue were as follows:

Bidder—	Interest Rate.	Amount Bid.
* Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; BancOhio Securities Co., Columbus; the Davies-Bertram Co., Cincinnati, and Bred & Harrison, Inc., Cincinnati.	4 3/4 %	\$403,775.01
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., Cincinnati; VanLahr, Doll & Ishpording, Cincinnati, and Weil, Roth & Irving, Cincinnati.	5 %	405,795.00
Fifth-Third Securities Co., Cincinnati; Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati, and Seansongood & Mayer, Cincinnati.	5 %	405,388.48

* Successful group.

The Harris Trust syndicate is re-offering the \$403,371.63 4 3/4 % sewer bonds for general investment at prices to yield 4% for the 1933 maturity 1934, 4.10%; 1935, 4.20%; 1936, 4.30%; 1937 and 1938, 4.40%; 1939 and 1940, 4.50%, and 4.60% for the maturities from 1941 to 1952, incl. Legal investment for savings banks in New York and other States, the bankers report, in addition to being eligible in their opinion as security for Postal Savings Deposits. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland.

HAMTRAMCK, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank Matulewicz, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on June 30 for the purchase of \$276,604.71 6% refunding bonds, issued under the provisions of Public Act, No. 13 of the extra legislative session of 1932, for the purpose of refunding direct obligation bonds of the city maturing during the fiscal year ending June 30 1933. The bonds will be dated July 1 1932 and mature July 1 as follows: \$45,604.71 in 1936; \$46,000 from 1937 to 1939 incl., and \$46,500 in 1940 and 1941. Interest will be payable semi-annually. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the bid, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal. The notice of sales states that the full faith and credit of the city is irrevocably pledged for the payment of both principal and interest. The cost of printing said bonds and legal services for examining the abstracts if proceedings relative to the issuance of such bonds, together with legal opinion thereon, shall be paid by the successful bidder.

HARTLAND, Waukesha County, Wis.—BONDS VOTED.—We are informed by W. W. Parker, Village Clerk, that at an election held on June 14, the voters approved the issuance of \$45,000 in 5% water, sewer and disposal plant bonds by a count of 237 "for" to 213 "against."

HENNEPIN COUNTY (P. O. Minneapolis), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 10.30 a. m. on July 5, by Al. P. Erickson, County Auditor, for the purchase of a \$21,318 issue of County Ditch No. 35 bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1933 to 1941, and \$3,318 in 1942.

HILLSIDE, COPAKE, CLAVERACK, TAGHKANIC, AUSTERLITZ, ANCRAM, GALLATIN AND NORTHEAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Hillsdale), N. Y.—BIDS REJECTED.—At the offering on June 18 of \$295,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds—V. 134, p. 4024—the following bids were rejected:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Am. Bid.
Guaranty Company of New York.	6 %	\$2,982.45
M. & T. Trust Co., Buffalo.	6 %	2,150.00
Wachsmann & Wassall, New York.	6 %	793.55

BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The amount of the issue has been reduced to \$270,000 and sealed bids for the purchase of that amount will be received at the office of James B. Bell, Hillsdale, until 2.30 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 2. Issue will be dated June 1 1932 and mature on June 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1934 to 1938 incl.; \$10,000, 1939 to 1942; \$15,000, 1943 to 1946; \$20,000, 1947 to 1952, and \$25,000 in 1953. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must not exceed 6%. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) are payable at the Farmers National Bank, Hudson, or at the Chase National Bank of New York. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Education, is required. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York.

HOBBART, Kiowa County, Okla.—BOND SALE AUTHORIZED.—At a meeting held on June 15 the City Council is reported to have authorized the re-advertising for sale, of the \$250,000 issue of water supply system bonds, offered for sale without success on May 9—V. 134, p. 3857. Due from 1936 to 1956.

HOOD RIVER, Hood River County, Ore.—BOND ELECTION AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance is reported to have been passed by the City Council providing for an election to be held on July 8 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$90,000 in water refunding bonds.

HORSHAM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Horsham) Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 coupon school bonds offered on June 16—V. 134, p. 4193—were awarded as 4 3/8, at a price of par, to the State Employees' Retirement Board. Dated July 1 1932. Due \$1,000 on July 1 from 1935 to 1956, inclusive.

IDAHO, State of (P. O. Boise).—NOTE SALE.—The \$500,000 issue of general fund treasury notes offered for sale on June 16—V. 134, p. 4357—were awarded to the Chase National Bank of New York, at 5%. Dated July 1 1932. Due on July 1 1933. The notes will be payable to bearer, the holders shall have the right to registration and to payment at the Chase National Bank.

The only other bid received was an offer tendered by the First National Co., and the Seattle Co., both of Seattle, and the First Detroit Co., Inc. of Detroit, to take \$250,000 of the notes at 6%.

ILLINOIS (State of).—BANKERS NOT TO MAKE PUBLIC OFFERING OF \$5,075,000 NOTES.—The Chicago banking group composed of the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Central Republic Bank & Trust Co., Harris Trust & Savings Bank and the Northern Trust Co. which purchased recently at par \$5,075,000 revenue notes—V. 134, p. 4525—has announced that no public offering of the notes will be made, as they have received subscriptions for the amount involved. The current sale leaves but \$1,125,000 notes of the authorized issue of \$18,000,000 unsold.

INDIANAPOLIS SANITARY DISTRICT, Marion County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$37,000 4 1/2 % first series of 1932 bonds offered on June 23—V. 134, p. 4357—were awarded to the Union Trust Co., of Indianapolis, the only bidder, at par plus a premium of \$26, equal to 100.07, a basis of about 4.49%. Dated June 23 1932. Due \$1,850 on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1953, inclusive.

INDIANAPOLIS SANITARY DISTRICT, Marion County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$409,000 4 1/2 % bonds unsuccessfully offered on June 15—V. 134, p. 4525—were purchased subsequently at par by a group composed of the Fletcher Trust Co., the Fletcher American National Bank, and the Union Trust Co., all of Indianapolis. The sale comprised: \$266,000 bonds, fourth issue of 1932. Denom. \$950. Due \$13,300 annually on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1953 incl.
108,000 bonds, second issue of 1932. Denom. \$900. Due \$5,400 annually on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1953 incl.
35,000 bonds, third issue of 1932. Denom. \$875. Due \$1,750 annually on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1953 incl.
Each issue will be dated June 15 1932.

IRON COUNTY (P. O. Crystal Falls), Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—The Board of County Supervisors at a special meeting recently authorized an issue of \$135,000 poor relief bonds, and as a measure of economy ordered the suspension of all work now being done by the county road commission and the closing of the road commission office.

IRVINGTON, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—W. H. Jamouneau, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 12 for the purchase of \$727,000 5 5/4, 5 1/2, 5 3/4 or 6% coupon or registered assessment bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows \$100,000 from 1933 to 1938 incl., and \$127,000 in 1939. Principal and interest (Jan. & July) are payable at the Merchants & Newark Trust Co., Newark. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$727,000. A certified check for 2% of

the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Town, must accompany each proposal. (The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.)

ITHACA, Tompkins County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—James E. Matthews, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. (eastern standard time) on July 6 for the purchase of \$275,000 not to exceed 4 3/4 % coupon series H improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows \$5,000 in 1936 and 1937; \$10,000 from 1938 to 1943 incl.; \$15,000 in 1944 and 1945; \$20,000 in 1946 and 1947; \$30,000 in 1948, and \$35,000 from 1939 to 1951 incl. Principal and interest (January and July) are payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The successful bidder will be furnished with the legal opinion of Allan H. Treman, City Attorney, and Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the city.

JACKSON, Hinds County, Miss.—BOND ORDINANCE PASSED.—It is reported that an ordinance was passed by the City Council on June 2, directing the City Clerk to give notice of the sale of \$232,000 in refunding street paving bonds.

JASPER, Pickens County, Ga.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$24,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. coupon water works bonds offered on June 10—V. 134, p. 4024—was not sold as the only bid received, an offer of 92.00 for the bonds, was rejected. Dated June 1 1932. Due \$1,000 from Jan. 1 1939 to 1962 incl.

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis E. Barber, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on July 6 for the purchase of \$6,700 5% road impt. bonds. Dated June 15 1932. Denom. \$335. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943.

JEFFERSON CITY, Cole County, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on June 27 by H. W. Ellis, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$71,089.72 issue of judgment funding bonds. Dated June 1 1932. Due on May 1 as follows: \$3,089.72 in 1933; \$3,000, 1934 to 1941, and \$4,000, 1942 to 1952, all incl. The bonds are to bring par, and bids to be received on the rate of interest which the bonds will bear. All proceedings relating up to the issuance have been handled by Benj. H. Charles of St. Louis, and the validity opinion will be furnished by him.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jefferson), Greene County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 issue of 4 1/2 % semi-ann. school bonds offered for sale on June 22—V. 134, p. 4357—was awarded to the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines, for a premium of \$105, equal to 100.26, a basis of about 4.47%. Dated July 1 1932. Due from 1933 to 1952, optional in 1942.

JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Olathe), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. or July 1, by W. H. Moore, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$45,000 issue of 4 1/2 % semi-ann. county road impt. bonds. Dated June 1 1932. Due in from 1 to 5 years. Successful bidder to print bonds and furnish the attorney's opinion. (These bonds were previously offered for sale on June 17—V. 134, p. 4525.)

KANSAS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kansas City), Jackson County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 issue of 4 1/2 % semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on June 21—V. 134, p. 4525—was awarded jointly to Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, and the Mercantile Commerce Co. of St. Louis, paying a premium of \$1,578, equal to 100.526, a basis of about 4.45%. Dated July 1 1932. Due on July 1 as follows: \$27,000, 1942 to 1951, and \$30,000 in 1952.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful bidders re-offered the above bonds for public subscription with those due from 1942 to 1946 priced to yield 4.30%, and those due from 1947 to 1952 to yield 4.35%.

KARNES COUNTY (P. O. Karnes City), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered on June 16, a \$40,000 issue of 5 1/2 % serial funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

KENT, Portage County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The City Auditor reports that the issue of \$10,255.41 6% Rockwell Street improvement bonds offered on June 20 (V. 134, p. 4357) was not sold, as no bids were received. A private sale of the issue is being negotiated. Dated June 1 1932. Due on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1941, inclusive.

KING COUNTY (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—It is stated that the City Council recently authorized an election to be held on a proposal to issue \$1,500,000 in unemployment relief bonds.

KOHLER, Sheboygan County, Wis.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$100,000 issue of 4 1/2 % semi-ann. sewer bonds offered on June 20—V. 134, p. 4357—was not sold as there were no bids received. Due from 1935 to 1952.

LACKAWANNA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 coupon or registered work relief bonds offered on June 20—V. 134, p. 4357—were awarded as 6s, at a price of par, to the Lackawanna National Bank, the only bidder. Dated June 1 1932. Due on June 1 as follows: \$25,000 in 1933 and 1934, and \$50,000 from 1935 to 1937 incl.

LAKE ARTHUR, Jefferson Davis Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Mayor J. L. Thackston, until July 15, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of 6% paving bonds, Denom. \$500. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Chase National Bank in New York. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, will be furnished. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid is required. (These are the bonds that were offered for sale without success on Feb. 10—V. 134, p. 1617.)

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—R. E. Sanderson, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on June 27 for the purchase of \$450,000 4 1/2 % coupon or registered sewerage system extension bonds, being part of an issue of \$500,000, authorized on Nov. 3 1931 by a vote of 6,185 to 1,704, and issued under authority of Act 279 of Public Acts of 1909 as amended. Bonds will be dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000 on July 1 from 1935 to 1952 incl. Principal and interest (J. & J.) are payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for \$4,500 must accompany each proposal. The city will furnish printed bonds and approving legal opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York. (These are the bonds mentioned in V. 134, p. 4525.) The remaining \$50,000 bonds of the authorized issue have been purchased as 4 3/8 at a price of par by a local investment board—V. 134, p. 1617.

Financial Statement (June 1 1932).

Total bonded debt (not including current offering)	\$6,638,900.00
Other debt (contracts, etc.)	9,374.88
Water debt (included in above)	1,181,000.00
Sinking funds June 1 1932 (not including water)	\$647,467.59
Sinking funds June 1 1932 (for water bonds)	121,316.39

Total.....\$768,783.98

Detail of Sinking Funds.—Certificates of deposit Capital National Bank, \$145,042.16; Union Trust Co. Cleveland, \$36,837.60; City of Lansing bonds, \$268,461.37; certificates of deposit American State Savings Bank (closed), deposits secured, \$314,273.06; commercial accounts, three Lansing banks, \$4,169.79; total, \$768,783.98.

Lansing has no bonded debt for schools.

Assessed valuation 1931, realty only (1932 valuation figures not yet available).....111,450,730.00

Assessed valuation 1931, total.....141,150,572.00

Tax Rates per \$1,000 for 1931.—City, \$11.35; State, \$3.90; county, \$3.12; school, \$8.02; total rate, \$26.39.

Population, 1930 census, 78,425. Date of incorporation, 1859.

Bank Deposits as of June 1 1932.—Total amount on deposit in four Lansing banks, \$874,475.98. Of the above, \$39,867.01 is deposited in a closed bank, but is secured by \$499,000 of municipal bonds and a \$156,000 director's bond. The balance of \$474,608.97 is deposited in the three remaining banks and is fully covered either by corporate surety bonds, United States Government bonds, or public utility bonds at 90% of market value.

Statement of Tax Delinquency, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931.

Year—	Total Levy, Incl. Special Taxes.	Amount Unpaid June 1 1932.	Per Cent Uncollected.
1928.....	\$1,942,585.57	\$10,459.56	0.539%
1929.....	2,033,838.16	63,226.09	3.10%
1930.....	1,958,409.23	187,438.21	9.57%
1931.....	1,741,545.61	327,842.43	18.82%

LAUREL, Jones County, Miss.—**BONDS NOT SOLD**.—We are informed by G. L. Lightsey, City Clerk, that the \$11,000 issue of refunding bonds offered on June 17—V. 134, p. 4526—was not sold as there were no bids received.

LEWIS COUNTY (P. O. Lowville), N. Y.—**BOND OFFERING**.—E. H. Barnes, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) on July 1 for the purchase of \$60,000 5% coupon or registered State highway rights-of-way bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$6,000 on July 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) are payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for \$1,200, payable to E. H. Barnes, County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

Financial Statement.

Actual valuation, real property, equalized.....	\$30,649,625.00
Assessed valuation, real property and special franchise, 1932.....	21,925,672.00
Bonded indebtedness outstanding.....	351,649.76
This issue.....	60,000.00
Total bonded indebtedness.....	\$411,649.76
Certificates of indebtedness outstanding, other than those refunded by this issue.....	45,000.00

Tax Data.

Year—	Total Tax Levied.	Amount Collected as of May 1.	Collection Ratio.
1928.....	\$547,915.07	\$496,594.00	.90
1929.....	492,142.90	439,195.78	.89
1930.....	535,788.74	498,380.73	.93
1931.....	565,990.50	497,004.76	.87

The bonded indebtedness of the county upon the issuance of these bonds will be about 1 1/2% of the assessed valuation. The total amount of all outstanding uncollected taxes, excluding the 1932 levy, is \$14,121.09. Population, 1930 Federal census, 25,447.

LIMESTONE COUNTY (P. O. Groesbeck), Tex.—**VALUATIONS REDUCED**.—By order of the County Commissioners all real estate valuations have been cut 15% and then on the reduced valuations the county rate has been cut from 85 cents to 75 cents and most of the road district rates have been reduced, according to newspaper reports. The largest district (No. 4) in which a total issue of \$1,500,000 road bonds were voted 10 years ago, was reduced in rate from 90 cents to 50 cents, it is stated.

LINDALE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lindale), Smith County, Tex.—**BONDS REGISTERED**.—On June 18 the State Comptroller registered the \$45,000 issue of 5% serial school bonds that was recently sold.—V. 134, p. 4193. Denom. \$500.

LOGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Guthrie), Okla.—**BOND SALE**.—We are informed that a \$1,500 issue of school building bonds has been purchased by R. J. Edwards, Inc., of Oklahoma City.

LORAIN, Lorain County, Ohio.—**BOND OFFERING**.—Frank Ayres, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. (Lorain city time) on July 1 for the purchase of \$74,746.88 6% special assessment improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$7,746.88 in 1933; \$7,000 from 1934 to 1938 incl., and \$8,000 from 1939 to 1942 incl. Principal and interest (April and Oct.) are payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. A complete transcript of the proceedings had relative to the issue will be furnished the successful bidder.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—**BOND ELECTION POSTPONED**.—It is stated that the Board of Supervisors decided to call off a proposed election to vote on the issuance of \$12,000,000 in not to exceed 6% public welfare bonds, which was to be held on July 26. It is said that the above Board passed a resolution asking Governor Rolph to incorporate the welfare problem into a special session. Under this proposal relief work in California would be taken over by the State.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—**BOND SALE APPROVED**.—It is reported that the County Board of Supervisors has voted to accept the bid submitted by the Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association of San Francisco, of par for the \$2,000,000 5% semi-ann. storm water bonds, which tender was offered after the bonds had been offered at public sale without success on May 31—V. 134, p. 4358.

LOUISIANA, State of (P. O. Baton Rouge).—**BONDS SOLD**.—The following bonds aggregating \$45,000 were offered for sale on June 20 and were purchased by the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans: \$10,000 5 1/2% Parish of Lafayette road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1924. Due \$5,000 on Jan. 1 1947 and 1948. Interest payable J. & J.
5,000 6% Town of Rayville public imp. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. July 1 1928. Due on July 2 as follows: \$2,000 in 1935 and 1937, and \$1,000 in 1940. Interest payable J. & J.
20,000 4 1/2% State, series D bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 15 1930. Due on Dec. 15 1944. Interest payable J. & D.
10,000 4% Parish of St. James School District No. 1 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1930. Due \$5,000 on Dec. 1 1954 and 1955.

LOWELL, Middlesex County, Mass.—**PRICE PAID**.—The issue of \$1,100,000 5 1/2% coupon or registered funding bonds was sold at a price of par to the group headed by the Chase Harris Forbes Corp. of New York which made public re-offering of the bonds last week at prices to yield from 5 to 5.25%, according to maturity—V. 134, p. 4526.

LYNN, Essex County, Mass.—**BOND SALE**.—Frank A. Turnbull, City Treasurer, reports that award was made on June 23 of an issue of \$200,000 coupon harbor bonds to the Chase Harris Forbes Corp. of Boston, which bid a price of par for the issue at 4 3/4% interest. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 on July 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl. Principal and interest (January and July) are payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, or at the office of the City Treasurer. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

MACOMB COUNTY (P. O. Mount Clemens), Mich.—**BONDS DEFEATED**.—The proposal to authorize \$200,000 in bonds for the purpose of financing the completion of the county court house building, partly constructed, was defeated at the election held on June 15—V. 134, p. 4025. The measure was defeated by a vote of 2,315 to 2,053. Voting was extremely light.

MADISON HEIGHTS SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Amherst) Amherst County, Va.—**BONDS VOTED**.—At the election held on May 17—V. 134, p. 3136—the voters approved the proposal to issue \$62,500 in water system bonds.

MALDEN, Middlesex County, Mass.—**TEMPORARY LOAN**.—The \$200,000 temporary loan offered on June 22—V. 134, p. 4526—was awarded to the First National Bank of Boston, at 4.23% discount basis. Due on Dec. 30 1932. The Shawmut Corp. of Boston, the only other bidder, offered to discount the loan at 4.75%.

MANITOWOC, Manitowoc County, Wis.—**BOND SALE**.—The \$75,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon semi-ann. school, series 2, bonds offered for sale on June 17—V. 134, p. 4526—was purchased by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. Dated March 1 1932. Due from March 1 1933 to 1952 incl.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above bonds were re-offered by the successful bidder for public subscription, priced to yield from 4 to 4.35%, according to maturity.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—**BOND SALE**.—The \$10,000 coupon storm water sewer system bonds offered on June 22—V. 134, p. 4358—were awarded as 6s. at a price of par, to the Citizens National Bank & Trust Co., of Mansfield, the only bidder. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$1,000 A. & O. 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Marion), Ohio.—**BONDS AUTHORIZED**.—The State Relief Commission has authorized the county to issue \$40,000 poor relief bonds, of which \$25,000 of the proceeds will be given to the city of Marion and the remaining \$15,000 distributed throughout the county. The county had originally petitioned for permission to issue \$57,000 bonds.

MARSHFIELD, Coos County, Ore.—**BOND OFFERING**.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p.m. on June 27 by John W. Butler, City Recorder, for the purchase of a \$60,000 issue of 6% semi-annual refunding

bonds. Denom. \$500 and \$1,000. Dated July 1 1932. Due \$7,500 from July 1 1935 to 1942, optional on any interest paying date. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—**LOAN OFFERING**.—The City Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on June 28, for the purchase of a \$400,000 temporary loan, to mature on Feb. 15 1933.

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—**TEMPORARY LOAN**.—The \$200,000 temporary loan offered on June 21—V. 134, p. 4527—was awarded to the Merchants National Bank, of Boston, at 3.27% discount basis. Dated June 22 1932 and due \$100,000 on Nov. 22 and on Dec. 22 1932. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder—

Discount Basis.	
Merchants National Bank of Boston (successful bidder).....	3.27%
Rutter & Co.....	3.48%
First National Bank of Boston.....	4.35%

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—**NOTES SOLD**.—We are informed that the \$800,000 issue of Board of Education revenue notes offered for sale without success on Jan. 12 (V. 134, p. 707) was awarded at private sale on May 1 at 6%. Due on Oct. 1 1932.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Trenton), N. J.—**BOND OFFERING**.—Walter O. Fowler, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (daylight saving time) on July 19 for the purchase of \$1,112,000 4, 4 1/2, 4 3/4, 5, 5 1/4, or 5 1/2% coupon or registered road, bridge and imp. bonds. Due on Dec. 31 as follows: \$1,000. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$45,000 from 1934 to 1940 incl.; \$50,000, 1941 to 1950; \$60,000 from 1951 to 1954 incl. and \$57,000 in 1955. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) are payable at the First Mechanics National Bank, Trenton. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$1,112,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the county, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

MERRIMACK COUNTY (P. O. Concord), N. H.—**LOAN OFFERING**.—Sealed bids addressed to the County Commissioners will be received until 12 m. on June 30 for the purchase at discount basis of a \$100,000 temporary loan, due on Dec. 20 1932.

MIDDLETOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Middlesex County, Conn.—**BOND SALE**.—G. L. Austin & Co. of Hartford, have purchased an issue of \$250,000 4 1/2% school bonds at par plus a premium of \$1,200, equal to 100.48, a basis of about 4.45%. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 annually on Aug. 1 from 1933 to 1957 incl.

MILFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Collinsville), Butler County, Ohio.—**BOND SALE**.—Local investors have purchased at par a block of \$8,925 bonds of the \$10,500 5% burial ground improvement issue unsuccessfully offered on Dec. 7 1931.—V. 133, p. 4357.

MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—**BOND OFFERING**.—John H. Eber, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on June 27 for the purchase of \$65,000 not to exceed 6% interest series D refunding bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Due on July 1 as follows: \$16,000 from 1935 to 1937 incl., and \$17,000 in 1938. Interest is payable semi-annually. Bidder to specify rate of interest and place of payment. City will furnish at its own expense the printed bonds and the legal opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for must accompany each proposal.

MONTANA, State of (P. O. Helena).—**BOND OFFERING**.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on July 22, by F. E. Williams, State Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,500,000 State Highway Treasury anticipation bonds. Due on Dec. 31 as follows: \$216,000 in 1935; \$858,000 in 1936, and \$426,000 in 1937. Said bonds will be issued in serial form in denominations to suit the purchaser; they shall bear interest at not to exceed 5% per annum; they shall bear date of and be issued and delivered on Aug. 16 1932; they shall be registered in the office of the State Treasurer, and they shall be bearer coupon bonds with semi-ann. interest coupons payable to bearer at the office of the State Treasurer, on the first day of July and the first day of January of each year after issuances except for the year of maturity, when the interest paying and coupon dates will be Jan. 1, July 1 and Dec. 31. Payment of principal shall be made at the office of the State Treasurer, on or after the date of maturity, in order of presentation for payment, but otherwise without priority or preference. The State will furnish the complete lithographed and printed bonds. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid, payable to the State Treasurer, is required.

No bids will be considered for less than par, nor for a rate exceeding five per cent. (5%) interest per annum, and accrued interest if any. In accordance with the governing statute the bid must specify the same rate of interest not exceeding five per cent. (5%) per annum for all debentures bearing the same maturity date and no split-rate bids will be considered. Delivery of the debentures will be made at the office of the State Treasurer, Helena, Montana, on Aug. 16 1932, and upon full payment of the purchase price.

These debentures are being offered for sale to provide additional working funds for the State Highway Commission of the State of Montana in reference to the construction, betterment and maintenance of State Highways, and are authorized by Referendum Measure No. 35, "the State Highway Treasury Anticipation Debenture Act of 1931," adopted by the people of Montana at the General Election of May 5 1931, and proclaimed by the Governor of Montana on May 19 1931. They are secured by the proceeds of the five cent (5c.) gasoline tax of Montana.

MONTANA, State of (P. O. Helena).—**WARRANTS CALLED**.—It is announced by F. E. Williams, State Treasurer, that \$250,000 State warrants registered on or before March 18 1931 will be paid on June 29.

It is reported that the State Treasurer has also called for payment \$360,000 of University warrants, specifying those warrants that were registered before April 30 1932.

MONTCLAIR, Essex County, N. J.—**BOND SALE REPORT**.—In connection with the offering on June 16 of \$1,768,000 coupon or registered bonds, Harry Drippett, Town Clerk, reports that a group composed of B. J. Van Ingen & Co. of New York, J. S. Rippeil & Co. of Newark, and H. L. Allen & Co. and M. F. Schlatter & Co., Inc. both of New York, has purchased \$1,453,000 bonds as 6s. at a price of 99, a basis of about 6.11%, while the remaining issue of \$315,000 temporary improvement bonds due July 1 1935 has been purchased as 6s at 99, a basis of about 6.37%, by the Montclair Trust Co. and the First National Bank & Trust Co., both of Montclair, jointly. The bonds were sold privately after no bids had been received at the competitive offering. (This report of the sale corrects that given in V. 134, p. 4527.)

BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The \$1,453,000 6% bonds purchased by the banking group are being reoffered for public investment at prices to yield 5% for the 1933 maturity; 1934, 5.25%; 1935 to 1938, incl., 5.50%; 1939 to 1941, 5.60%, and 5.70% for the maturities from 1942 to 1964, incl. Legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the States of New York and New Jersey, according to the bankers. They are also stated to be direct general obligations of the town, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied against all the taxable property therein.

MOUNT DORA, Lake County, Fla.—**BONDS AUTHORIZED**.—The Town Council is reported to have adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$168,000 in refunding bonds. Due in 20 years.

MOUNT HEALTHY, Hamilton County, Ohio.—**BOND SALE**.—Alfred E. Jansen, Village Clerk, reports that the sinking fund trustees have purchased an issue of \$4,732.58 5% special assessment street improvement bonds at par. One bond for \$732.50, others for \$500. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$732.50 in 1933, and \$500 from 1934 to 1941 incl.

MOUNT JEWETT, McKean County, Pa.—**BONDS VOTED**.—At an election held on June 15 the voters approved of an issue of \$5,000 street paving bonds, by a margin of 289 in favor of the measure as compared with 14 in opposition.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ore.—**BONDS SOLD**.—The \$295,000 issue of coupon road, series D bonds offered for sale on June 20—V. 134, p. 4194—was awarded as 5s at par; as follows: \$120,000 to the United States National Bank of Portland; \$100,000 to the American National Bank of Portland; \$50,000 to the First National Bank of Portland, and \$25,000 to the Bank of California of Portland. Dated July 1 1932. Due from July 1 1938 to 1947 incl.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Portland), Ore.—**WARRANT CALL**.—It is reported that E. T. Stretcher, School Clerk, called for payment on June 15, on which date interest ceased, school warrants Nos. 5,226 to 13,585, that were presented and endorsed "Not paid for want of funds," from March 31 to April 28 1932.

MUSKOGON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—REFUNDING BONDS ISSUED.—The State Treasurer has informed W. R. Booker, Superintendent of Schools, that refunding bonds will be accepted by the State in lieu of \$10,000 4½% bonds maturing on March 10 1932.

NEBRASKA, State of (P. O. Lincoln).—VALUATIONS REDUCED.—According to recent newspaper reports, the following counties have taken steps to cut their assessed valuations: Pawnee County Commissioners announced they would authorize a 15% decrease in real estate valuations; Saline County Commissioners have taken action to reduce the valuation of all city and rural real estate by 15%; Platte County has cut real estate valuations by from 10 to 25%; York County Supervisors have announced a reduction of 20% on all real estate valuations in the county, and in addition they granted an extra 15% reduction on all farm lands in School District No. 12, the York City district; the assessed valuation of real estate and improvements in Custer County has been lowered 25%; the Burt County Board of Equalization has announced a cut of 21% in valuations of all farm land in the county, and the Knox County Commissioners have adopted a resolution advocating a 25% reduction in the assessed valuation of all farm and city property.

NEWBURYPORT, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The Institution for Savings of Newburyport purchased on June 6 at par an issue of \$40,000 4¼% highway construction bonds, due \$8,000 on June 8 from 1933 to 1937 inclusive.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (State of).—NOTE SALE.—The \$1,600,000 4¼% coupon or registered highway and various improvement notes offered on June 23 (V. 134, p. 4527) were awarded to a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros. and F. S. Moseley & Co., both of New York; the Shawmut Corp. of Boston; Bancamerica-Blair Corp. and Edward B. Smith & Co. also of New York, at a price of 100.953, a basis of about 4.12%. Dated July 1 1932 and due \$100,000 on June 30 from 1933 to 1936, incl.; none in 1937, and \$100,000 from 1938 to 1949, incl. Public re-offering of the issue is being made at prices to yield 3.00% for the 1933 maturity; 1934, 3.50%; 1935, 3.75%; 1936, 3.85%; 1938 to 1944, incl., 4.00%, and 4.05% for the maturities from 1945 to 1949, incl. The notes are described by the bankers as being legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, New Hampshire, Connecticut and other States, and direct and general obligations of the State, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied against all the taxable property therein. The issue was eagerly contested for by investment bankers, the following six other offers having been received in addition to that of the successful group:

Bidder	Rate Paid
Chase Harris Forbes Corporation	100.88
First Detroit City, First Nat. Bank of N. Y., Darby & Co., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler and Arthur Perry & Co.	100.699
Guaranty Co. of N. Y. and Estabrook & Co.	100.6011
R. L. Day & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Dewey, Bacon & Co. and Wallace, Sanderson & Co.	100.5599
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Phelps, Fenn & Co., Brown Bros., Harri-man & Co., Kean, Taylor & Co. and G. M.-P. Murphy & Co.	100.327
National City Co., Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., N. W. Harris & Co., L. F. Rothschild & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co.	99.8299

NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT, New Castle County, Del.—BONDS VOTED.—The Clerk of the Board of Education advises us that the proposed \$19,000 school addition construction bonds considered at the election on June 18 were approved. Issue will bear interest at 5% and mature one bond each year. Denom. \$1,000.

NEW ROCHELLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—A. P. Briggs, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) on July 15 for the purchase of \$3,106,000 various improvement bonds.

NEWTON (P. O. West Newton), Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Merchants' National Bank of Boston was the successful bidder at the offering on June 23 of a \$200,000 temporary loan naming a discount rate of 1.87%. Due on Nov. 3 1932. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder	Discount Basis
Merchants' National Bank of Boston (successful bidder)	1.87%
Kidder, Peabody & Co.	1.89%
Rutter & Co.	1.96%
Arthur Perry & Co.	1.97%
Second National Bank of Boston (plus \$2 premium)	2.00%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	2.17%
Shawmut Corporation	2.17%
Newton Trust Co.	2.17%
Day Trust Co.	2.46%
F. S. Moseley & Co.	2.48%

NEW YORK, N. Y.—\$40,000,000 BORROWED AGAINST CREDIT FUND.—City officials have notified members of the Clearing House banking group which recently renewed a \$151,000,000 revolving credit fund in behalf of the city, originally established in January of this year and drawn upon to the extent of \$148,000,000 during the first part of the year in anticipation of May tax collections—V. 134, p. 4359—that \$40,000,000 will be required on Monday, June 27, under the terms of the renewed credit, for the purpose of paying the teachers' salaries for half the vacation period. This loan will bring the total of withdrawals from the fund to \$55,000,000, as \$15,000,000 was made available on June 14. The loan of \$40,000,000 will be borrowed against that amount of 5% revenue bills, dated June 27 1932 and due on Dec. 7 1932. The notes, it was said, will be allotted among the banks in a ratio determined by the proportion of the net deposits of each bank to the aggregate net deposits of the Clearing House institutions. The initial credit of \$148,000,000 was repaid by the city on June 10.

NORTH TONAWANDA, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—J. M. Zimmerman, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. (daylight saving time) on June 27 for the purchase of \$50,000 6% coupon temporary emergency relief bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on July 1 from 1933 to 1937, incl. Principal and interest (January and July) are payable at the Chase National Bank, of New York. Bidders to use own form in submitting tender. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

(These bonds are part of the issue of \$100,000 for which no bids were received at the offering on April 11.—V. 134, p. 2953.)

NORWALK (P. O. South Norwalk), Fairfield County, Conn.—NOTE OFFERING.—Stephen Dokus, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on June 27 for the purchase of \$220,000 not to exceed 6% interest tax anticipation notes, of which \$170,000 will be issued upon the responsibility of the 5th Taxing District and \$50,000 upon the responsibility of the 4th Taxing District. The notes will be dated at the time issued and mature on Nov. 4 1932. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1-100th of 1%. Prin. and int. payable at the City National Bank, South Norwalk, or at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York. The notes will be certified as to genuineness by the South Norwalk bank.

OHIO (State of).—FURTHER POOR RELIEF BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED.—The approval of further bonds for poor relief purposes, petitioned for by eight counties, brought the total of such authorizations to \$5,732,082. It was reported in a June 13 United Press dispatch from Columbus, which continued as follows:

The bond requests, filed under authority of emergency relief legislation enacted by the recent extraordinary session of the State Legislature, will now be certified to the State tax commission for final approval.

Additional issues authorized by the relief commission were:

County	Amount Approved	Maximum Possible	County	Amount Approved	Maximum Possible
Mahoning	\$336,440	\$340,308	Wayne	\$23,750	\$77,989
Lorain	131,245	230,077	Lucas	563,300	563,300
Fayette	25,000	30,378	Ross	25,000	47,605
Portage	25,000	51,072	Seneca	37,000	64,228

OHIO (State of).—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Frank B. Mowrey, Secretary of the State Office Building Commission, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. (Eastern stand. time) on July 11 for the purchase of \$750,000 4% certificates of indebtedness, issued for the purpose of repairing the damage sustained by the State Office Building as a result of the disaster of April 14 1932, under authority of amended House Bill No. 1, enacted by the second special session of the General Assembly—V. 134, p. 3854. The certificates will be dated July 15 1932 and mature on July 15 1933.

Denoms. to suit purchaser. Bids may be for all or any part of the issue, based upon their bearing a rate of interest other than 4%; such other rate, however, to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. They will be issued in bearer form only, but on demand of any owner or holder, may be registered by the above-mentioned Secretary. Payment for the certificates to be made at the office of the State Treasurer in cash or other immediately available funds on July 15. A certified check for 1% of the certificates bid for must accompany each proposal. According to the official call for bids, the authorizing Act was passed by the Legislature pursuant to Section 1, Article VIII of the Constitution of Ohio, authorizing the State to "contract debts to supply casual deficits or failures in revenues, or to meet expenses not otherwise provided for," subject to a limitation as to amount of \$750,000. This issue constitutes the only indebtedness of the State under this section. The State has no bonded indebtedness except \$1,250,000, being the one remaining outstanding installment of World War Compensation bonds which will be retired Oct. 1 1932. The total value of all taxable property of the State is \$10,003,960,495.

OKLAHOMA, State of (P. O. Oklahoma City).—BONDED DEBT STATEMENT.—The following report on outstanding bonds in this State is taken from a recent Oklahoma City dispatch:

"This city, with a bonded debt at the beginning of the present fiscal year of \$19,302,700, owed one-fifth of the bond obligations of all Oklahoma municipalities and incorporated towns, according to a summary compiled by the Oklahoma Municipal League.

This survey showed total bonds outstanding for all Oklahoma municipalities of \$94,359,232, excepting Tulsa and Logan County cities, but including the city of Tulsa. There is, however, a sinking fund accrual of \$31,719,139 for the retirement of outstanding obligations.

"Of bonds outstanding for cities of Oklahoma there are \$4,613,800 for electric generating and distributing systems; \$15,266,917 for sanitary sewers; \$33,800 for gas distributing plants; \$135,000 for airports; \$629,000 for hospitals; \$36,637,300 for waterworks systems; \$24,512,390 unclassified funding; \$22,500 for cemetery; \$104,000 for libraries; \$1,157,500 for street improvements; \$3,033,600 for city buildings; \$7,186,500 for parks; \$1,690,925 for fire departments."

OKLAHOMA, State of (P. O. Oklahoma City).—WARRANTS CALLED.—The following is the text of a report from Oklahoma City to the "United States Daily" of June 22, regarding the retirement of outstanding general fund warrants:

"A call for retirement during June of \$860,000 in outstanding non-payable warrants on the State's general revenue fund for the years 1930-1931 and 1932 has been issued by Frank C. Carter, State Auditor.

"A report of Ray O. Weems, State Treasurer, showed a decline in the Treasury balances during May of \$222,386, ending the month with \$12,932,410. May receipts totaled \$6,475,125 and disbursements amounted to \$6,697,522."

OLTON, Lamb County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On June 13 the State Comptroller registered a \$15,000 issue of 5% Independent School District bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

OVALO, Taylor County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 issue of 5% Rural Independent High School District, No. 19 bonds that was registered by the State Comptroller on April 11—V. 134, p. 3137—has since been purchased at par by the State Board of Education, according to report.

It is stated that the validity of these bonds, which were voted about five years ago, has finally been attested by the U. S. Supreme Court.

PARKE COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Edgar Teague, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on July 5, for the purchase of \$5,600 4¼% Jackson Township road construction bonds. Dated July 5 1932. Denom. \$280. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943.

PAWHUSKA, Osage County, Okla.—BOND PURCHASE AUTHORIZED.—The City Commissioners are reported to have authorized the City Treasurer to purchase \$29,000 of the city's own bonds. This is said to include \$15,000 water works; \$7,000 of electric plant, and \$7,000 sewer bonds. It is said to have been pointed out that these bonds could be purchased at 95.

PETERSBURG, Pike County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—L. V. Colvin, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on July 5 for the purchase of \$16,000 5% water bonds. Dated June 15 1932. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$500, July 1 1933; \$500, Jan. and July 1 from 1934 to 1936 incl.; \$1,000, Jan. and July 1 from 1937 to 1942 incl., and \$1,000 Jan. 1 1943.

PETERSBURG, Dinwiddie County, Va.—NOTE SALE CONTEMPLATED.—An ordinance is said to have been passed by the City Council on June 7 providing for the sale of \$100,000 in short-term notes in anticipation of current tax collections.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—BOND SUBSCRIPTIONS TOTAL \$167,200.—Subscriptions received on June 18 for \$7,000 bonds of the \$20,000,000 issue of 5s unsuccessfully offered on June 3 and then placed on sale "over-the-counter" at par—V. 134, p. 4195—brought the aggregate of sales to \$167,200.

PHOENIX, Maricopa County, Ariz.—VALUATIONS REDUCED.—According to news reports the City Commissioners have formally adopted a resolution reducing the valuation of real estate by 33 1-3%, and on building and improvements by 10%, effective during the ensuing fiscal year. It is said this decreases the total assessed valuation by approximately \$14,095,915. The present valuation is approximately \$86,000,000. The new valuation would be made up as follows: Real estate, \$24,318,060; improvements, \$25,491,470, and personal, \$22,094,555.

PITTSBURGH, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The city council has authorized the sale of \$800,000 bonds to provide food and clothing to the unemployed. The \$800,000 bond issue will be the first installment of the \$3,000,000 bonds authorized by the voters at the April primaries for food, clothing and shelter for the unemployed. An additional \$2,000,000 of bonds were authorized for work relief. (V. 134, p. 3507.)

PORTLAND, Middlesex County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 4½% Junior-Senior High School Building construction bonds offered on June 21—V. 134, p. 4360—were awarded to Putnam & Co. of Hartford at a price of 99.55, a basis of about 4.55%. Dated July 1 1932 and due \$5,000 annually in from 1 to 24 years.

The successful bidders are re-offering the bonds for general investment at prices to yield 4.40%. The town, according to the bankers, has had an excellent record for tax collections, the total amount of uncollected taxes, outside of those currently due, being only \$6,794.55. In addition to the successful bid, an offer of a price of 97.026 was tendered by Gould, Aldrich & Co., of Hartford.

POWESHIEK COUNTY (P. O. Montezuma), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 1:30 p. m. on June 29, by J. R. McDonald, County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$125,000 county road bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%, payable M. & N. Dated July 1 1932. Due on May 1 1939. Sealed bids will be received up to the hour of calling for open bids. The cost of furnishing the lithographed bonds should be included in all bids, but the County will furnish the approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 3% is required with bids.

PRINCETON, Mercer County, N. J.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—A. C. Wood Jr. & Co., of Philadelphia, are offering for public investment \$50,000 6% bonds priced to yield 5.50%. Due on June 15 1937 and exempt from taxation in New Jersey.

PROVIDENCE, Providence County, R. I.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the report of the sale at par of \$2,500,000 bonds to the sinking fund commissioners and \$1,000,000 water supply bonds, due in 30 years, to the Employees' Retirement System—V. 134, p. 4528—City Treasurer Walter F. Fitzpatrick informs us that all of the bonds bear interest at 4% and describes the bonds making up the block of \$2,500,000 as follows:

\$450,000 Bridge loan 20 years serial, annual payment \$22,500.
300,000 Fire and Police loan 20 years serial, annual payment \$15,000.
400,000 Highway loan 10 years serial, annual payment \$40,000.
200,000 Hospital loan 20 years serial, annual payment \$10,000.
400,000 Park and Playgrounds loan 25 years serial, annual payment \$16,000.
480,000 School loan 30 years serial, annual payment \$16,000.
270,000 World War Memorial 30 years serial, annual payment \$9,000.

RACINE, Racine County, Wis.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a meeting of the City Council held on June 21 a resolution was passed authorizing the issuance of \$64,000 in refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1932. Due from Aug. 1 1935 to 1943.

RAPID CITY, Pennington County, S. Dak.—BONDS PARTIALLY SOLD.—We are informed by the City Auditor that of the \$175,000 issue of 5% sewage disposal plant bonds, for which no bids were received on June 13—V. 134, p. 4528—a block of \$46,000 was purchased by the city. Dated Nov. 15 1931. Due on Nov. 15 1951.

REE HEIGHTS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ree Heights), Hand County, S. Dak.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until June 21, by H. H. Gardner, Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$9,000 issue of not to exceed 7% semi-ann. funding bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated June 1 1932. Due \$1,000 from 1934 to 1942, inclusive.

RIPLEY COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,400 4% coupon bonds offered on June 15—V. 134, p. 4195—were awarded at a price of par as follows: \$11,200 Franklin Twp. road improvement bonds purchased by the State Bank of Milan. Due \$560 each six months from July 15 1933, to Jan. 15 1943.

9,200 Adams Twp. road improvement bonds purchased by the Farmers Bank of Sunman. Due \$460 each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. Each issue dated June 15 1932.

ROCHELLE PARK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Rochelle Park), Bergen County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$352,000, offered at not to exceed 6% int. on June 20—V. 134, p. 4361—were not sold, as no bids were received. An effort may be made to sell the bonds privately.

ROCKLAND COUNTY (P. O. New City), N. Y.—BID REJECTED.—John Ducey, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, reports that the one bid received at the offering on June 21 of \$300,000 not to exceed 5% int. coupon or registered bonds—V. 134, p. 4361—was rejected, as it was not in compliance with the terms of sale. Bonds are dated July 1 1932 and are to mature on July 1 from 1934 to 1946 incl.

ROGERS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rogers), Hockley County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$99,000 issue of 5% serial school bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on June 13. Denom. \$1,000.

ROOSEVELT FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Roosevelt), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$11,500 6% fire bonds was sold on June 22 at a price of par. Dated July 1 1932. Due July 1 as follows: \$500 in 1933; \$2,000 from 1934 to 1937 incl., and \$3,000 in 1938. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) are payable at the First National Bank of Roosevelt. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York.

SAINT BERNARD PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Arabi), La.—OFFERING REPORT.—It is stated that the St. Bernard Bank & Trust Co. has been instructed to sell at a price not less than 98.00 the \$40,000 in 6% certificates of indebtedness that was authorized by the Police Jury in April—V. 134, p. 3138. Due \$8,000 from Jan. 15 1933 to 1937, inclusive.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. Centerville), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,500 5% refunding bonds offered on June 15—V. 134, p. 4027—were purchased at par by local investors. Dated July 1 1932. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1935 to 1946, incl., and \$3,500 in 1947.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Harold F. Goodrich, City Comptroller, until 10 a.m. on July 6, for the purchase of a \$600,000 issue of coupon or registered general improvement bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5% payable: \$12,000, 1933 to 1935; \$13,000, 1936 and 1937; \$14,000, 1938 and 1939; \$15,000, 1940 and 1941; \$16,000, 1942 and 1943; \$17,000, 1944 and 1945; \$18,000, 1946; \$19,000, 1947; \$20,000, 1948 and 1949; \$21,000, 1950; \$22,000, 1951 and 1952; \$23,000, 1953; \$24,000, 1954; \$25,000, 1955; \$26,000, 1956; \$27,000, 1957; \$28,000, 1958; \$29,000, 1959 and \$30,000, 1960 to 1962, all incl. Prin. and int. payable in lawful money at the office of the Commissioner of Finance, or at the fiscal agency of the city in New York. The approving opinion of Linus O'Malley of St. Paul, and Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, will be furnished. Bids to be considered for the sale of all or more. No bid for less than par and accrued interest will be considered. Bonds will be furnished by the city to be delivered at purchaser's expense. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the city, is required.

Official Financial Statement.
Debit Statement As at May 31 1932.

General bonded debt	\$29,248,400.00
Permanent improvement revolving fund debt	7,400,000.00
Water Department debt	7,001,000.00
Total gross bonded debt	\$43,649,400.00
<i>Deductions</i>	
General sinking fund (cash and securities)	\$4,205,990.10
Inter-City bridge bonds	698,000.00
Serial bond retirements for the year 1932	341,400.00
Permanent improvement revolving fund debt	7,400,000.00
Water Department net bonded debt	\$6,111,095.97
Water Dept. sinking fund (cash and secur.)	889,904.03
Total deductions	\$19,646,390.10
Net bonded debt	\$24,003,009.90
General improvement bonds authorized but not issued	\$1,000,000.00
Margin for future bond authorizations	2,501,540.10
Margin for future bond issues	\$3,501,540.10
Statutory bonded debt limit (10% of assessed valuation)	\$27,504,550.00
The percentage of the net general bonded debt of the assessed valuation is	087.4729
The percentage of the net general bonded debt of the true value is	0425426
<i>Statement of Assessable Property at the Full and True Value.</i>	
<i>Real Estate (1930 Valuation):</i>	
Subject to 33 1/3% (on unplatted property)	\$2,325,360.00
Subject to 40% (on platted property)	376,469,710.00
	\$378,795,070.00
<i>Personal Property (1931 Valuation):</i>	
Class No. 2 subject to 25% of full value	\$16,541,200.00
Class No. 3 subject to 33% of full value	59,644,155.00
Class No. 4 subject to 40% of full value	15,826,848.00
	\$92,012,203.00
Moneys and credits—100% of full value	94,720,480.00
	\$565,527,753.00
<i>Statement of Assessed Valuation.</i>	
1931—Real estate valuation	\$152,612,689.00
1931—Personal property	27,712,331.00
1931—Moneys and credits	94,720,480.00
	\$275,045,500.00
Valuation	\$180,325,020.00
1931 tax rate—City purposes	\$50.45
County purposes	14.73
One mill school	1.00
State purposes	7.76
	\$73.94

SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salt Lake City), Utah.—NOTES OFFERED.—It is reported that bids were received on June 23, by the Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$975,000 issue of tax anticipation notes. Due on Dec. 15 1932.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,836,000 coupon or registered bonds offered for sale on June 20—V. 134, p. 4528—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Bankers Trust Co.; R. H. Moulton & Co. and the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., all of New York; the N. W. Harris Co., Inc., of Chicago; Dean Witter & Co. of San Francisco;

the First National Old Colony Corp of New York; the Security-First National Co. of Los Angeles, the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago; Kidder, Peabody & Co. and R. W. Pressprich & Co., both of New York; the Philadelphia National Co. of Philadelphia, and Kelley, Richardson & Co. of Chicago, paying par, giving a net int. cost of about 5.265%, on the bonds divided as follows:

- \$1,359,000 4 1/2% semi-ann. Hetch Hetchy water bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Due from July 1 1942 to 1977.
- 4,325,000 Hetchy Hetchy water bonds as 5% s, payable J. & D. Dated June 1 1932. Due on June 1 as follows: \$169,000, 1939 to 1963 and \$100,000 in 1964.
- 1,152,000 Hetch Hetchy water bonds as 5s, payable J. & D. Dated June 1 1932. Due on June 1 as follows: \$69,000, 1964; \$169,000, 1965 to 1970, and \$69,000 in 1971.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful syndicate re-offered the above bonds for public subscription as follows: 4 1/2% bonds are priced to yield 5%; the 5% bonds are priced at 99 1/2 and int. to yield about 5.03%, and the 5 1/4% bonds are at prices to yield 5.20%. The offering notice states that they are exempt from all Federal income taxes, from California personal property taxes, and they are legal investments in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, California and other States.

There were only two bids submitted for the bonds. The National City Co., the First National Bank of New York and the Guaranty Co. and associates submitted the only other tender of 100,0199 for \$1,359,000 4 1/2 s, \$4,563,000 5s and \$914,000 5s. This bid represents a net interest cost of 5.3004%. Other members of the group are the First Detroit Co., Inc.; the Anglo-London-Paris Co.; the Bankamerica Co. of San Francisco; Weedon & Co.; Keane, Taylor & Co.; Darby & Co.; Wallace, Sanderson & Co.; the Mercantile Commerce Co., Blyth & Co., and Keller, Bruce & Co.

SANTA FE, Santa Fe County, N. Mex.—BOND REPORT.—We are informed by our Western correspondent that this city is unable to pay off the paving bonds and sewer bonds issued during the past 10 years.—V. 134, p. 4361—and it is said Mayor David Chavez will ask the City Council to act.

SCHENECTADY, Schenectady County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—F. S. Moseley & Co. of New York purchased on June 21 an issue of \$350,000 tax anticipation notes, to bear int. at 3.90%, paying par plus a premium of \$25. Dated June 21 1932 and due on Aug. 26 1932. Payable in New York. Legality approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York.

SCOTTSBLUFF, Scotts Bluff County, Neb.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$20,000 issue of refunding bonds that was purchased by the Omaha National Co. of Omaha—V. 134, p. 4529—was awarded as 5 1/2 s at par. Due in 10 years and optional after 5 years.

SEA CLIFF, Nassau County, N. Y.—LOAN ASKED OF RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION.—The village trustees recently sent a resolution to Congressman Robert Bacon requesting a loan of \$100,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to finance the completion of a beach and yacht basin project. The resolution provides that the Corporation purchase bonds of the village, which are to be retired out of income from the development.

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY (P. O. Corunna), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—A. W. Burnett, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2.30 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on June 27 for the purchase of \$55,000 not to exceed 5% interest poor relief bonds, recently authorized by the Board of Supervisors—V. 134, p. 4361. Dated June 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$11,000 on June 15 from 1933 to 1937 incl. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

SILVER SPRINGS, Wyoming County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 coupon or registered paving bonds offered on June 20—V. 134, p. 4361—were awarded as 6s, at a price of par, to the M. & T. Trust Co. of Buffalo, the only bidder. Dated July 1 1932. Due \$2,000 on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl.

SMITH TOWNSHIP (P. O. Sebring), Mahoning County, Ohio.—PRICE PAID.—In connection with the sale of \$7,000 6% emergency poor relief bonds to the State Teachers' Retirement System, report of which appeared in V. 134, p. 3675—we learn that the price paid was par plus a premium of \$127.15, equal to 101.816, a basis of about 5.46%. Previously it was stated that the bonds had been sold at par. Issue is dated Jan. 1 1932 and matures on Sept. 15 as follows: \$1,000 in 1933; \$2,000, 1934; \$1,000, 1935; \$2,000 in 1936, and \$1,000 in 1937.

SMITH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Langeloth), Washington County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 5% refunding bonds offered on June 20—V. 134, p. 4529—were awarded to Singer, Deane & Scribner, of Pittsburgh. Dated July 1 1932. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000 in 1936; \$5,000 from 1937 to 1939; \$6,000 from 1940 to 1944, and \$7,000 from 1945 to 1947 incl.

SOLANO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Fairfield), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/2% semi-ann. school bonds, aggregating \$230,000 offered for sale without success on May 2—V. 134, p. 3675—were since purchased at par by the Bank of America, National Trust & Savings Association of San Francisco. The issues are divided as follows: \$180,000 Vallejo High School District bonds. Due from May 1 1933 to 1952.

50,000 Vallejo School District bonds. Due from May 1 1933 to 1952. Dated May 1 1932.

STUEBENVILLE, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,500 coupon fire apparatus purchase bonds offered on June 20—V. 134, p. 4196—were awarded as 6s to the BancOhio Securities Co. of Columbus, the only bidder, at par plus a premium of \$54, equal to 100.40, a basis of about 5.85%. 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.

City Auditor J. A. Cartledge also advises that the \$7,500 6% emergency poor relief issue offered at the same time was not sold.

STOUT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stout), Grundy County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.—It is reported that sealed bids were received 7 p. m. on June 24, by Ralph De Vries, Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$3,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. school bonds. It is stated that these bonds were offered for sale without success on June 13.

STRASBURG VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$80,000 6% school construction bonds offered on June 2—V. 134, p. 3675—remains unsold. Dated May 1 1932. Due semi-annually on A. & O. 1 from 1933 to 1956 incl.

STRATFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 second series coupon poor relief bonds offered on June 24—V. 134, p. 4361—were awarded as 5 1/4 s, at a price of par, to Phelps, Fenn & Co., of New York, the only bidder. Dated July 1 1932 and due \$10,000 on July 1 from 1933 to 1937, inclusive.

SUFFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Riverhead), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$550,000 coupon or registered highway bonds offered on June 23—V. 134, p. 4529—were awarded as 4 1/4 s to Estabrook & Co. of New York, at par plus a premium of \$1,045, equal to 100.19, a basis of about 4.48%. Dated July 1 1932. Due on July 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1933 to 1937, incl., and \$30,000 from 1938 to 1952, incl. The following is an official list of the tenders submitted at the sale:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid.
Estabrook & Co., N. Y. City	4 1/4%	100.19
Dewey, Bacon & Co., N. Y. City	4 3/4%	101.05
M. & T. Trust Co., Lehman Bros., and Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, jointly	4 3/4%	100.139
Suffolk Co. Trust Co., Riverhead	4 3/4%	100.085
Suffolk Co. National Bank, Riverhead	5%	101.40
Wachsman & Wassall, N. Y. and Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Buffalo, jointly	5%	101.389
Geo. B. Gibbons Co. and Bancamerica-Blair Corp., jointly	5%	100.7197

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$200,000 poor relief bonds offered at not to exceed 6% interest on June 17—V. 134, p. 4361—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated June 20 1932. Due on March 1 as follows: \$35,500 in 1934; \$37,500 in 1935; \$40,000 in 1936; \$42,500 in 1937, and \$44,500 in 1938.

SYLVANIA, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$32,156.92 6% special assessment sanitary sewer bonds unsuccessfully offered in November 1931—V. 133, p. 3497—has since been purchased at par by the State Teachers Retirement System. Dated Dec. 16 1932 and due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,156.92 in 1933, and \$4,000 from 1934 to 1940 inclusive.

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by T. A. Swayze, Secretary of the Sinking Fund Board, until 2 p. m. on July 7, for the purchase of a \$500,000 issue of coupon or registered general bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 15 1932. Due annually commencing with the second year and ending with the 15th year, after date of issue in such amounts (as nearly as practicable) as will, together with interest on all outstanding bonds, be met by an annual tax levy for the payment of said bonds and interest. Prin. and int. payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State in New York. The definite maturities and interest rate shall be fixed by resolution of the Council after said bonds have been sold. Bids to be upon blank forms furnished by the Sinking Fund Board. Delivery of said bonds will be made in New York City, Chicago, Olympia, or Tacoma, at the option of the purchaser. A certified check for 5%, payable to the Secretary of the Sinking Fund Board must accompany the bid.

TAYLOR COUNTY (P. O. Medford), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on July 6, by Fred Herrmann, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$40,000 issue of 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1932. Due on June 1 1934. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following minor issues of bonds were registered by the State Comptroller during the week ending June 18:

\$1,000 5½% Cottle County road, series B bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on April 10 1944.
 7,000 5% Tarrant and Denton Counties Consolidated County Line School District No. 97 bonds. Denom. \$175. Due serially.
 2,000 5% Garrison Independent School District bonds. Denom. \$100. Due serially.
 9,000 5% Garrison Independent School District bonds. Denom. \$450. Due serially.

WARRANTS CALLED.—It is reported that a call has been issued for the payment of \$516,000 in general revenue warrants. It is said they have now been called up to No. 141,535.

TITUSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Crawford County, Pa.—BID REJECTED.—The District rejected the single bid received at the offering on June 21 of \$40,000 5% coupon school bonds—V. 134, p. 4196. The tender named a price of 100.01 and was submitted by Singer, Deane & Scribner of Pittsburgh. Bonds are to mature as follows: \$10,000 in 1937 and \$15,000 in 1942 and 1947.

TRENTON, Mercer County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—H. E. Evans, City Treasurer, reports that a local investor has purchased an issue of \$100,000 5% tax revenue notes, due on Oct. 5 1931.

TULSA COUNTY (P. O. Tulsa), Okla.—VALUATIONS REDUCED.—According to newspaper reports the County Board of Equalization has agreed upon a 25% reduction in the valuation of real estate, improvements and farm lands for 1932. It is said that this measure takes effect on July 1 and will take nearly \$35,000,000 from last year's valuation.

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY (P. O. New Philadelphia), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. A. Neff, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on July 18, for the purchase of \$92,000 6% poor relief bonds. Dated July 1 1932. Due March 1 as follows: \$16,500 in 1934; \$17,000, 1935; \$18,500, 1936; \$19,000 in 1937, and \$20,500 in 1938. Interest is payable annually. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

Financial Statement As of April 1 1932.

Total actual valuation..... \$2,000,000
 Total bonded debt (excluding this issue)..... 351,500
 Sinking fund..... None
 Floating debt..... 8,500
 Population, 1920 census, 63,578; present population, 68,190.

TYLER, Smith County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that the \$100,000 issue of semi-ann. sewage plant bonds that was offered for sale on May 31 without success—V. 134, p. 4196—is now being offered for sale locally at 6% for purchase by city and county investors. Dated June 1 1932. Due in from 1 to 15 years.

ULYSEES, COVERT AND HECTOR CENTRAL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Trumansburg), Tompkins County, N. Y.—PURCHASE.—The purchaser of the issue of \$60,000 5½% coupon or registered school bonds sold privately at par on May 4, after no competitive bids had been received—V. 134, p. 3508—was W. P. Briggs of Trumansburg. Issue is dated Jan. 1 1932 and due \$10,000 on July 1 from 1949 to 1954 incl.

UMATILLA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 (P. O. Milton), Ore.—WARRANT CALL.—It is reported that C. H. Dobbs, District Clerk, called for payment at the First Inland National Bank of Pendleton, on June 10, on which date interest ceased, all outstanding school warrants up to and including No. 172.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$10,000 6% special assessment improvement bonds authorized during January by the Village Council (V. 134, p. 709) has been purchased at par by the sinking fund trustees. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1942, inclusive.

UTAH, State of (P. O. Salt Lake City).—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$1,000,000 4½% general fund tax notes is reported to have been purchased at par on June 23 by the National City Co. of New York. Due on Jan. 1 1933.

VERONA, Essex County, N. J.—FINANCING APPROVED.—The Borough Council has approved of resolutions approving of the issuance of \$400,000 in bonds for the purpose of refinancing temporary notes, bonds and other obligations.

VICKSBURG, Warren County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. on July 9 (to be opened on July 11) by Margaret Clack, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$90,000 issue of coupon refunding bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable F. & A. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1932. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1933 to 1937, and \$4,000, 1938 to 1957, all inclusive. Purchaser shall furnish the bonds. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York will be furnished. A certified check for not less than 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—H. W. Cutter, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10.30 a. m. (daylight saving time) on June 28 for the purchase at discount basis of a \$200,000 temporary loan. Dated June 28 1932 and due on Jan. 10 1933. Denoms. desired to be indicated in proposal. The First National Bank, of Boston will guarantee the signatures and will certify that the notes are issued by virtue and in pursuance of an order of the city council, the validity of which order has been approved by Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. Notes are payable at the afore-mentioned bank, or at the office of the First National Old Colony Corp., New York.

WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Warren County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Emma Atkins, Clerk of the Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on July 5 for the purchase of \$15,000 5% school building construction bonds. Dated June 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on June 15 in 1937, 1942 and 1947. Interest will be payable on June and Dec. 15. Bonds will be sold free of State tax. A certified check for \$300, payable to the order of the district, must accompany each proposal. Further data in connection with the bond issue and the district will be furnished by John Siggins, Jr., Solicitor, or by the above-mentioned Clerk.

WASHINGTON, Franklin County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—Of the \$30,000 issue of 5% coupon semi-ann. public sanitary sewer bonds offered for sale on June 20—V. 134, p. 4530—a \$25,000 block was awarded to Rudolph Rubert & Co., of St. Louis, paying a premium of \$28.75, equal to 100.115, a basis of about 4.97%. Dated July 1 1932. Due in 20 years and optional after 5 years.

WEST ALLIS, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a recent meeting of the City Council the issuance of \$75,000 in 5% coupon semi-annual bonds was authorized, the bonds divided as follows: \$45,000, street impt.; \$17,000, storm sewer; \$10,000, school, and \$3,000 sewer bonds.

WESTERVILLE, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$22,000 6% coupon refunding bonds authorized in January of this year—V. 134, p. 360—was sold during the same month to the State Teachers

Retirement System of Columbus, at par. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due on Oct. 1 from 1935 to 1943 incl. Denom. \$2,000. Interest is payable in April and October.

WESTFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First National Old Colony Corp. of Boston, purchased a \$150,000 temporary loan offered on June 24, bidding a discount basis rate of 4.85%. Issue is dated June 28 1932 and payable Nov. 15 1932 at the First National Bank, of Boston.

WEST NEW YORK, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles Swensen, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (daylight saving time) on June 28 for the purchase of \$95,000 not to exceed 6% interest tax revenue bonds. Dated June 30 1932. Due on Jan. 30 1933. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of one one-hundredth of 1%. Principal and interest are payable at the First National Bank of West New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the town, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

WEYMOUTH, Norfolk County, Mass.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The city failed to receive a bid at the offering on June 22 of \$38,000 3¼% school building construction bonds, dated July 1 1932 and due \$3,000 on July 1 from 1933 to 1944 incl., and \$2,000 July 1 1945.

WHATCOMB COUNTY (P. O. Bellingham), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on July 11 by Pliny T. Snyder, County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 county indigent relief bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 15 1932. The bonds are to run for 10 years from date of issue, maturing and numbered from one upwards, consecutively, which annual maturities shall commence after the second year and shall be as nearly as practicable, in such amounts as will, together with int. on all outstanding bonds, be met by an equal, annual tax levy for the payment of said bonds and int. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid is required.

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cementon), Lehigh County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—L. B. Rice, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. (daylight saving time) on June 28 for the purchase of \$85,000 4½, 4¾ or 5% coupon school bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1932. Denom. \$500. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$4,500 in 1934; \$2,500 from 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$3,000, 1938; \$5,000, 1939; \$6,000, 1940; \$7,000, 1941 to 1944; \$9,000, 1945 \$10,000 in 1946, and \$12,000 in 1947; optional after Aug. 1 1937. Interest is payable in F. & A. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for must accompany each proposal. Bids will be accepted subject to approval of issue by the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania.

WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wichita Falls), Wichita County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered a \$35,000 issue of 5½% serial school bonds on June 18. Denom. \$1,000.

WILLIAMS COUNTY (P. O. Bryan), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,155.58 coupon road improvement bonds offered on June 17 (V. 134, p. 4196) were awarded as 6s to the Farmers' National Bank of Bryan at par plus a premium of \$51, equal to 100.20, a basis of about 5.91%. Dated June 10 1932. 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 received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder..... Int. Rate..... Premium.
 Farmers Nat. Bank, Bryan (successful bidder)..... 6%..... \$51.00
 BancOhio Securities Co., Columbus..... 6%..... x57.50
 Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati..... 6%..... 7.55
 * Apparently best bid; no reason given for not having been accepted.

WINSTON-SALEM, Forsyth County, N. C.—NOTES AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that the Board of Aldermen on June 11 authorized \$540,000 in short-term bond anticipation notes. Dated June 28 1932. Due on Dec. 28 1932.

WINTER HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bartow), Polk County, Fla.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on June 7—V. 134, p. 4196—the voters approved the issuance of \$35,000 in school funding bonds by what is said to have been a wide margin.

WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—William H. Weafer, City Treasurer, reports that the First National Old Colony Corp., of Boston, was the successful bidder at the offering on June 24 of a \$150,000 temporary loan, naming a discount rate basis of 6%. Dated June 27 1932 and due on May 10 1933.

WOOSTER, Wayne County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$3,157.43 6% sanitary sewer construction bonds offered on June 13—V. 134, p. 4196—were not sold, as no bids were received. Dated July 1 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$457.43 in 1933, and \$300 from 1934 to 1942 incl.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 4% registered municipal memorial auditorium bonds offered on June 20—V. 134, p. 4530—were awarded to F. S. Moseley & Co. and Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., both of Boston, jointly, at a price of 101.91, a basis of about 3.69%. Due \$67,000 on Jan. 1 from 1938 to 1942 incl. Public re-offering is being made at prices to yield 3.60% for the 1938 to 1940 maturities, and 3.65% for those of 1941 and 1942. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder..... Rate Bid..... Bidder..... Rate Bid.
 F. S. Moseley & Co. and Chase Harris Forbes Corp....101.42
 Stone & Webster and Jackson & Curtis.....101.413
 Blodget, Inc. (purchasers).....101.91
 Merchants Nat. Bk., Boston.....101.372
 Kidder, Peabody & Co.....101.684
 Arthur Perry & Co. and New-
 R. L. Day & Co.....101.559
 ton, Abbe & Co., jointly.....101.324
 Shawmut Corp.....101.513
 National City Co.....101.201
 Estabrook & Co.....100.81

Debt Statement and Borrowing Capacity June 9 1932 (Incl. This Offering).

Average valuation less abatements for 1929, 1930 and 1931..... \$353,820,054.33
 Debt limited 2½% of the same..... \$8,845,501.36
 Total bonded debt..... 12,773,500.00

Exempt—
 Park debt..... \$250,000.00
 Sewer debt..... 175,000.00
 Memorial auditorium debt..... 1,650,000.00
 Water debt (funded)..... 545,000.00
 Water debt (serial)..... 3,648,500.00
 6,268,500.00
 Total sinking funds..... \$1,040,383.60
 Less—
 Park loan fund \$250,000.00
 Sewer loan fund 175,000.00
 Water loan fund 484,836.02 \$919,836.02

\$120,547.58 \$6,384,452.42
 Borrowing capacity within debt limit..... \$2,461,048.94

As illustrated by the figures below, tax collections in Worcester show only a small variation in comparison with general country-wide business conditions.

1931 taxes on June 1 1932..... \$11,639,452.67
 1930 taxes on June 1 1931..... 10,358,385.06
 1929 taxes on June 1 1930..... 10,270,145.28
 1930 taxes paid on June 1 1932, 99.80%..... 8,529,386.68
 99.99%. No taxes of 1928 or previous years are outstanding. Outstanding City of Worcester bonds bear interest at rates as shown below: \$5,867,500, 3¼%; \$5,790,000, 4%; \$654,000, 4½%; \$127,000, 4¾%.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—H. J. Tunison, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (daylight saving time) on June 27 for the purchase at discount basis of \$300,000 revenue notes, to mature \$200,000 on Nov. 21 1932 and \$100,000 on Feb. 15 1933. Dated June 28 1932. Denoms. \$25,000 and \$10,000. The notes will be certified as to genuineness by the National Shawmut Bank, of Boston, upon opinion of Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston, as to legality. Payable at the afore-mentioned bank or in New York City if desired.

WRIGHT COUNTY (P. O. Clarion), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 issue of primary road bonds offered for sale on June 17—V. 134, p. 4530—was purchased by the Iowa-Des Moines Co. of Des Moines, as 4¼s, paying a premium of \$2,505, equal to 100.835, a basis of about 4.31%. Dated July 1 1932. Due \$25,000 from May 1 1934 to 1945; optional after May 1 1938.

WYOMING, Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bernard Florowski, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. on July 1 for the purchase of \$35,000 5% coupon (registerable as principal) sewer and debt funding bonds, issue of 1932. Dated July 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due on July 1 as follows: \$4,000 in 1933; \$3,000, 1936; \$4,000, 1937; \$3,000, 1938; \$4,000, 1939; \$3,000, 1940; \$4,000, 1941; \$3,000, 1942; \$4,000 in 1943, and \$3,000 in 1944. Principal and interest (Jan. and July) are payable at the office of the Borough Treasurer. A certified check for 1% of the amount bid, payable to the order of the Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Bonds will be sold subject to the approval of the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania.

YAVAPAI COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 (P. O. Prescott), Ariz.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed that a \$2,000 issue of school bonds was offered for sale on June 6 by the county, and no bids were received.

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,-420,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on June 23—V. 134, p. 4530—were awarded as follows to a syndicate composed of the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., the National City Co., Lehman Bros., Bancamerica-Blair Corp., George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., Kean, Taylor & Co., S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., Batchelder & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, the M. & T. Trust Co. of Buffalo and Schaumburg, Rebhann & Osborne. This group named a price of par plus a premium of \$700, equal to 100.02, the net int. cost of the borrowing to the city being about 5.99%. Public re-offering of the bonds, which are stated to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State, is being made at prices to yield 5% for the 1933 maturity; 1934 and 1935, 5.25%; 1936 and 1937, 5.50%; 1938, to 1940, 5.35%, and 5.25% for the maturities from 1941 to 1946 incl. The bankers describe the securities as being direct general obligations of the city, payable as to both prin. and int. from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied on all of the taxable property therein.

The award comprised the following issues:
 \$660,000 series A general impt. bonds. Due \$330,000 June 1 in 1936 and 1937.
 575,000 revenue bonds. Due June 1 1936.
 405,000 series C local impt. bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$30,000 from 1934 to 1943 incl., and \$35,000 from 1944 to 1946 incl.
 300,000 series A assessment bonds. Due \$30,000 June 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl.
 250,000 series A funding bonds. Due \$50,000 June 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl.
 170,000 series B funding bonds. Due \$34,000 on June 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl.
 60,000 school bonds. Due \$5,000 on June 1 from 1934 to 1945 incl.
 Each issue is dated June 1 1932.

Financial Statement As of June 1 1932.

Gross Debt—		
Bond notes	\$31,096,100.00	
Tax Anticipation notes	1,730,000.00	
Revenue anticipation notes	2,310,000.00	
Contract liability	575,000.00	
Land liability (awards confirmed or estimated in pending condemnation proceedings)	1,055,181.18	
		\$37,786,094.56
Deductions—		
Notes in anticipation of taxes, payable within 5 years after their date of issue		2,310,000.00
Water debt		4,247,077.02
Bonds prov. for in 1932 budget not yet mat.		653,450.00
Funds prov. for in prev. bond issue avail. to fund bonds notes incl. above, not yet mat.		395,000.00
		7,605,527.02
Net debt		\$30,180,567.54
Bonds to Be Issued—		
Assessment bonds, series A 1932	\$300,000.00	
Local improve. bonds, series C 1932	405,000.00	
School bonds of 1932	60,000.00	
Funding bonds, series A 1932	250,000.00	
Revenue bonds of 1932	575,000.00	
General bonds, series A 1932	660,000.00	
Funding bonds, series B 1932	170,000.00	
	\$2,420,000.00	
Floating debt to be funded by such bonds	1,340,000.00	1,080,000.00

Net debt, including bonds to be issued \$31,260,567.54
Assessed Valuations 1932—
 Real property \$350,832,175.00
 Personal property 182,000.00
 Special franchises 9,971,418.00
 Total \$360,985,593.00
 Population: Census, 1930, 134,646; State census, 1925, 113,647.
 Tax rate per \$100 (includes State, county, school and all City taxes): 1928, 3.195; 1929, 2.964; 1930, 3.069; 1931, 3.089; 1932, 3.328.
 Area approximately 21 square miles.

Taxes Outstanding As of June 1 1932.

	Total Levy	Outstanding End of Year	Outstanding June 1 '32	% June 1 '32
1928	\$9,646,109.53	\$853,612.43	\$106,762.52	1.106%
1929	9,749,502.04	1,014,784.18	107,787.29	1.105%
1930	10,720,028.70	1,261,909.51	263,612.94	2.459%
1931	11,049,248.71	1,661,245.47	1,238,705.76	11.210%
1932*	12,013,736.85		6,348,261.40	52.841%

* The first half of tax levy is due 60 days after confirmation of the tax roll, and the second half is due July 15, in each year.
 The equalization rate as determined by the State Tax Commission for the fiscal year 1932 is 87% of the actual value.
 The administration is pledged to incur no capital expenditures or any other expenditures outside of the budget except for emergency unemployment relief until conditions have shown a marked improvement.
 All city employees have made a voluntary contribution amounting to 5% of their salaries, effective as of March 1 1932.
 The city accounts are carried in four banks in the City of Yonkers and are fully secured.

When the bonds described in the annexed notice have been sold, and the moneys received, the floating indebtedness of the city will be reduced to \$3,275,000, of which amount \$2,310,000 is payable from taxes and revenues in anticipation of the collection of which the borrowing has been made, and \$965,000 of which is payable from funds provided therefor in a previous bond issue. The proceeds from this bond sale will put the city in funds so that no further borrowing will be necessary until October. No further bond issue is contemplated during 1932. The administration expects that the budget for the current fiscal year will balance as of Dec. 31 1932.

YOUNG COUNTY (P. O. Graham), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$35,000 issue of 5½% court house refunding bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on June 15. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Hugh D. Hindman, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) on June 30, for the purchase of \$86,326.15 6% street improvement bonds and \$19,154.93 6% sidewalk improvement bonds, maturing as follows:
 \$86,326.15 issue, due Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,326.15 in 1933; \$8,000 from 1934 to 1936, incl., and \$9,000 from 1937 to 1942, incl.
 \$19,154.93 issue, due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,154.93 in 1933, and \$4,000 from 1934 to 1937, inclusive.

Each issue is dated June 1 1932. Principal and interest (April and October) are payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the bid, payable to the order of the Director of Finance, is required.

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ALBERTA (Province of).—LOAN UNDERWRITTEN IN LONDON MARKET.—Announcement was made in New York on June 23 of the underwriting in London, England, of an issue of £1,000,000 5% registered stock of the Province of Alberta, maturing June 1 1967. The loan, it is stated, was negotiated for the British market by the Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd., Wood Gundy & Co., Ltd. and Imperial Bank of Canada. It is expected that public offering of these securities will be made within the next few days. The issue represents the second recent borrowing by a Canadian province by way of public issue in the London market (British Columbia having done so in May, V. 134, p. 4196) and is Alberta's first resort to the London market for long-term financial since prior to the war.

DUFFERIN COUNTY (P. O. Box 210, Orangeville), Ont.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$65,000 6% coupon bonds offered on June 20—V. 134, p. 4530—was awarded to the Dominion Securities Corp. of Toronto, at a price of 98.57, a basis of about 6.15%. Due serially from 1932 to 1952 incl.

MONCTON, N. B.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the report of the sale of \$19,000 4½% bonds at par to the sinking fund—V. 134, p. 4530—S. B. Anderson, City Clerk, informs us that the issue is dated July 2 1932 and due on July 2 1952. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 denoms. Interest payable in January and July. Mr. Anderson states that the city has over \$1,000,000 in its sinking fund. It is anticipated that the city will make public offering about July 15 of \$190,000 6%, 10 or 15-year bonds.

MONTREAL, Que.—OVERSUBSCRIPTION OF BOND ISSUE ANNOUNCED.—Managers of the syndicate headed by the Bank of Montreal which made public offering on June 14 of \$9,415,500 6% bonds at par and accrued interest—V. 134, p. 4530—announced on June 17 that subscriptions had been received in excess of the amount of the issue. The issue comprises \$3,949,500 bonds due on May 15 1940 and \$5,466,000 due on May 15 1944.

Financial Statement Officially Reported (As of Dec. 31 1931).

Assessed value for taxation	\$983,029,413
Exemptions not included above	291,244,065
*Total funded debt (including present issue)	232,051,075
Less: Sinking fund	21,822,504

Net funded debt \$210,228,571
 Total current receipts, year ended Dec. 31 1931 37,888,877
 Total current expenditure, year ended Dec. 31 1931 40,000,368
 Amount not appropriated on 1931 budget 401,093
 Value of city-owned property (estimated) 225,346,446
 In addition the city is indirectly or contingently liable for the following indebtedness:
 Funded debt (net) of school commissions 24,791,201
 Funded debt of Montreal Metropolitan Commission 17,411,500
 * Including \$43,734,423 indebtedness incurred for waterworks and \$51,335,036 on account of ratepayers' share of local improvements which are entirely self-supporting, and \$5,500,000 for conduits which are partially self-supporting.
 Estimated population over 1,000,000.

NEWFOUNDLAND (Government of).—LOAN OF \$2,500,000 OFFERED FOR PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION.—A June 23 dispatch from St. John's quoted Sir Percy Thompson, British financier engaged to reorganize the dominion's economy structure, as having stated that the \$2,500,000 5½% "prosperity loan" bond issue being offered locally at a price of 97 is being rapidly absorbed. The bonds will mature in 15 years and, according to report, are secured by the imperial oil monopoly.

OTTAWA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ont.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—E. C. Desormeaux, Secretary-Treasurer, states that the \$1,200,000 6% bonds recently authorized by the Separate School Board will be placed on the market during August and September, with the following particulars: Dated Aug. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 30 years. Principal and interest payable in Ottawa.

VERDUN ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, Que.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The issue of \$181,000 6% bonds purchased recently by A. E. Ames & Co. of Montreal, at 98 and accrued interest, a basis of about 6.75%—V. 134, p. 4530—is dated April 1 1932 and matures \$10,500 during the years from 1933 to 1936, incl., and \$170,500 in 1937. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 and \$500 denoms. Interest payable in April and October.

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